



# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 16, 2020

## 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.

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## WE GATHER TOGETHER

**Prelude**

***Romanze in F#***, Robert Schumann

**Welcome and Announcements**



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

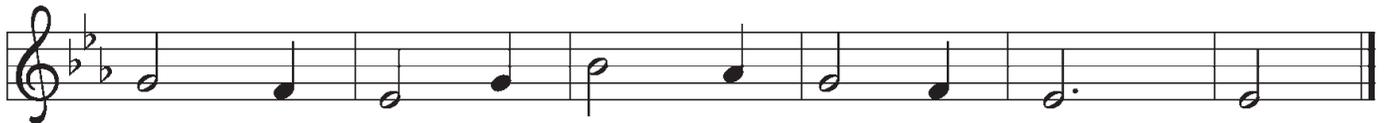
## *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*, verses. 1-2, 5-6



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

## Greeting

## Prayer of the Day

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



# WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

## First Reading

### Deuteronomy 30:15-20

A reading from Deuteronomy.

[Moses said to the people:] See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 119:1-2, 4, 6-7

Congregation sings the refrains and the lines printed in boldface type. In each line, the pitch changes at the underlined syllables.

Refrain (listen first time, then repeat)

Refrain: **Teach me, O God, the way of your statutes.**

Teach me, O God, the way of your statutes.

Happy are those whose way is blameless, \* who walk in the law of God.

**Happy are those who keep God's decrees,\* who seek God with their whole heart.**

You have commanded that all your precepts \* shall be kept with diligence.

**Then I shall not be put to shame,\* having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

I will praise you with an upright heart,\* when I learn of your righteous ordinances.

**I will observe your statutes;\* do not utterly forsake me.**

Refrain: **Teach me, O God, the way of your statutes.**

## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

A reading from First Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



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

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

## Gospel

## Matthew 5:21-37

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

## Children's Message

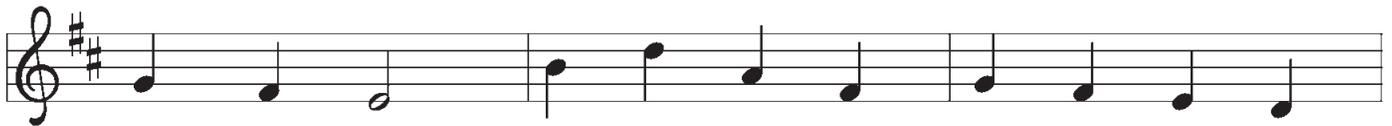
### Sermon, Pastor Joan Beck

## Hymn of the Day

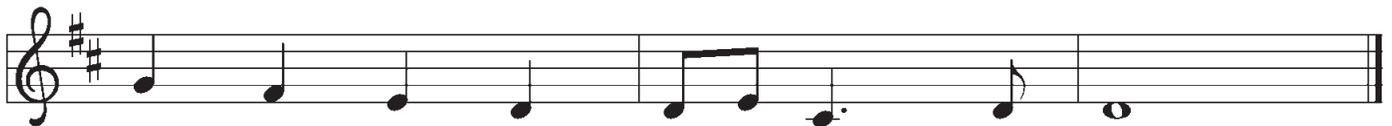
## Will You Let Me Be Your Servant



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.  
walk the mile and bear the load.  
speak the peace you long to hear.  
till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
let you be my ser - vant, too.

## Prayers of the People

Prayers reflect the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world—for the church universal, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel; the well-being of creation;

peace and justice in the world, the nations and those in authority, the community;

the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, lonely;

all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;

the congregation, and special concerns, including, today,

healing prayer for Marlo Edman, scheduled for surgery on Feb. 19.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## Peace

We greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

# WE CELEBRATE THE MEAL

**Offering**      **Calon Lân (A Clean Heart)** arr. Christopher Wicks, sung by the Bethel Choir

Sing as the gifts are brought forward, and rise if it is comfortable for you.

## Offertory

## Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

Let the vineyards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim  
cup of blessing. Gath-er a har-vest from seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with  
bread of life. Ga-ther the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace this ta - ble with your pre - sence, Lord, ar  
grant us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Dear Savior, your mission is as urgent now as it was when you walked on earth. Use these gifts which we offer here according to your need, so that all your children might know your healing love, for your sake in this world. Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, .... and join the unending hymn:

### *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heav-en and earth are

7 full\_ of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless'd is he who comes in the name\_ of the

14 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father 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;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.



## Invitation to Communion

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table of mercy and joy.

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.

## Music During Communion

## Lamb of God



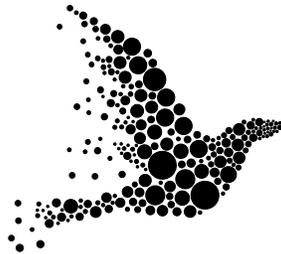
Lamb of God, you take away the sin\_ of the world, have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take away the sin\_ of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a-way the sin\_ of the world. Grant\_ us\_ peace.



## Communion Hymn

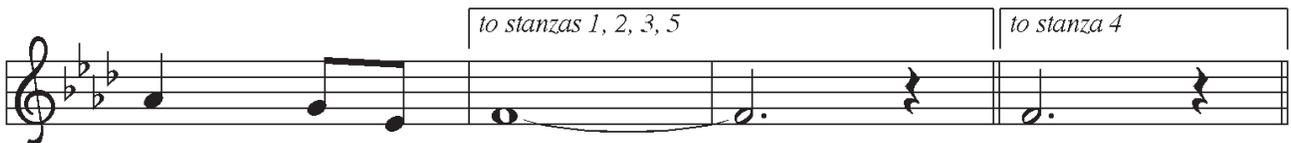
## Shepherd Me, O God

*Refrain*

All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from



death in - to life. life.

Leader or All



Leader or All



1 God is my shep-herd, so noth- ing shall I want, I  
2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you  
3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I



rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I  
lead me by path - ways of righ - teous - ness and truth, my  
fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

*Refrain*



walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.  
spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.  
rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

Leader or All



4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of

*Refrain*



ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

Leader or All



5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;



I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

*Final refrain*

All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -



yond my fears, from death in - to life.

# Blessing and Prayer after Communion

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you...

Let us pray. Faithful God,

**you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT IN JESUS' LOVE

### Announcements

### Blessing

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose.

And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

**Amen**

### Sending Hymn

### Let This Mind Be in Us

1. Let this mind be in us, the mind of Christ Je- sus: Who,  
2. Let this mind be in us, the mind of Christ Je- sus: He was

might- y as He was, did not hes - i- tate to kneel To  
born — in a barn, and He worked — as our Brother; He was

make Him-self a ser- vant, To spend His life for oth- ers -- O  
hum- ble and o - be- dient, He was faith- ful un- to death — -- O

Lord, give us this mind! — — — — — mind!  
Lord, give us this mind! — — — — — mind!

Chord markings: C, am7, F, G7, C, am, F, dm, C, G7, dm7, G7, em, am, F, C, dm7, G7, dm, am, dm, am, dm.

Let this mind be in us, the mind of Christ Jesus:  
For God raised Him up, and has given Him a new name;  
And God has raised us up, And made us Christ's own body --  
O Lord, give us this mind ----- !

### Sending

Go in peace. Let your light shine. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer Requested For:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For the People of Bethel Lutheran	May the wisdom and counsel of the Holy Spirit abide within the people of Bethel during this time of change and transition.	Staff
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
Katie Reitel & Family	Prayers for peace & assurance of God's love.	The Bentleys
Faith St. John	Healing and support as she undergoes treatment for cancer.	Staff
Jennifer Nevills, former YDIC director	Struggling with heart disease.	Karen Anderson
Family and friends of Bob Haggard	Prayers of peace after Bob Haggard's death Tuesday morning. We pray God may wipe all tears from their eyes.	Becky McAllister
David Gyles	Peace, assurance of God's presence and comfort; freedom from pain. Prayers of comfort for his companion Sandy Morris.	Bethel Care Team
Joan Barber	Peace and comfort and freedom from discomfort as she begins palliative care.	Pastor Core
Mary Rix	Prayers for continued healing after a successful surgery.	JulieAnn Edman
Faith Moser	Prayers for Faith, Joann Noll's mother to regain strength as she prepares to leave a skilled nursing facility.	Joann Noll
June and Wayne Hassebroke	Prayers healing and comfort as June recovers from surgery.	Bethel Care Team
The Fletcher Family	Prayers for peace and comfort as the family prepares for the upcoming trial.	Bethel Care Team
Travis	Prayers for peace and comfort as he battle with personal demons.	Anthony
Cody Jay	Prayer of peace after his girl passed away.	G.
<b>Our prayers continue for many among us:</b> for Timothy Collins, Elizabeth, Rob, Jacob Bard, Miles Bard, Annalu Lingnau, Ben Lingnau III, David Lingnau, Patricia Connor.		

Stewardship of Service	Today - February 16	Next Week - February 23
Ministers:	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor:	Pr. Joan Beck	Pr. John Beck
Music Director	Dr. Jamie Webster	Dr. Jamie Webster
Musician		
Usher:	Rhonda Bard	
Reader:		
Communion:		
Preparation of the Altar:		

# BETHEL NEWS

## † SERVICE SCHEDULE:

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- **Feb. 23**, Pastor John Beck

## COMING UP:

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- **Feb 16** | **Council Meeting**, *following worship*
- **Feb 23** | **Children's Transfiguration Play**, *during worship*
- **Feb 26** | **Ash Wednesday Service**, 7:30 pm
- **Feb 27** | **Clerical Error's Dress Rehearsal**, 7 pm *Free, details follow*
- **Mar 4** | **Lenten Wed. Soup Supper/Holden Vespers**, 6:15pm / 7:15pm, *details follow*
- **Feb 29** | **Women's Spirituality Group**, 8:30 at the Edman's

## SAVE THE DATE:

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- **Sept. 11-13** | **All Bethel members and friends are invited to the 2020 Annual Bethel Camp-Out**  
This will be at Milo McIver State Park, at the Steelhead site, where we were last year. Contact Scott Burris, Tana Bishop or one of the other Campers Extraordinaire.

## OTHER NEWS

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### Good News for our Lenten Traditions!

#### Ash Wednesday

Pastor Larry Jorgensen, official FOB, is helping with Ash Wednesday with Jamie Webster.

#### Remainder of Lent

We will continue into Lent with our Lenten practice of Wednesday soup suppers with Jaime Vandenberg as our musician for the Holden Vespers to follow the soup suppers.

Sign up sheets will be available each Sunday, both for attendance and for helping with a pot of soup.

#### Schedule

- 2/26** | **7:30 pm** Ash Wednesday Service
- 3/04** | **6:15 pm** Soup supper & **7:15 pm** Holden Vespers
- 3/11** | **6:15 pm** Soup supper & **7:15 pm** Holden Vespers
- 3/18** | **6:15 pm** Soup supper & **7:15 pm** Holden Vespers
- 3/25** | **6:15 pm** Soup supper & **7:15 pm** Holden Vespers
- 4/01** | **6:15 pm** Soup supper & **7:15 pm** Holden Vespers

#### Contact person:

JulieAnn Edman,  
593-984-7930 (text or call)  
jedman999@gmail.com

## **Wanted!!! Audience Members for Dress Rehearsal, Thursday, February 27 at 7:30 pm**

We need audience members for our dress rehearsal on February 27th at 7:30 pm. The price is right....it is free. So we are asking all members and FOB's to please come and help us out on this night....even if they have tickets for another show. It will definitely improve and they will get to see the improvement.



### **Bethel Players Present Clerical Errors**

#### **Performance Dates:**

- **Dress Rehearsal** Feb 27 | 7 pm, Free
- **Friday Night Informal** Feb 28 & Mar 6 | 7 pm, \$15 advance or \$17 door
- **Saturday Matinée** Feb 29 & Mar 7 | 1:30 pm, \$10 door
- **Saturday Dinner** Feb 29 & Mar 7 | 7 pm, \$20 advance or \$22 door
- **Sunday Dessert** Mar 1 & Mar 8 | 3 pm, \$15 advance or \$17 door

#### **Purchase Tickets Online at Eventbrite**

**Direct link:** <https://clericalerrors.eventbrite.com>

**Call:** 503-285-4919 and leave a message to reserve tickets

**or email:** [bethelplayers@bethelpdx.org](mailto:bethelplayers@bethelpdx.org)

## **Women's Spirituality Group, 2/15, Saturday, 8:30 am at Bethel**

**NOTE:** *this is a change in location.*

### **Come have fun with us at Bethel!**

We plan to dabble in art by making pictures and/or masks using the medium of collage by bouncing off of Jan Richardson's idea about trying to imagine the different faces of God or the different faces we want to show to God. If you have the book "in Wisdoms Path" check out her musings on page 38. She talks about learning "...how to show our true faces to God and to one another." Also remember, we're getting close to Mardi Gras. Come have fun with us at Bethel. Finger food will be available to munch on as we bring out our imagination and have fun together!

### **Future Saturday Dates: 2/29, 3/14**

Blessings to all,

JulieAnn,

503-984-7930

[jedman999@gmail.com](mailto:jedman999@gmail.com)



## Kitchen Volunteers Needed for Clerical Errors

**Dear Bethelites** (*members, FOBs, neighbors, and relatives thereof!*),

Kitchen volunteers are the Bethel Players who make the play performances a reality! Sure the actors act and the singers sing, but the kitchen crew welcomes folks, serves them food and drink and dessert, tidies up the tables, and wrangles everyone into an audience that is well-fed and happy to sit back and enjoy the acting and singing!

### Can you assist with any of the 2020 performances of Clerical Errors?

We have MANY job slots identified for each play date, so that you can choose as long a time and as many tasks as you want. Feel free to sign up for one focused effort or for several. All help is appreciated.

### Three Ways to Sign Up

1. Online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AACA62AAAF94-bethel>
2. Paper: announced and passed around each Sunday.
3. Call or email: Ronda to let her know slots you want to claim. Ronda Bard, cell 503 307 5706, [ronda.bard@gmail.com](mailto:ronda.bard@gmail.com)

### BENEFITS for volunteers:

- If you work in the kitchen, you can watch the play for free.
- You get a free meal or dessert, depending on the performance.
- You become an official Bethel Player!
- You are loved...

We have an exciting play this year. Thanks for spreading the word and helping us serve our fabulous audiences. See you soon! Ronda Bard and Svea Erickson and Nash Ababu  
Best Regards, Ronda Bard

