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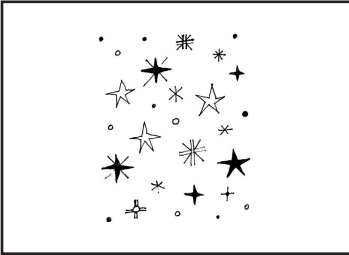
YOUR PASTOR

August 11, 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

*March from Troidhaugen*

Edvard Grieg

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

*Let us confess our failings before God and one another*

**We hear the call to trust in God always,  
But some days our stresses and doubts are even more real to us than God, and trust is elusive.  
We remember how Abram dared to believe in God's promises,  
But belief like that is hard to come by.  
We are often inclined to think,  
"God helps those who help themselves,"  
instead of daring to rely on the word of our Creator.  
When the world seems filled with dangers,  
we can be quick to protect ourselves,  
And we forget the wisdom of scripture,  
which reminds us that we find traces of evil both  
outside and inside of ourselves.  
With God's help, we confront our fears and struggles,  
and we call upon a power greater than our own to resist their pull.  
Hear us, Holy One, as we confess our frailty and failings.**

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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*Silent prayers of confession*

Though fear should beset us;  
though danger cause us to close up our doors;  
though troubles assail and lead us away from the ways of grace;  
only one thing is necessary:  
just turn back to God's promise of grace.  
Remember that God is reaching out with loving arms,  
and let yourself be held.  
Only ask for forgiveness, and it is yours:  
know that in this moment you have asked  
and in Christ Jesus, you are forgiven. In the name of the Creator God, Christ Jesus, His only Son,  
and the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

**God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind**



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -  
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

**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,



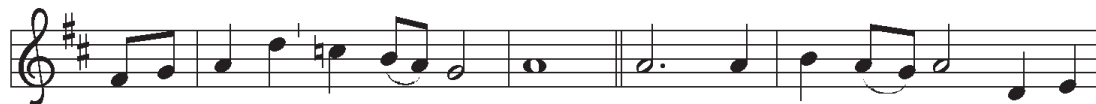
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



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*



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**

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.



# WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

## First Reading

**Genesis 15:1-6**

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

P: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

**Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

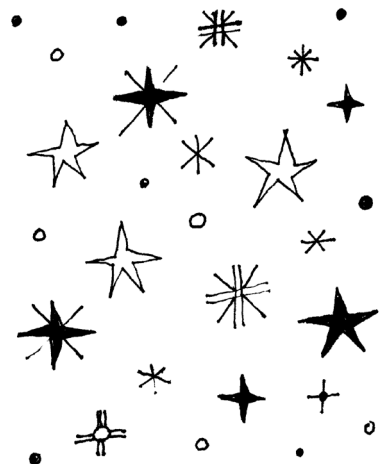
Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

P: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## 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 twelfth chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

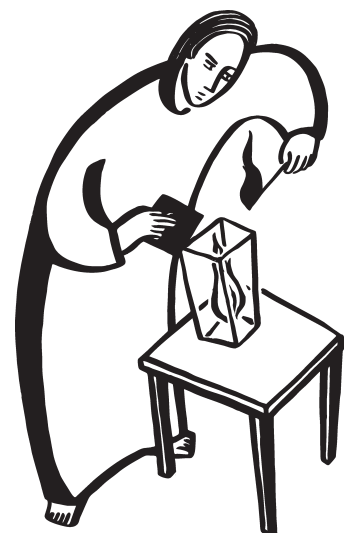
"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

## Children's Message

### Sermon



## Hymn of the Day

## Have No Fear, Little Flock

- 1 Have no fear, little flock;  
have no fear, little flock,  
for the Father has chosen  
to give you the kingdom;  
have no fear, little flock!
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock;  
have good cheer, little flock,  
for the Father will keep you  
in his love forever;  
have good cheer, little flock!
- 3 Praise the Lord high above;  
praise the Lord high above,  
for he stoops down to heal you,  
uplift and restore you;  
praise the Lord high above!
- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God;  
thankful hearts raise to God,  
for he stays close beside you,  
in all things works with you;  
thankful hearts raise to God!



## 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

*Calon Lân, Trad. Welsh*  
sung by Rev. John Hasenjaeger (ret.), and Jeff Lewis

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;



*u - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;*  
come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;  
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come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



*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,



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

## Communion Distribution



# Communion Hymn

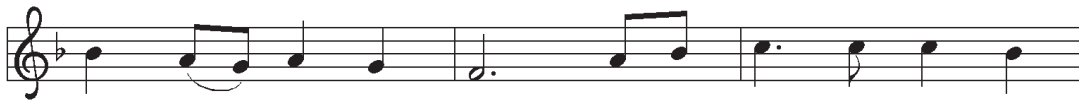
# All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
claim the faith of Je - sus:  
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
end to fear and dan - ger:  
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

## 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

*To Be Your Presence*



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -  
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the  
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for  
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy  
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,  
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your  
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,  
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!  
love ex - pressed,  
church, re - joice,

**Dismissal**

Go in peace to share the Good News.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

***Siyahamba/We Are Marching in the Light of God***

feat. J. Hasenjaeger and J. Lewis on hand drums



Prayer Requested For:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For all those across the country affected by mass shootings	Peace and comfort for broken hearts, those in mourning, and those who are healing. Transform our hearts and help us seek peaceful ways of resolving our difference.	Staff
For the Summer Camp staff & students	Prayers of thanksgiving for the summer session that was filled with happy children. Thanksgiving for a staff that patiently and gracefully guided campers throughout these last six weeks.	Staff
For those working with the marginalized and unwanted better, to ease loneliness, promote love	Strength for the journey.	Staff
Prayers for all people who have come to the United States seeking refuge; for the families separated following ICE raids in the Southeast.	Give us courage to open the door to our neighbors and grace to build a society of justice.	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
Leo Lawrence	Prayers for healing.	Pastor Core
<b>Our prayers continue for many among us:</b> 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 11	Next Week - Aug 18
Ministers:	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor:	Pr. Christine Core	Pr. Christine Core
Musician	Jamie Webster	Jamie Webster
Usher:	Meghan Cyr and Clare Alvey	
Reader:	Jared Burdick	
Communion:	Clare Alvey	JoAnn and Emily Noll
Preparation of the Altar:		

**Sandwich Makers Needed 8/17 thru 9/28**

*Ever wanted to butter 280 slices of bread? Here is your best opportunity!*

Please sign up via Signup genius :

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a48a4ad2da46-bethel1>**



## COMING UP:

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**August 15**      **Women's Spirituality Group** | 6:30 PM 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.

**August 31**      **Women's Spirituality Group** | 8:30 AM at the Edman's home

### 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

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

Block Party is just two weeks away ... keep that rummage coming. The Bouncy House is coming, hot dogs and lemonade are being stocked. Come for the games, sidewalk chalk, crafts for kids and the fun! If you'd like to help with set-up, we'll start at 7 am. And we'll need help throughout the day ...consider spending an hour or two with us finding that best buy on the rummage tables or getting to know your neighbors.

### The Great Bethel Camp Out 2019! | September 6, 7, and 8

Campers will descend on Milo McIver Park near Estacada at the Steelhead Group Site on Friday and Saturday night.

The cost is \$20 for the weekend per person. All food, parking and campsite amenities are available to you. Come as soon as you can on Friday, the site is available in the afternoon. Find your perfect spot to set up your tent and enjoy the weekend. Bring any adult beverages you wish to consume or share and any specialty food items you need. This is what we will have available. Snacks and soft drinks and s'mores at night.

All firewood provided.

To reach the campgrounds, your best bet is to put Milo McIver state park into your maps app and off you go.

If you don't wish to camp with us, drive out anytime, it's about 45 minutes from downtown Portland. We will have plenty of food and snacks to share.



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

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.

Note: If you like to host the group at your home, please contact JulieAnn.

## **Parsonage Update**

### **Cabinets, Appliances, Flooring, Oh Boy!**

The parsonage is really coming together. The new water line is installed, new windows are in place upstairs, cabinets have been installed in the bathrooms and kitchen, and new kitchen appliances are being installed. The floors are being refinished and will be gorgeous. Additionally, courtesy of Danny from Superior Quality Construction the kitchen got some insulation!!!

### **Property Management Selected**

The church council has selected, Dwell, by majority vote, to be the property management company for the parsonage. In addition to offering competitive management rates, the representative from Dwell is a long time supporter of the YDIC and so has an intimate knowledge of Bethel's mission.

## **Building Update**

Progress has been slow (and that can be disheartening), but the building materials that have not been removed (such as the wood beams in the floor) have finally gotten to the point where they are dried out. The anti-microbial spray has been applied. The contractor is starting next week to hang sheet rock and begin the reconstruction process.

## **News from the Churchwide Assembly – August 5-10, 2019**

### **ELCA Churchwide Assembly declares ELCA sanctuary church**

The 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly approved a memorial declaring the ELCA a sanctuary church. The ELCA is the first North American denomination to declare itself a sanctuary church body. As a sanctuary church the ELCA is committed to serving and supporting migrant children and families in communities across the country.

More than 700 Assembly representatives from around the country joined the Presiding Bishop, the Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, in a march and prayer vigil to the Milwaukee Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) office. The march addressed concerns about the human rights of migrant children and families entering the U.S. along the southern border. Through the ELCA's initiative, Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO), the ELCA declared it is committed to work toward just and humane policies affecting migrants in and outside the U.S.

- **Monday, August 12th at 10:00 am at the Hillsboro Civic Center 150 E Main St, Hillsboro**  
The Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice invites us all to join them as our faith, immigrant and legal communities gather to demand state officials follow the Oregon Sanctuary Law and rule that ICE does not belong in and around state courthouses.

Let us widen the circle of protection until it encompasses us all, regardless of race, creed, class, immigration status, or nationality.