



19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

YOUR PASTOR

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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

Farewell to Stromness, Peter Maxwell Davies

Welcome

Call to Worship, *Psalm 121*

I lift up my eyes to the mountains.
From where does my help come?

**Help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot stumble.
Indeed, the One who watches over Israel
will never slumber nor sleep.
For God is your Protector;
God is your shade at your right hand.
The sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
God will protect you from all evil;
he will watch over your life.
The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in
from now to eternity.**

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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Opening Hymn

Blessed Be the God of Israel



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2 With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3 My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

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.



Kyrie

Leader Assembly Leader

In peace, let us pray__ to the Lord. **Lord,___ have mer - cy.** For the peace from a-

6 Assembly

bove, and for our sal - va-tion, let us pray__ to the Lord. **Lord,___ have mer - cy.**

11 Leader

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the u-ni-ty of all,—

16 Assembly Leader

let us pray__ to the Lord. **Lord ___ have mer - cy.** For this ho-ly house, and for

21 Assembly

all who of-fer here their wor-ship and praise,— let us pray__ to the Lord. **Lord ___ have**

26 Leader

mer - - - cy. Help, save, com - fort and de - fend us,

29 Assembly

gra - cious Lord. **A - - - - - men.**



Hymn

Hymn of Praise

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

7
Al - le - lu - ia. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

13
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es,

19
wis - dom and strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

25
This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God. Al - le-lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

31
Al - le - lu - ia. Sing with_ all the peo - ple of God, and

37
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion, Bless - ing and hon - or,

43
glo - ry and might be to God_ and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - - men.

49
This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God. Al - le-lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

55
Al - le - lu - ia. For the Lamb_ who was slain_ has be - gun_ his_ reign.

61
Al - le - - - lu - ia, Al - le - - - lu - ia.

Salutation

May God be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

P: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

C: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Give Me Birds at the Dawning, B. Binstock/arr. P. and M. A. Amidon

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully

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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 eighteenth chapter.

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

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

Children's Message

Sermon



Hymn of the Day

Let the Justice Flow like Streams



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
loam, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation. Richard Blackwood and Jeff Roy have come to our congregation and requested to join us as members of this church in the body of Christ.

Apostles Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

Address and Questions

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God,
do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray,

**We give you thanks for our new members, Rich and Jeff,
whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ
and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith.
Keep us close together in your Spirit,
in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others.**

Welcome

Let us welcome brother in Christ to this community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Prayers of the People

Response: God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

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



WE CELEBRATE THE MEAL

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

Offertory Music *Take My Live that I May be*

Verses 1 & 2



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



pul - so de tu a - mor.
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

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

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

Jesus invites all Creation to the table. Come, take your place at the feast.

Hymn

In the Singing

Verse 1 & Refrain



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Refrain
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Communion Distribution

Communion Hymn

Jesus, the Very Thought of You



1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;



but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.
a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."

Prayer After Communion

God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen



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.

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

March from Undredal, trad. Norwegian

Our liturgy is the composition of Oregon musician Christopher Wicks. It was written for Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Salem, Oregon.



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
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
Christy Runyan	Preparing for surgery next month; prayers of comfort.	Karen Anderson
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 20	Next Week - Oct 27
Ministers:	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor:	Pr. Christine Core	Pr. Christine Core
Music Director	Jamie Webster	Jamie Webster
Musician		Jaime Vandenberg
Usher:		
Reader:		
Communion:		
Preparation of the Altar:		

BETHEL NEWS



COMING UP:

- **Oct 20 | Bread for the World Sunday**
- **Oct 20 | Reaffirmation of Our Baptism and Accepting New Members**
- **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.

Please make note:

- **10/21-10/23 | BISHOP'S CONVOCATION**
Pastor Christine will be attending Bishop's Convocation Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Please leave a voice mail or text if you require anything while she is away.

OTHER NEWS

The Bethel Choir

Everyone is welcome to join in on the singing and celebrating.

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.

Choir Practice is every week except when our music director, Jamie Webster, is out of town.

The Choir sings during service once a month. The dates for performing and no choir practice are listed below:

10/27, No Choir Practice
11/10, 9 am Rehearsal and 10 am Worship Service
12/1, No Choir Practice

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?

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

Upcoming meetings:

10/24 - 9831 NW Silver Ridge Loop. Call Pastor Christine for directions.

11/9 - Saturday, Location TBD

Worship Assistants Needed

Your participation is always needed. Please take a moment to sign up to participate in worship as an Usher, Reader, Communion Assistant or in the Preparation of the Altar. Sunday morning worship goes so much more smoothly when these ways to serve are filled ahead of time. Look for the sign up sheets in the back of the Sanctuary.

Bread for the World Sunday | October 20, 2019

This Sunday is Bread for the World Sunday. On this day we will join other communities across the nation in prayer for those who suffer from hunger in our own communities and throughout the world. Our society has conditioned us to believe that resources are scarce. You are told that, if you don't have enough, it is because you are not working hard enough. In God's creation, however, we see the abundance of all that we need. We invite you to take time to write a letter to your representative or senator asking for them to consider action to address a country, our own, in which one in five children lives in a family that struggles to get enough to eat.

O God, may the Spirit of the Risen Christ inspire me to rededicate myself to ending hunger in the world you created for us. Grant me boldness and courage as I seek to persuade our nation's leaders to change the policies and conditions that allow hunger to persist. I ask you to bless my prayers, my actions, and my offerings. Amen

Parsonage Update

On Tuesday, October 15, Scott, Leo, and Rich worked at the parsonage to clean out the garage and the basementwe were scheduled for tenant arrival on the 15th, so these guys did an incredible job working 6 hours to clean out and haul stuff on a \$90 dump run. Final inspections with the City of Portland are scheduled for today, the 16th.*By the way that 2 year old Samsung electric stove is for sale. \$150 OBO.

Building Update

Reflooring Downstairs Has Begun!

Today Classique Floors has begun the prep work required to install the floors. Due the busy nature of the kitchen over the weekend, work will begin in there on Monday.

Downstairs Bathrooms Are Coming Back Together

Last week we hired GB&A Construction to replace the tile in the bathrooms downstairs. We purchased the tile, grout and rubber base then brought it to the church. An installer worked on Thursday, Friday & Sunday to get the tile placed and grouted. On 10/15 a plumber installed the sinks and toilets in both bathrooms.

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

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

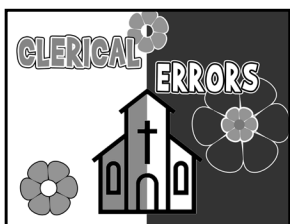
This is a fun event year after year. We will have beer and wine for sale, as well as a 50/50 raffle. The dinner consists of Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad, Bread and Pie for Dessert. Full Take Out Available.

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

We hope you will join us!

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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.