

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



May 19, 2019

Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church

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We are glad you are here and we pray God will be real to you as you worship. Bethel is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Knowing God loves all creation and holds us all, we welcome you who walk through our doors and you who are outside those doors. We welcome everyone and honor the rich diversity and giftedness that age, sexual orientation, race, belief, emotional and physical health, gender identity, marital status and station in life bring to the Bethel family and our relationships.

Prelude

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Welcome

Call to Worship

God of life, prepare our hands for a touch, a new and different touch.

Prepare our hands for a touch. A touch of encounter. A touch of awakening. A touch of hope.

Many are the worn-out gestures, many are the useless excuses for avoiding brothers and sisters.

Give us daring to create new forms of community, new links of affection, breaking away from old ways of relating, encouraging true, meaningful ways to move into closeness.



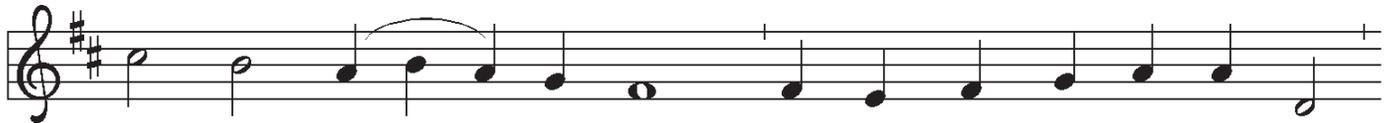
Restrooms are located in the basement on the east side of the building. A gender neutral restroom located behind the worship space next to the church office. Please ask the Usher or Greeter for assistance. There is also a rocking chair in the rear of the Sanctuary. Please use it as you wish.

Opening Hymn

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
you have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Greeting

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

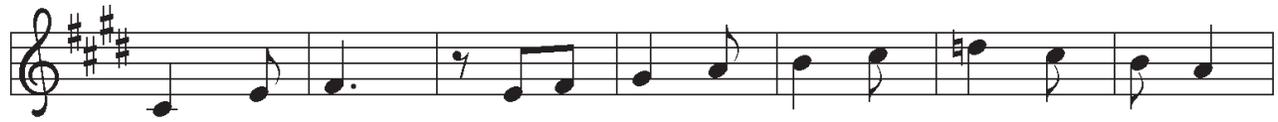
Hymn

Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Salutation

May God be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

P: Holy word, holy wisdom.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 148

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.
Praise the Lord, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.
Praise the Lord, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.
Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded, and they were created,
who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.
Praise the Lord | from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;
mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;
sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
young men and maidens,
old and young together.
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!



Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

P: Holy word, holy wisdom.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day

We Know That Christ is Raised



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you



WE CELEBRATE THE MEAL

Offering

Offering Music

As Grains of Wheat

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Offering Prayer

Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord's Prayer

O cosmic Birther of all radiance and vibration.

Soften the ground of our being and carve out a space within us where your Presence can abide.

Fill us with your creativity so that we may be empowered to bear the fruit of your mission.

Let each of our actions bear fruit in accordance with our desire,

endow us with the wisdom to produce and share what each being

needs to grow and flourish.

Untie the tangled threads of destiny that bind us, as we release others from the entanglement of past mistakes.

Do not let us be seduced by that which would divert us from our true purpose,

but illuminate the opportunities of the present moment.

For you are the ground and the fruitful vision, the birth, power and fulfillment,

as all is gathered and made whole once again.

The words of this version of the Lord's Prayer are translated from the Aramaic.

Some early Christian groups sought to maintain Aramaic, the language of Jesus.

As early as Constantine, translations of the Lord's Prayer and other scripture appeared.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table. Alleluia! Come to the feast.

Hymn

Eat This Bread

Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

The image shows two systems of musical notation for the hymn. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major (one sharp). The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and contains two lines of lyrics. The second system contains two lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

Our welcome extends to the Communion Table. We recognize that this is Christ's Table and Christ's invitation. Please come forward as you are invited. If you prefer not to receive Communion at this time, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – just fold your arms across your chest so that we know you prefer a blessing. Wine is served from the first chalice; grape juice is served from the second. We also offer gluten-free bread and individual cups of wine.

Communion Distribution

Communion Hymn

Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Prayer After Communion

Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior. Amen



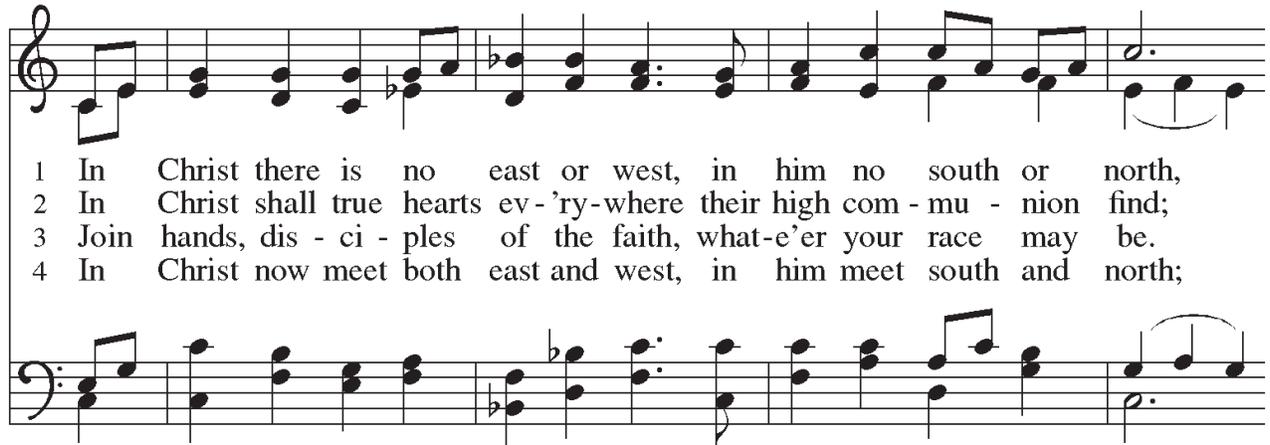
WE ARE SENT IN JESUS' LOVE

Announcements

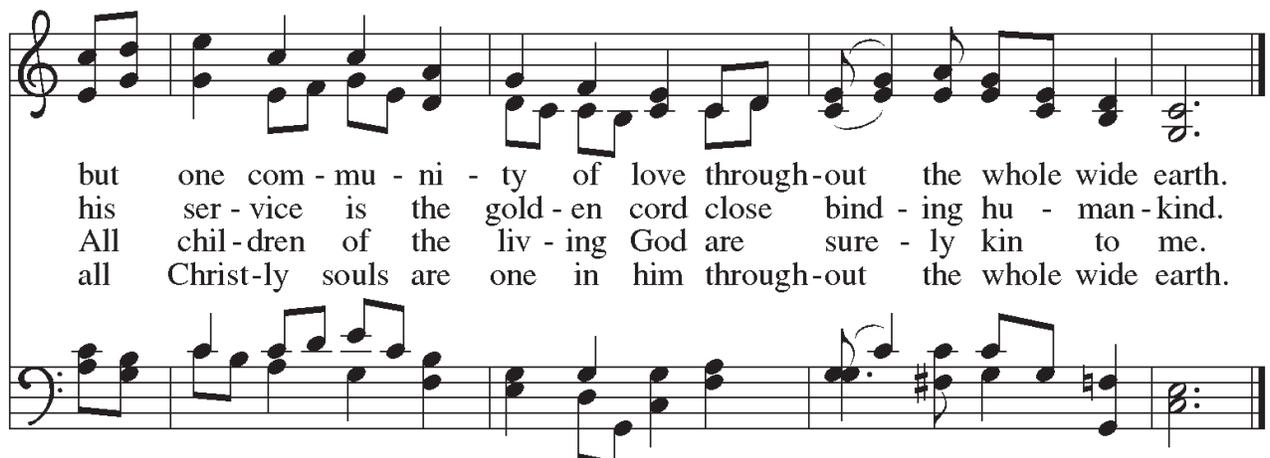
Blessing

Sending Hymn

In Christ There Is No East or West



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com - mu - nion find;
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ - ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world!

Go into the world with peace to do as you have been told: to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer Requested For:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For those working with the marginalized and unwanted better, to ease loneliness, promote love	Strength for the journey.	Staff
Those unable to worship with us – Wayne & June Hassebroek, Dorothy Hansen, Barbara Lynch	Assurance of God's presence.	Staff
Those affected by political and racial discord.	Prayers of peace.	Staff
Jan Kimble	Prayers for healing and effective treatment for breast cancer.	Tammy Gover
Richard VanDyke	Prayers of thanksgiving for the continued improvement of his health.	Jim VanDyke
Pepe Rochon	Prayers for healing and comfort.	Faith St. John
Barbara Horne	Prayers of healing and comfort.	Tammy Gover
Steve Stoner	Prayers of healing and comfort.	Staff
Katie Reitel and Family	Prayers for peace and assurance of God's love.	The Bentleys
Melissa	Diagnosed with cancer. Prayers for healing.	Pastor Core
Harry Reed	Prayers for healing.	Pastor Core
For those suffering from clinical depression.	Prayers for peace, comfort and healing.	Naso Michaels
Willie Torrey	Special concerns	Pastor Core
Our prayers continue for many among us: for Bertha Anderson, Timothy Collins, Elizabeth, Rob, Jacob Bard, Miles Bard, Annalu Lingnau, Ben Lingnau, Jr., Ben Lingnau III, David Lingnau, Mary Rix, Patricia Connor, Lori Fields.		



Stewardship of Service	Today - May 19	Next Week - May 26
Ministers:	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor:	Pr. Christine Core	Pr. Christine Core
Pastor:	Pr. Terry Moe	Pr. Terry Moe
Music Director:	LeAnn Michaels	
Usher:	Meghan Cyr and Clare Alvey	
Reader:		Meghan Cyr
Communion:	Meghan Cyr and Clare Alvey	Emily and Joann Noll
Preparation of the Altar:	Jackie Calder	Jackie Calder

Today

- We will be making a short (five second) video in support of “Our Children’s Trust”

Our Children’s Trust

In 2015, twenty-one children and teenagers filed the landmark climate lawsuit “Juliana v. United States” against the federal government for violating their constitutional rights by locking-in a fossil fuel-based energy system over five decades with full knowledge of the climate impacts it would have on current and future generations.



Coming Up:

- May 20 / June 3** Taste and See – A Sampling of Spirituality Practices for Men, 7 – 8:30 pm at Leaven Chapel, 5431 NE 20th Avenue, Led by P Moe
- May 25** Open House and Community Gathering 2-5 pm
- June 1** De-escalation Training, 9:30 am. Please register your attendance with Pastor Core
- June 15** Big “S” Spirituality – A Day Retreat for adults. 10 am – 4 pm. Queen of Angels Monastery See below for more information about how to sign up.
- June 30** Sunday Parkways - please be aware that streets abutting Bethel will be closed off for bicyclists and you may need to allow extra time for parking.

Other News

A Huge Thank You to Everyone...

For all your support and efforts to make Cab and Cab a great success!

A Change in Our Musician

- LeAnn’s last day is 5/19. The Michaels will still be active members at BLC.
- Jamie Webster will join us on June 9 as Bethel’s Music & Choir Director.

Big “S” Spirituality | Saturday 6/15, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Day Retreat for Adults

For Bethel men and women and friends

Includes lunch with the sisters!

Queen of Angels Benedictine Monastery, Mt Angel Oregon

May 25 Bethel Lutheran Parsonage Open House Saturday from 2-5 pm

We are inviting our neighbors to our progress. Stop by at 5937 N Denver Avenue for refreshments and a tour of the parsonage.

Help finance Bethel YDIC & the Angel Project w/ Redeemable Bottles & Cans

Yes, it's just May, but we're already looking ahead to the Fall and the Angel Project for Christmas 2019. You can help. **Here's how:**

Do you find taking all those bottles and cans back to the grocery a chore? Let the Bethel YDIC help you out! **Here's all you need to do:**

1. Pick up a Blue Bottle Drop Bag from Nash or Pastor Core
2. Fill the Blue Bag with your Oregon redeemable bottles and cans
3. Return the Blue Bag to Nash at Bethel or place in the furnace room off the kitchen

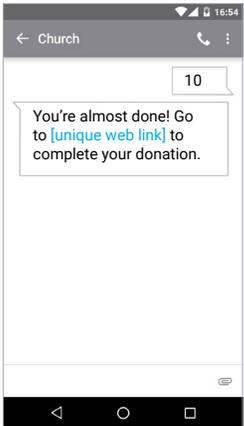
A volunteer will take the bags to the Redemption Center. It's as easy as that! Thank you!

We have a GivePlus text number, 503-608-7267!

No app to download. Super easy instructions below:

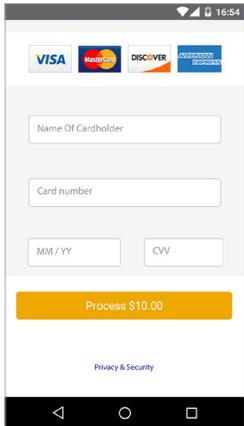
10-Digit GivePlus Text # 503-608-7267**Quick Guide**

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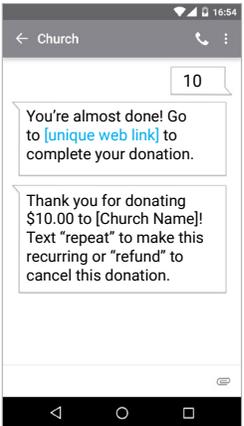
Enter your 10-digit GivePlus Text number and the amount you wish donate, then press send.

2) Register



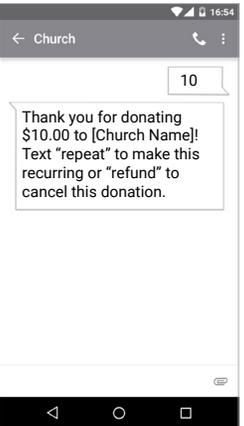
You will receive a registration link. Click the link and enter your contact and payment information. Tap "Process."

3) Give



After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text as well as a receipt via email.

4) Repeat



For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.

A Report on Oregon Synod Assembly, May 10-12

- After a carefully considered voting process, the Assembly elected The Rev. Laurie Larson-Caesar as Bishop. Bishop-elect Larson-Caesar is currently serving as the pastor of Spirit of Grace, a joint Lutheran/Roman Catholic community – the only one in the world – in Beaverton. She has been an active participant and support of the Metropolitan Alliance for the Common Good (MACG), Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMIrJ), Reconciling Words NW for LGBTQAI justice, the Emmaus Collective for racial justice and Holy Land ministries supporting peace in Palestine. We rejoice with our good friend, Laurie, as she steps into this new role.
- At the same time, this is bittersweet as we are now giving thanks for the service of Bishop David Brauer-Rieke who has served for the past 12 years in the Bishop's seat. We are deeply grateful for the dedication and work of Bishop Dave. He has been a holy gift to the mission and work of this Synod and beyond. He and his staff have laid the foundation for such good things to come.

*Bethel was represented by your Pastors Core and Moe.
Lay Voting Delegates were John Core, Shirley Kolpin and Cate Milburn.*