



8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

YOUR PASTOR

August 4, 2019

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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

Romanian Dance Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5
Bela Bartok

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

God of glory,
**you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people.**

**We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.
We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice;
we do not strive for peace.**

**Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
and baptize us once again with your Spirit,
so that, as forgiven and renewed people,
we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world.**

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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Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love;
 know that our sins have been forgiven.
 May we be strengthened in all goodness.
 Since we have been raised with Christ,
 let us seek the things that are above,
 where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Thanks be to God; Amen

Opening Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

verse 1 and 2



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

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.



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



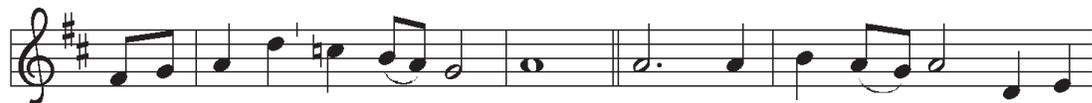
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



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

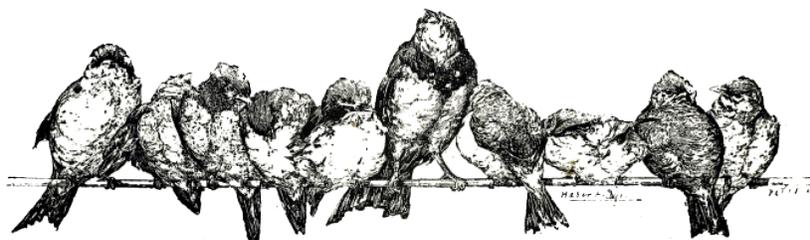
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 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation

May God be with you.
 And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
 Amen



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

P: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

P: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

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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 eleventh chapter.

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

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

Children's Message

Sermon

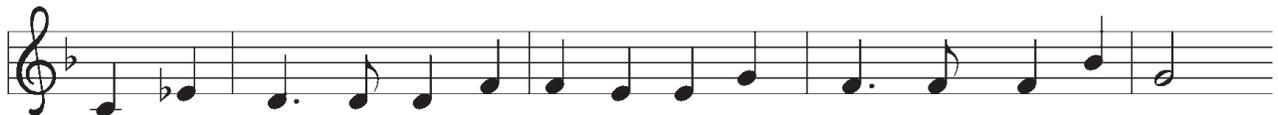




1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
 all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
 ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
 Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
 O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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

Romanian Dance No. 3

Bela Bartok

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.
come now and wor - ship the Lord.
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

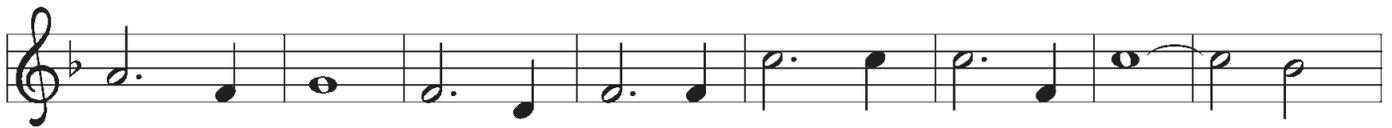
Our Father and Mother
Who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine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



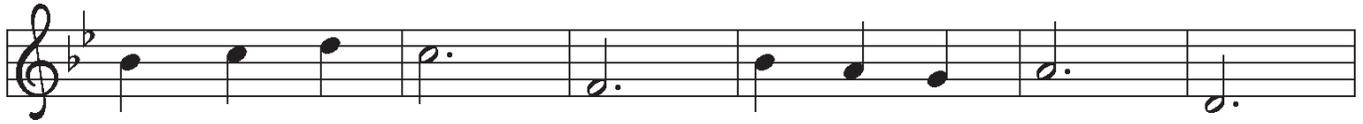
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Communion Distribution



Communion Hymn

Touch the Earth Lightly



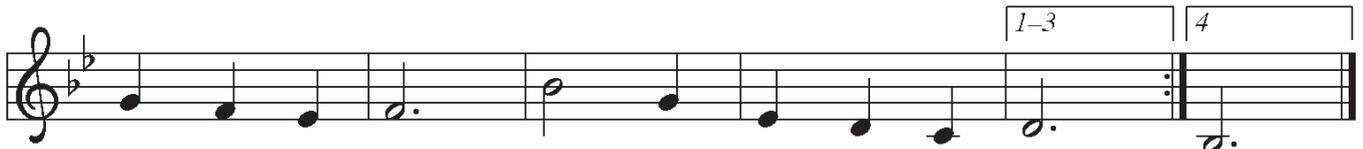
1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,



nour-ish the life of the world in our care:
a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
wa - ter that bless - es, and air that is sweet,
God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,



gift of great won - der, ours to sur - rend - er,
we who would fos - ter clouds of dis - as - ter—
health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,



trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
us - ing us gent - ly, and mak - ing us one.

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

Rise, Shine, You People!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Dismissal

Go in peace to share the Good News.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Romanian Dance No. 6

Bela Bartok



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
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
Prayers for the family and friends of Monzel Thomasson, Summer's Grandma.	Peace and comfort following her death.	Summer Kaplan
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 - Aug 4	Next Week - Aug 11
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:		

TODAY

Bethel Poster Party Potluck | After Church

Where: Edmans' home on 6027 NE 32nd Place

We'll be working on a fundraising poster that will hang in the church as we make progress on fundraising for the parsonage. We'll also be making posters and fliers to advertise this year's Block Party around the neighborhood. Bring a dish for the potluck and any additional poster-making supplies that you'd like to share. **We'll see you there!**



COMING UP:

*For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.*

- Matthew 6:19-21



August 15 **Women's Spirituality Group** | 6:30 at the Edman's home

August 24 **Annual Bethel Block Party** | 9 am to 2 pm
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

Oct. 11-13 **Women's Retreat** at McKenzie Bridge

OTHER NEWS

Building Update

Construction can be slow, but we are praying for steady (ish?) progress. This week, the remaining of friable material downstairs were removed. An anti-microbial spray has been applied to all areas that became wet.

Starting next week, the contractors will be starting reconstruction:

1. Reconnecting electrical supplies that were cut off during the height of the moisture and
2. Starting to hang and mud sheetrock on affected walls and the ceiling of the ground floor hall way.

*If you're walking down the right path
and you're willing to keep walking, eventually you'll make progress.*

Barack Obama

Annual Bethel Block Party | 8/24, 9 am to 2 pm

It's time to bring clean out closets. Any furniture that can be easily placed in the trunk of a car is welcomed. Nothing larger please. It's being stored in Pastor Core's former office.

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Sandwich Makers**

We still need sandwich makers from Aug 10 through the end of September. If you could lend a hand please sign up via Signup genius :
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a48a4ad2da46-bethel1>.

- **Worship Assistants**

All spots are wide open. If you are in town please consider lending a hand.

Women's Spirituality Group | Thursday, August 15, 6:30 pm 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

Fun Facts:

Thanks to our partnership with the Oregon Food Bank, **today** we purchased and gleaned **885 pounds of food** for our Breakfast Program and for the Summer Camp. We will be serving an estimated **740 meals this next week alone**. Our cost of the food? **\$2.60!**

The people of Bethel wholeheartedly support the mission of the Oregon Food Bank:
"to eliminate hunger and its root causes ... because no one should be hungry."

