



18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 13, 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

Farewell to Stromness, Peter Maxwell Davies

Welcome

Call to Worship, *Based on Psalm 111*

For us there is only One God and Father
from whom streams all creation
and for whom we exist.

**Praise God! I will give thanks to God
with my whole heart.**

And we have one Master
through whom all things are made new
and for whom we exist.

**I will give praise among fellow believers,
I will join with the congregation.**

And we have one Holy Spirit,
by whom the church is serviced
and for whom we exist.

**Great are the works of our Triune- God!
To be over-awed is the beginning of wisdom.
May our praise go on forever!**

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

Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



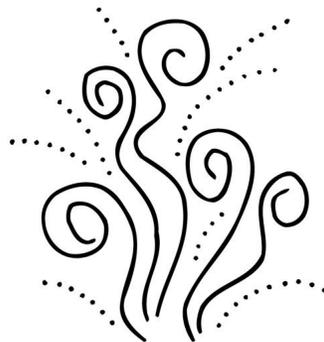
Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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

Peace of the Lord



1 *La paz del Se - ñor, la paz del Se - ñor, la*
1 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
3 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the



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Lord is for you and for me, and al - so for all of God's
Lord is a - mong us right now, so o - pen your - selves to re -
Lord kept with - in can - not live, so o - pen your - selves now to



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chil - dren. The peace of the Lord is for you and for
ceive it. The peace of the Lord is a - mong us right
share it. The peace of the Lord kept with - in can - not



mí, a to - dos al - can - za - rá.
me, and al - so for all of God's chil - dren.
now, so o - pen your - selves to re - ceive it.
live, so o - pen your - selves now to share it.

Salutation

May God be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

P: Holy word, holy wisdom.

C: Thanks be to God.



Special Music

T'Filati - Naomi Shemer, based on Psalm 55

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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 seventeenth chapter.

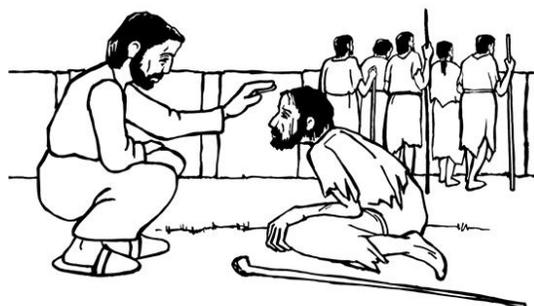
The people respond: **Glory to you, O God**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

Children's Message

Sermon, *Jim VanDyke*

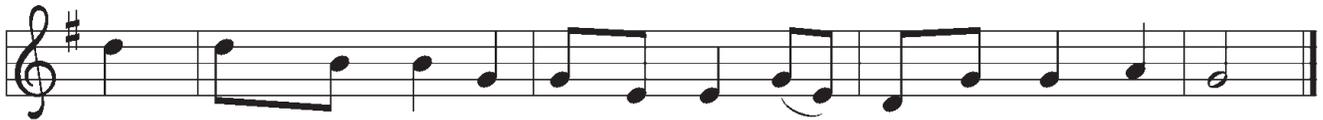


Hymn of the Day

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 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;



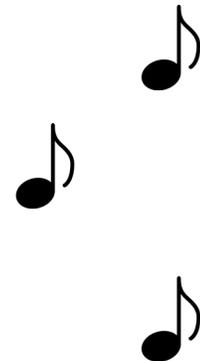
the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 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.

Apostles Creed

We stand as we confess our faith in the words of the 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 & 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

Sharing of the Peace

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

THANKSGIVING

Offering

Bright Morning Stars are Rising – trad. American, arr. Joseph Hickerson

Offertory

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



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



bles - sing. 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 -



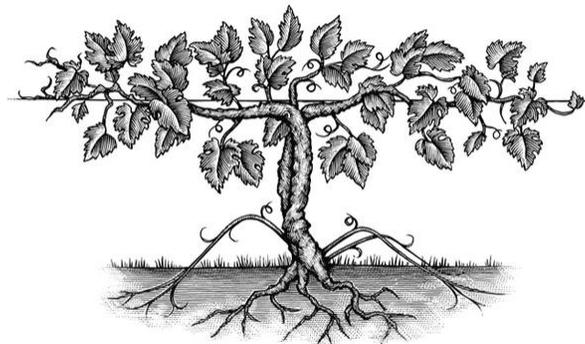
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



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.

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,

who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

Dismissal

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

Postlude

March from Undredal – trad. Norwegian

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
Houseless people on Interstate	Prayers that their hunger be alleviated, that they are warm and they may live with privacy and dignity.	Greysen Balles
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 peace and comfort as he nears the end of his earthly life.	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	Continued 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
Dorothy Hansen and all of the residents of the Smith Tower Apartments, Vancouver, WA	Peace of mind following the tragic shooting of three residents, resulting in the death of one. All three people, including the perpetrator were friends of Dorothy	Pastor Core
Willie Torrey and his family	Prayers of thanksgiving for a good turn of events in his life; prayers for his son and for peace in his family.	Willie Torrey
Tammy Allen	Peace and comfort following the death of her cousin Linda.	Tammy Allen
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 - Oct 13	Next Week - Oct 20
Ministers:	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor:	Pr. Christine Core	Pr. Christine Core
Lay Leader	Jim VanDyke	
Music Director	Jamie Webster	Jamie Webster
Usher:		
Reader:		
Communion:		
Preparation of the Altar:		

BETHEL NEWS



COMING UP:

- **Oct 20 | Bread for the World Sunday**
- **Oct 20 | Church Council Meeting**, after worship
- **Oct 22 |** Reaffirmation of Our Baptism and Accepting New Members
- **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, 10/20, 9 am Rehearsal and 10 am Worship Service

Sunday, 10/27, No Choir Practice as Jamie is away.

Women's Spirituality Group | Thursday (10/24) 7 pm at Pastor Christine's home

We continue to grow together as companions in Christ as we meet for pray and time for sharing. We invite you to join us at any time – we truly believe that the people in the room are the people whom God sends! Are you one of those sent?

The next Women's Spirituality Meeting will be Thursday, 10/24 at 7 pm at Pastor Christine's home. We're going to try a west side location: 9831 NW Silver Ridge Loop. Call Pastor Christine for directions.

If you have Jan Richardson's book, In Wisdom's Path, take a moment to carefully read through and ponder page 118.

God comes not in thunderbolts, but rises in small ways ...

Upcoming meetings:

11/9 - Saturday, Location TBD

Bread for the World Sunday | October 22, 2019



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

On Bread for the World Sunday we will give thanks for life and every gift that comes from God's limitless grace. As part of our observance, we will take time to write brief letters to our representatives and senators in Washington, DC. Our letters will urge Congress to accelerate progress on global nutrition, to address the root causes of migration, or to reform our criminal justice system – all critical to ending hunger and poverty in the United States and abroad. We will provide sample letters and stationery if you wish to participate in the letter writing campaign.

O Christ, you gave your life on the cross to overcome evil and injustice. May your abundant love inspire those who volunteer and work in food pantries and other feeding programs in our communities. We give thanks for the people of Bethel Lutheran Church who labor in service to those who are hungry, and may those who serve in this way offer both kindness and respect to those who depend on the food they provide. Amen

Parsonage Update

There were nails, there were hammers, there were paint brushes, there were saws: there were workers who planned and toiled and sweated, carpet was selected, paint colors chosen, bathroom and light fixtures purchased. And oh my! Oh my!! The newly remodeled parsonage looks awesome!

Many, many thanks to all who worked so hard to preserve this asset for the benefit of Bethel's ministries. Well done, good and faithful servants!

The keys have been turned over to the rental agent and people will be living there soon ... with rent some 50% higher than originally anticipated all due to the incredible improvements made in the last seven months. Rent will be applied to the \$100,000 loan taken out to finance the remodel and to pay back funds taken from Bethel savings for additional costs.

Of course, we, the people of Bethel are asked to consider our investment in the project – there were some costs of the project that exceeded the maximum loan amount. Would you like to help defray these costs – or help pay off that loan faster than the ten year term and save \$\$\$ in interest?

Here are some specific items you can “purchase”; or a donation to the parsonage fund in any amount comfortable for your budget will be appreciated!

- 2 bedroom lights - \$6.49 each.
- 5 track lights in loft - \$13.61 each
- 3 bathroom mirrors - \$40 each
- Stainless steel fan above gas range - \$149
- New water connection to the street - \$952

Thank you so much for your investment in the community of Bethel and the community we serve.

Building Update

All the tiles for the downstairs bathrooms are now on site. The company hired to install the tiles began work Thursday. We are still waiting for the flooring for the rest of the building to be delivered.

From the Bethel Players

It's the story
Of a flood disaster
Without a Noah, animals or ark.
Our basement took the brunt of lots of water
And spoiled the fun of our own Bethel Bunch!

What? No Bethel Players? Never! Never fear!!



We're simply rescheduling. Reconstruction continues apace, but the Players could not in good conscience take any chance of inflicting Porta-Potties on you this year.



Bethel Players Present Clerical Errors

Coming February 28th - March 8th

Save these dates:

- **Feb. 28 - 7 PM** | Friday
- **Feb. 29 - 1:30 PM** | Saturday
- **Feb. 29 - 7 PM** | Saturday
- **Mar. 1 - 3 PM** | Sunday
- **Mar. 6 - 7 PM** | Friday
- **Mar. 7 - 1:30 PM** | Saturday
- **Mar. 7 - 7 PM** | Saturday
- **Mar. 8 - 3 PM** | Sunday

We'll be sending more information later, expect tickets to go on sale around Feb. 1. More questions? Email bethellutheran@bethelpdx.org or call 503-285-4919. Please note office hours are usually Tues-Fri 9-12.

St. Charles Catholic Church Spaghetti Dinner | Nov 3, 12 PM – 6 PM

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!

5310 NE 42nd Ave, Portland, Oregon 97218.

Eco-Tip

Help Nature Restore Carbon Balance

It turns out we can increase our carbon storage just by making a few changes in the way we landscape increasing carbon sequestration and carbon storage in our yards. What can we do to achieve the best results in the fastest time?

It may take several years for science to provide a definitive answer, but that doesn't mean we know nothing. We've actually learned quite a lot about what is needed to heal the soil so that the remarkable carbon cycle Earth depends on for all life can come into balance.

Here are a four things you can do this fall to heal the Earth:

1. Plant a native tree. If you don't have room for a tree, plant native shrubs. Surround those trees and shrubs with native perennials. Photosynthesis grabs CO₂ from the air and produces sugars to feed these plants. Then the plants transfer excess carbon into the soil. That carbon becomes more and more stable as microbes process it.
2. Begin removing any landscape cloth you have in your yard. Lay down cardboard instead before adding a layer of compost or mulch. Cardboard decomposes and allows soil microorganisms to work their magic stabilizing carbon, while landscape cloth creates a barrier that prevents soil formation.
3. Stop bagging up your grass clippings. Leave them on your lawn to decompose in place. They'll feed the millions of microbes in the soil. In addition, emissions created by trucks that otherwise haul all that debris away will be reduced. Try the same approach with fallen leaves (unless they simply bury your yard and overwhelm the microorganisms you're trying to nurture).
4. If you can't make enough of your own compost and mulch—and few of us can—then buy those products in bulk from local suppliers who acquire their products locally. Avoid the plastic packaging you get in big box stores. Mulch any bare ground you have to keep the soil moist and to feed soil microorganisms. Nature doesn't like naked soil.

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

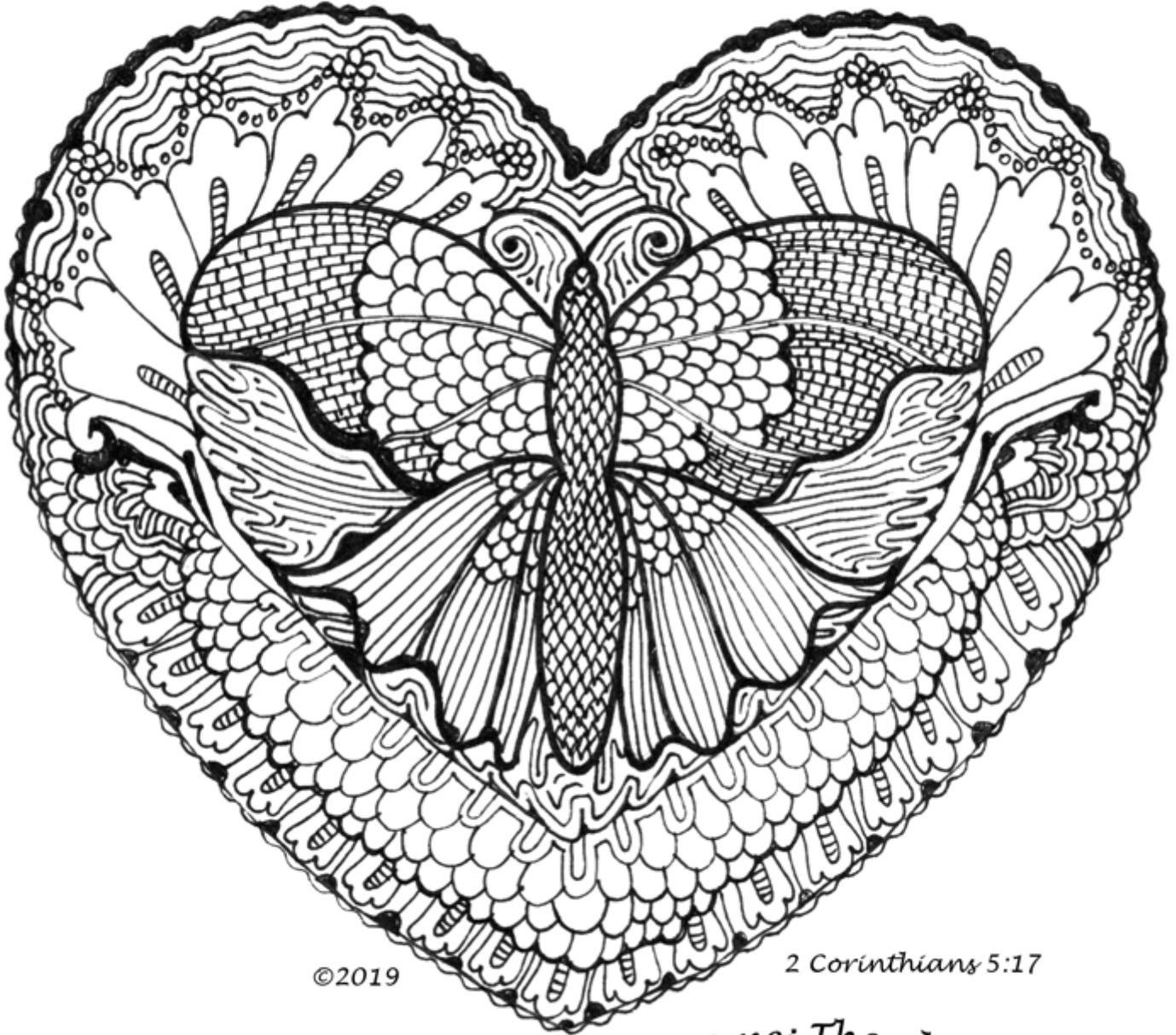
We have open slots for sandwich making in October. Please use **sign up genius** to volunteer.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a48a4ad2da46-bethel1>

Bethel GivePlus

Give by Text Number: 503-608-7267

Texting Code	Fund Name
	General Operating Default Fund
Parsonage	Parsonage Project
Ticket	Cab & Cab Ticket
Auction	Cab & Cab Auction

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,



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2 Corinthians 5:17

*the new creation has come: The old
has gone, the new is here!*