



5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

YOUR PASTOR

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Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church



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.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Blooming Summer
Olive Dungan

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**They may not be beaten down or lying by the road,
but there are people we pass by, Watching God.**

**Some are family and friends we take so much for granted
we cannot see how we have stripped them of our love and compassion.**

**Others are neighbors: who have been left half-dead by crushing work;
who have fallen into the hands of despair; who have been abandoned by all those
who walked on by them.**

**Many are strangers, people we don't know, but quickly judge:
they are weak, or poor, or the enemy or because they remind us of who
we once were, or could become.**

**Rescue us from the power of our sins, Righteous One of all generations.
Pour out your justice on us, rather than your judgment, that we would be moved with pity,
and spurred to action; that we would hear of the hope that is ours, and share it with our sisters and
brothers; that we would shower mercy on all we meet, even as we have received forgiveness for
our sin through Jesus Christ, our Brother, our Teacher, our Redeemer.**

A Time for Silent Prayer

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.

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Children of the Most High:
 you are forgiven and brought into the kingdom.
 Be filled with spiritual wisdom,
 lead lives worthy of your inheritance,
 bear fruit in all you say and do and think.

**God has rescued us and redeemed us from our sins,
 setting aside judgment to shower us with mercy.
 We will go and do likewise.
 Thanks be to God. Amen**

Opening Hymn

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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

This is the Feast (continues on next page)



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



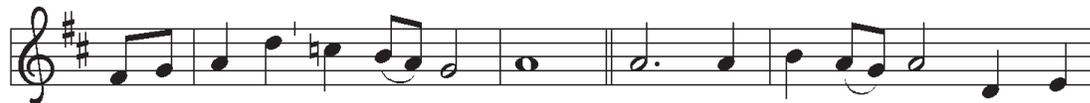
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



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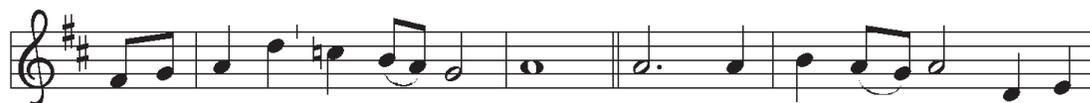
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation

May God be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

P: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the tenth chapter.

The people respond: **Glory to you, O God.**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The people respond: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

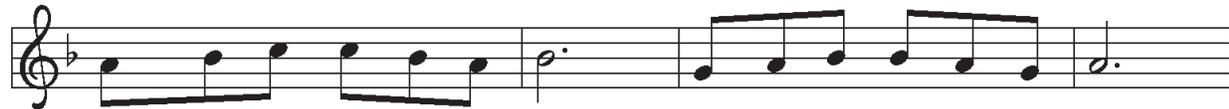
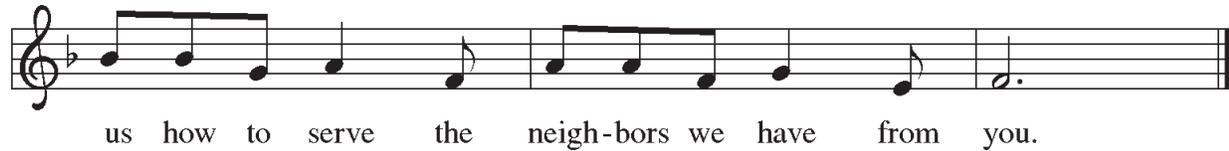
Children's Message

Sermon

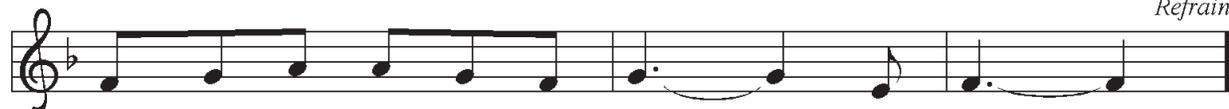


Hymn of the Day

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love



- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
- 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
- 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.



Prayers of the People

Response: Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Sharing of the Peace

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

WE CELEBRATE THE MEAL

Offertory

Album Leaf
Robert Schumann

Offertory Music

Come, All You People



U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.
come now and wor - ship the Lord.
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come now and wor - ship the Lord.

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.

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity, through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

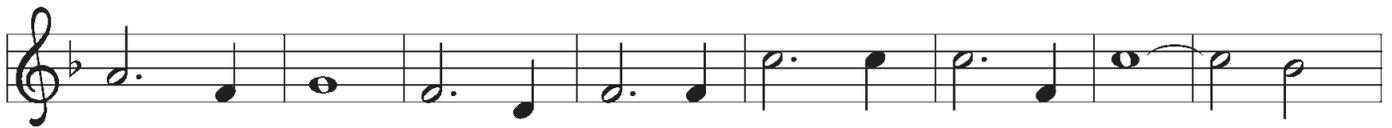
Our Father and Mother
Who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

Invitation to Communion

God invites you to this table of bounty. Come, the banquet is ready.

Hymn

Taste and See



Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Communion Distribution



Communion Hymn

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Prayer After Communion

Holy One, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ, our Redeemer. Amen



WE ARE SENT IN JESUS' LOVE

Announcements

Blessing

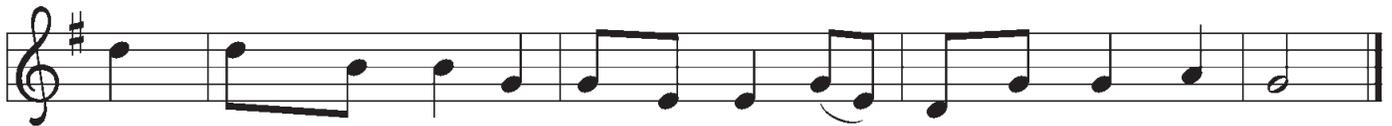
Sending Hymn

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing,

verses 1, 3, 4 and 6



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Dismissal

Postlude

Flower Song
Gustav Lange



Prayer Requested For:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For the people and friends of Bethel as we work through the challenges of the water damage issues	Prayers of thanksgiving for the rapid response and quality work of the cleaning contractors working at Bethel following the water damage. Prayers of patience as we work around the reconstruction over the coming months.	Staff
For the Summer Camp staff & students	Prayers that they may have a fun and enriching summer; prayers of thanksgiving for the generous grant of space from Peace Lutheran Church so that we can serve our Summer Camp students.	Staff
For those working with the marginalized and unwanted better, to ease loneliness, promote love	Strength for the journey.	Staff
For families separated at the border and the children.	Help us remember that when we speak of immigrants and refugees, children and adults like, we speak of Christ	Staff
For those affected by political and racial discord.	Prayers of peace.	Staff
Jan Kimble	Prayers for healing and effective treatment for breast cancer.	Tammy Gover
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 & Family	Prayers for peace & assurance of God's love.	The Bentleys
Faith St. John	Prayers for successful medical treatment.	Pastor Core
Joel Riddell	Prayers for healing and a successful surgery.	LeAnn Michaels
For the family and friends of Lori Fields, especially Pastor Glenn and Greg.	Prayers of peace and comfort following her death on July 12th.	Karen Anderson
Our prayers continue for many among us: for Bertha Anderson, Timothy Collins, Elizabeth, Rob, Jacob Bard, Miles Bard, Annalu Lingnau, Ben Lingnau III, David Lingnau, Mary Rix, Patricia Connor.		



Stewardship of Service	Today - July 14	Next Week - July 21
Ministers:	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor:	Pr. Christine Core	Pr. Christine Core
Musician	Jamie Webster	Jamie Webster
Usher:		
Reader:		
Communion:		
Preparation of the Altar:		



COMING UP:

- July 21** **Church Council Meeting** | Following worship in the Fireside Room
- July 21-26** **Confirmation Camp at Camp Lutherwood**
Middle School Students attend Confirmation Camp at Camp Lutherwood with Pastor Core. Watch for ways to send the kids mail. Joining the group are E'lee, Simone, Annika, Vivian and Josephine. (Vivian and Josephine join us from Bethlehem Lutheran).
- August 3** **Women's Spirituality Group Meeting** | **8:30 am** At the Edman's home
- August 24** **Annual Bethel Block Party** | From the looks of the third floor office doubling as storage, you are starting to clean out those closets and cupboards of those things that no longer spark joy. Drop off anything you'd like to add to the sale. Place your items next to Pastor Core's former office.

For the Future

- Sept. 6, 7, & 8** **Congregation Camp Out** | Talk to Scott and Tana for sign-up and details

OTHER NEWS

Building Update

It's been a quiet week in Lake Wobegon ... oh wait ... wrong church.

Demolition continues with the one remaining toilet that was in the downstairs Men's Room now gone. The floors of the bathrooms are nearly gone soon to be replaced. Organic growth control is doing its job and the drying out continues.



Next up: An evaluation of the floors of the Nursery and Drop-In Office for extra demolition.

Thank you to Holy Redeemer's St. Vincent de Paul Society

The most incredible new freezer that arrived on Wednesday. We can't believe how excited we are about an appliance, but here we are! The St. Vincent de Paul Society is a critical partner with Bethel in the Food Ministry. In addition to obtaining grant money to buy a commercial freezer, the Society financially supports the Breakfast Program every month and encourages their members to come to Bethel to volunteer!

Thank you to all who continue to dedicate so much love and effort to this program.



Women's Spirituality Group | 8:30 am at the Edman's home

Women of Bethel, Come! Let's deepen our relationship with ourselves, with each other and with God. And we'll have fun in the process. Your suggestions for a women's spirituality group have been heeded. We will begin our meetings on Saturday, August 3, starting at 8:30 am, at the home of JulieAnn Edman. Address: 6027 NE 32nd Place

We will put together a schedule for following meetings which will alternate every two weeks between Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings. More details to come.



Care of the soul asks that we open our hearts wider than they have ever been before.

Thomas Moore

But a certain Samaritan, as he
journeyed, came where he was;
and when he saw him, he had
compassion on him,

Luke 10:33

