



16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 29, 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.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Prelude in Db, Op. 28, No. 15 ("Raindrop"), Frederic Chopin

Welcome

Call to Worship, *Based on Psalm 126*

We gather to worship with expectations:
God revealed in new and astonishing ways.

**God comes to us in real time.
God comes to us in dreams.**

Sometimes God's presence is hard to take in—
difficult to believe.

**O God, we long to believe.
Help our unbelief!**

God is present here.
God is working in our midst.

**Then our mouths are filled with laughter,
Our tongues shout out with joy!**



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

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

I Have the Light of God in Me

Lyrics:

*I have the light of God in me.
I have the light of God in me.
I have the Spirit of the Son of God.
I have the light of God in me.*

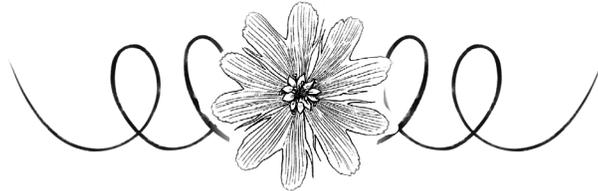
Instructions: We will sing this through at least twice; watch Jamie for musical direction.

Salutation

May God be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

**O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen**



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

P: Holy word, holy wisdom.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

P: Holy word, holy wisdom.

C: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

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You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the sixteenth chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

Children's Message

Sermon, *Joann Noll*



Hymn of the Day

Christ Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

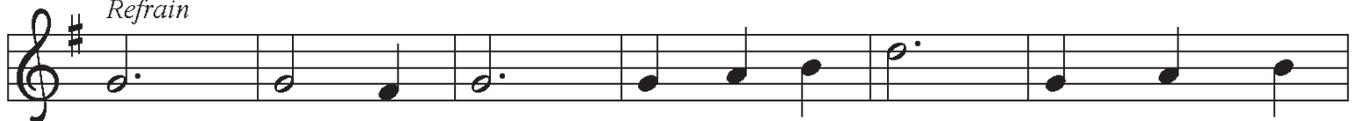


truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.



Congregation Conversations

The church council would like to continue our deep dialogue around the ministries of Bethel. We all agree each of Bethel's ministries are consistent with Gospel values. The question before us is: Where these ministries fit into Bethel's mission and values?

Please consider and pray on these two questions:

1. Does the Sunday Morning Breakfast Program align with Bethel's mission and values?
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Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

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

THANKSGIVING

Offering

Let It Be, John Lennon and Paul McCartney

Offertory

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Teacher. Amen

Thanksgiving for the Word

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God,
for by your Word you made all things:
you spoke light into darkness,
called forth beauty from chaos,
and brought life into being.
For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel
to tell of your wonderful gifts:
freedom from captivity,
water on the desert journey,
a pathway home from exile,
wisdom for life with you.
For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh,
you speak to us and call us to witness:
forgiveness through the cross,
life to those entombed by death,
the way of your self-giving love.
For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God;
rekindle your gifts within us:
renew our faith, increase our hope,
and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need.
Faithful to your Word, O God,
draw near to all who call on you;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory forever.

Amen



Lord's Prayer

Lord's Prayer (from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer)

Eternal Spirit Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all.

Loving God, in whom is heaven.

The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

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.



WE ARE SENT IN JESUS' LOVE

Announcements

Blessing

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Creator of all.



Sending Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Dismissal

Go in peace to share the Good News.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prelude in A, Op. 28, No. 7, Frederic Chopin

Prayer Requested For:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For the environment and all those working to bring about live-giving change	Grant us wisdom to care for earth and energy to act now for the good of future generations	Staff
For the People of Bethel Lutheran	May the Holy Spirit move within our hearts as we move out into our community to serve	Staff
For those who suffer from any affliction	Be close to all who are feeling the bitter winds of flagging hope and scarcity. Help us remember those who have been overtaken by the challenges of poverty, loss, unjust discrimination or exclusion.	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 of thanksgiving for a successful surgery. Peace and comfort as further treatment is discerned.	Pastor Core
Leo Lawrence	Prayers for healing.	Pastor Core
Jennifer Nevills, former YDIC director	Struggling with heart disease.	Karen Anderson
Bob Hoggard	Prayers of healing.	Becky McAllister
Paul Tweten	Prayers of peace and comfort following a diagnosis of inoperable prostate cancer.	Jim VanDyke
Karen Anderson	Prayers for continued healing after a difficult fall.	Staff
Shirley Kolpin	Prayers for a speedy recovery.	Shirley Kolpin
Margie Fletcher.	Prayers of healing; Peace and comfort for her and Mike, Mitch and Micah.	Karen Anderson
Mary Rix	Preparing for surgery; prayers of comfort.	Pastor Core
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, Patricia Connor.		



Stewardship of Service	Today - Sept 29	Next Week - Oct 6
Ministers:	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor:	Pr. Christine Core	Pr. Christine Core
Lay Leader	Joann Noll	
Music Director	Jamie Webster	Jamie Webster
Usher:		
Reader:		
Communion:		
Preparation of the Altar:		

BETHEL NEWS

TODAY

Sunday, September 29

We will enter into conversation with the entire congregation on this topic. In the days between now and then, we would like you consider and pray on these two questions:

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COMING UP:

- **Oct 5 | Parsonage Neighborhood Open House**
Saturday, 10/6 | 12-4 pm
- **Oct. 6 | Blessing of the Animals**
All furry, finned, feathered and scaly friends are welcomed on this Sunday, and a special birthday celebration immediately following worship.
- **Oct 6 | Parsonage Neighborhood Open House**
Sunday, 10/6 | 11-2 pm
- **Oct 9 | YDIC Board Meeting**, 6:30 pm at Mary Flood-Klein's home
- **Oct. 11-13 | Women's Retreat** at McKenzie Bridge
- **Oct 20 | Bread for the World Sunday**
- **Oct 20 | Church Council Meeting**, after worship
- **Nov 3 | St. Charles Church 69th Annual Spaghetti Dinner**, 12 PM – 6 PM
5310 NE 42nd Ave, Portland, Oregon 97218.

OTHER NEWS

Bethel's Choir

Everyone is welcome to join in on the singing and celebrating. And, thank you to everyone who sang through some of our upcoming music and through bits of others. Please continue to give Jamie your feedback about what piques your interest and is joyful for you to sing. If the music selections are challenging (either positively or negatively), she would like to hear that too. Your feedback is critical as worship planning for the fall continues.

Upcoming Choir Dates for your Calendars:

- Sunday, 10/6, 9 am Rehearsal

Women's Spirituality Group | 9/28 - 8:30 am the Edman home

Women of Bethel...

Our spirituality/women's group will meet at the Edman home on Saturday 9/28 at 8:30 am. We will continue to use "In Wisdom's Path" as a resource, and, continue in the discourse on Ordinary Time. Given time, peruse pgs 114-117 before hand, but not required! Fruit and granola will be available, and of course, coffee and tea! Hope to see you Saturday! Blessings to all

Upcoming meetings: 10/10 - **cancelled** in lieu of Women's retreat and 10/26 - 8:30 am

Blessing of Animals | Sunday 10/6

The blessing of pets and animals is often celebrated on or near the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis preached God created the world good and beautifully. St. Francis held great love for animals and the environment. St. Francis believed all creatures should praise God and we human creatures are to be stewards of God's creation.

The feast day of St. Francis on October 4, we will bless our animals on Sunday, October/6.

In the Scriptures, the act of blessing means 'the imparting of power or life.' But to bless is more than an expression of goodwill and caring. To bless is to impart God's love in a relational way. The blessing of each animal, by name, means that through God we are praying for the health, healing and life of our animals in their relationship with their human partners.

All furry, finned and feathered, and yes, even scaly, friends are welcomed on this Sunday. Please make sure your friend is properly leashed or restrained, or in a cage or bowl. Come prepared for sounds of barking, meowing, cawing and snuffling as well as music and prayer.

Bread for the World Sunday | October 22, 2019



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

On Bread for the World Sunday, churches of all faith traditions offer prayers for those who live in hunger in our own country and abroad – and for our nation's decision makers who can change the policies and conditions that allow hunger to persist. Trusting in the abundance of God's creation, people of faith rededicate themselves to seeing that those who struggle with hunger are able to move out of poverty and feed their families.

O God, I pray for all those around the world who struggle with hunger and suffer from malnutrition. Grant them strength and courage as they work to create a better life themselves and their communities. May conflicts cease, crops flourish, and good governance grow. In the name of Jesus, who is the Bread of Life for the world. Amen

Parsonage Update

The gas meter has been activated. Yesterday Tana did a the walk-through with the contractor for a punch list*. A final open house is in the works. Details Follow.

*A "punch list" is the list of items that are left to complete on a construction project when you get to the end of the work. It may include some painting touch-ups, or repair of completed work. It is also used to sign off on the work that has been done.



St. Charles Catholic Church Spaghetti Dinner

Please join St. Charles Catholic Church for our 69th Annual Spaghetti Dinner!

This is a fun event year after year. We will have beer and wine for sale, as well as a 50/50 raffle. The dinner consists of Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad, Bread and Pie for Dessert. Full Take Out Available.

Tickets: \$12 Adults - \$10 Senior (65+) - \$5.00 child (5-12) - under 5 Free

We hope you will join us!

NEIGHBORHOOD OPEN HOUSE

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARSONAGE
5937 N DENVER AVENUE

Saturday, 10/5 | 12-4 pm

Sunday, 10/6 | 11-2 pm

REFRESHMENTS AND TOURS AT THE PARSONAGE!



We are completing the remodel at the Parsonage and inviting our members, neighbors and friends. Stop by the parsonage on Saturday or Sunday for tours and refreshments!

Volunteer Opportunities

Worship Assistants

We can always use help with worship assistance – check out open slots for Ushering, Preparation of the Altar, Communion Assistants, and Reading on the signup sheet in the sanctuary.

Sandwich Making

We have open slots for sandwich making in October. Please use **sign up genius** to volunteer.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a48a4ad2da46-bethel1>

Bethel GivePlus

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Parsonage	Parsonage Project
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