



10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

YOUR PASTOR

August 18, 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

Andante Cantabile (from "String Quartet, Opus 11")

P. I. Tchaikovsky

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our failings before God and one another

Almighty God, You have set before us the path
but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way.

**Sometimes we are like toddlers
and we hear Your call and come back.**

Other times, we are children testing boundaries,
ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back.

**And still other times we are full of youthful rebellion,
demanding to be cut loose and set free,
not knowing how much we still need
to seek Your wisdom and guidance.**

But most of all, too often we think we are adults
and have figured it all our and know our own way,
only to stumble and stray so far.

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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Remind us, parental God,
that we are always Your children,
that we are never fully grown up in Your sight,
that we always have much to learn.

Help us to seek You every day,
to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance,
and help us to return to the path and walk with You.
In the name of Christ,
who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

O, God of Every Nation



1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
when hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

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,

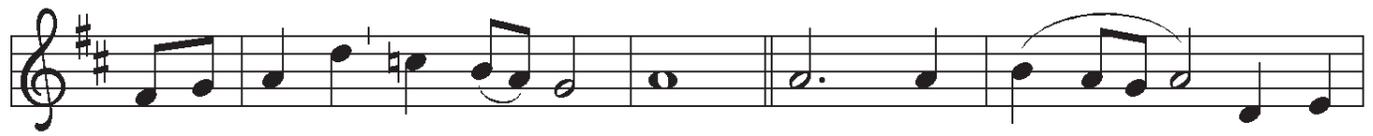


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



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

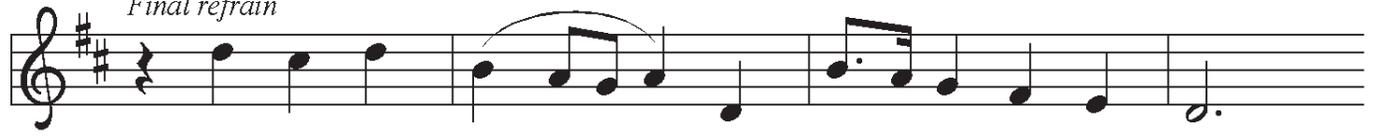


al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



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

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Friend.
Amen.



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

P: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:29-12:22

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

:Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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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 twelfth chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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

Children's Message

Sermon



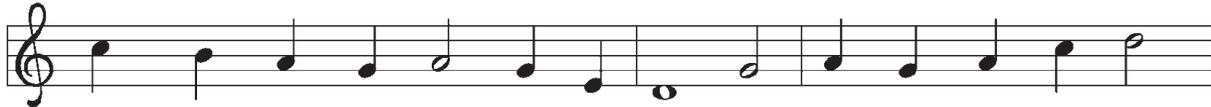
Hymn of the Day

What Wondrous Love Is This

verses 1, 3 and 4



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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

In Church/Morning Prayer

P. I. Tchaikovsky

Offertory Music

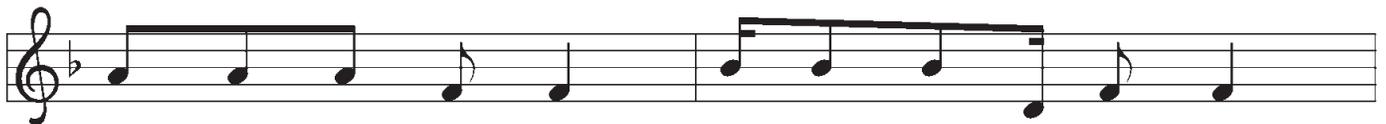
Come, All You People



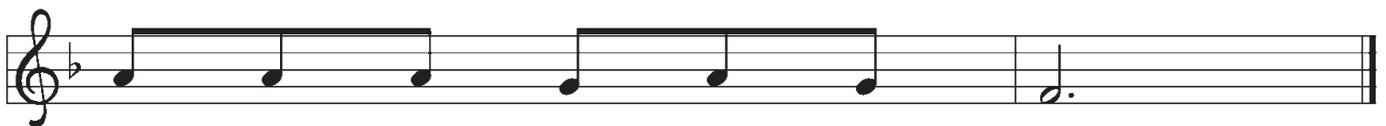
U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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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.

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

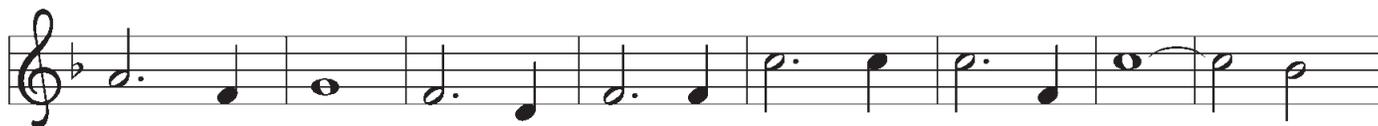
Our Father and Mother
Who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine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

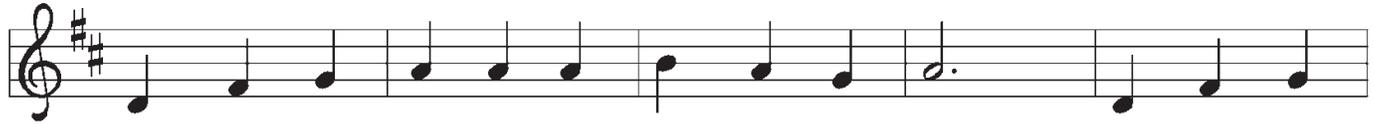
Communion Distribution



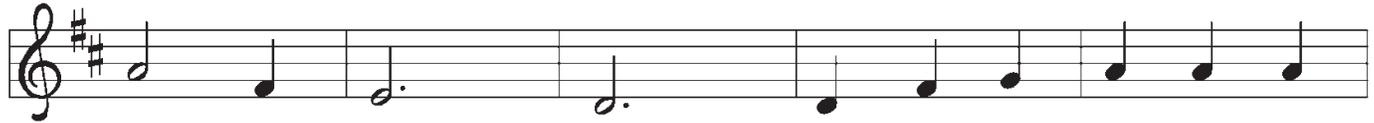
Our welcome extends to the Communion Table. We recognize that this is Christ's Table and Christ's invitation. Please come forward as you are invited. If you prefer not to receive Communion at this time, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – just fold your arms across your chest so that we 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 Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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

Go, Make Disciples



“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.



Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.



Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.



Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're



serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.”

Dismissal

Go in peace to share the Good News.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Come, Thou Fount (with Tchaikovsky's Concerto, Op. 23 theme)

arr. Cindy Berry



Prayer Requested For:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For all those across the country affected by mass violence	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 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
Leo Lawrence	Prayers for healing.	Pastor Core
Karen Anderson	Prayers for healing.	Pastor Core
Family & friends of Don Connor	Peace and comfort following his death. Don was Phyllicia's stepfather.	Phyllicia McGowan
Bob Hoggard	Prayers of healing.	Becky McAllister
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 18	Next Week - Aug 25
Ministers:	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor:	Pr. Christine Core	Pr. Christine Core
Musician	Jamie Webster	Mary Sutton
Usher:	Jared and Stephanie Burdick	
Reader:	Brady Burdick	Marlo Edman
Communion:	JoAnn and Emily Noll	JulieAnn Edman
Preparation of the Altar:		

BETHEL NEWS



COMING UP:

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

Sept. 6, 7, & 8

Congregation Camp Out | Talk to Scott and Tana for sign-up and details

For the Future

Oct. 11-13

Women's Retreat at McKenzie Bridge

OTHER NEWS

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 | Saturday, August 31, 8:30 am 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

The parsonage is really coming together:

- New shower tiles
- New bathroom floor tiles
- New bathroom cabinets
- New windows upstairs
- New kitchen cabinets
- New kitchen appliances
- Property Mgr. hired

Bethel Women's Retreat | October 11-13, McKenzie Bridge

Come join us for a weekend of learning, prayer, reflection, relaxation, and relationship. We'll start with Compline on Friday evening and then ease our way into blessed conversation on Saturday morning.

Let our Registrar, Jackie Calder, know if you would like to go. We are working on the costs for the weekend and will have that number soon. And let Pastor Christine know if you will need scholarship help for the retreat or for the book purchase.

A small group of women decided that we would use a book by Brene Brown as a jumping off point. That book, ***Daring Greatly: How the Courage to Be Vulnerable Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and Lead***. The book is available on amazon.com in paperback for \$9.34 and we urge you to read through this book between now and the retreat.

Building Update

At last, we are told reconstruction will begin in earnest on Monday. First up, replacing the sheet rock. We've asked the crews to begin their work on the basement floors since those areas are most heavily used. We also recognize that these areas are the most important for the successful production of the Bethel Play coming in November.

Sandwich Makers Needed 8/24 thru 9/28

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

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