



# 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 12, 2020

## Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church



We are glad you are here with us via Zoom 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. 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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### Communion

We will celebrate Holy Communion together via zoom -- a temporary practice during this time of forced social distancing. Please have bread/cracker(s) and a cup of wine/grape juice ready, if you and those with you would like to participate. If you do not have access to wine/grape juice, you may receive Communion without the cup – Christ is present in the bread, as Jesus said, "I am the bread of Life.

## GATHERING

### Call to Worship (based on Isaiah 55)

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

**So shall my Word be that goes out from my mouth, says the Lord.**

My Word shall not return to me empty, says the Lord,

**But shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I send it!**



# Hymn

## *As the Rain from the Clouds*, verses 1 & 2



1 As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth,  
 2 As grain that is scat - tered your word has been sown  
 3 As rays of the sun shall your word light the world,



as snow from the heav - ens re - fresh - ing the land.  
 on rocks and on road - ways, in good earth and sand.  
 a - wak - ing and warm - ing and heal - ing our land.



Then soft - en our soil that the good seed may grow  
 Make fer - tile our soil that the good seed may grow  
 Then shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow



and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.  
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 and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.



We praise you, our God, for the dew of your word;  
 We praise you, our God, for the seed of your word;  
 We praise you, our God, for the light of your word;



we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.  
 we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.  
 we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.



We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,  
 We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,  
 We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,



for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.  
 for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.  
 for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.

## Song

## Sowing the Seeds of Love, Tears For Fears

High time, we made a stand  
And shook up the views of the common man  
The love train rides from coast to coast  
DJ's the man we love the most

Could you be, could you be squeaky clean and smash any hope of democracy  
As the headline says you're free to choose  
There's egg on your face and mud on your shoes  
One of these days they're gonna call it the blues yeah, yeah

Sowing the seeds of love, seeds of love, sowing the seeds  
Sowing the seeds of love, seeds of love, sowing the seeds

I spy tears in their eyes they look to the skies  
For some kind of divine intervention  
Food goes to waste  
So nice to eat, so nice to taste

Politician granny with your high ideals  
Have you no idea how the majority feels?  
So without love and a promised land  
We're fools to the rules of a government plan  
Kick out the style, bring back the jam, yeah, yeah

Sowing the seeds of love, seeds of love, sowing the seeds  
Sowing the seeds of love, seeds of love, sowing the seeds

Sowing the seeds of love, seeds of love, sowing the seeds  
Sowing the seeds of love, seeds of love, sowing the seeds

An end to need  
The politics of greed

Sowing the seeds of love, seeds of love, sowing the seeds  
Sowing the seeds of love



## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together:

**Divine Gardener, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit may it find good soil, take root and grow in faith, hope and love. Through Jesus Christ the Sower and our Savior. Amen.**

# WORD

## Reading

## *Romans 8:1-11*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



# Gospel Hymn

## Now the Feast and Celebration



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

## Reading

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

## Children's Time

### Hymn

***Every Time I Feel The Spirit***

### Sermon



## Hymn

## Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

## Prayers of Intercession

The response to each prayer will be: Hear us, O Lord.

**Your mercy is great!**

## Sharing the Peace

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy and peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always

**And also with you.**

## Offering and Affirmation of Giving (based on Matthew 13:22 and 1 Timothy 6:7-9, 18-19)

Jesus said that the cares of the world and the lure of money and material things can choke the Word in us, so that it yields nothing.

**We bring nothing into this world, and we take nothing out of it.**

**We who call Jesus Lord devote ourselves to resisting greed, which plunges the human heart into ruin, and pierces it with many griefs.**

**We are determined to practice generosity with free hearts, fixing our hope on God and not the uncertainty of wealth.**

**We desire to be rich in good deeds and willing to share all that we have, laying up for ourselves treasure that will not decay but will shine in the age to come.**

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# COMMUNION

## Eucharistic Prayer

*The pastor will guide you when to take the bread & cup and eat & drink*

Holy God, Mighty Wind, Gentle Presence:

**Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and on these gifts of bread and fruit of the vine.**

Bless this meal and breathe new life into us.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to disciples, saying, Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, and gave thanks; and gave it for all to drink, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all people, that sins may be forgiven. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## 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.**

## Sharing the Bread and Cup





# SENDING

## Announcements

### Sending Hymn

May the Lord bless and keep you  
May His face shine up you and be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His  
Face toward you  
And give you peace

Amen, amen, amen  
Amen, amen, amen

### *The Blessing*

### Blessing

God bless you and keep you steadfast in God's Word,  
God give you ears to hear the Word,  
and God give you (+) understanding and faith to bring forth fruit,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

Go in peace. Bear much fruit—a hundred fold, sixty, and thirty!

**Thanks be to God!**

### Postlude

***Let Love Rule,*** Lenny Kravitz



Prayer Requested For:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For the world	Prayers for assurance of God's love and healing as we work together during this global pandemic.	Staff
For all who have lost their jobs	Prayers of strength and counsel as many cope with job losses during this global trial.	Staff
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
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
David Gyles	Continued prayers for David and Sandy as David continues to struggle with his lung problems	Bethel Care Team
Joan Barber	Peace and comfort and freedom from discomfort as she begins palliative care.	Pastor Core
Marlo & JulieAnn Edman	Continued prayers for Marlo as he gains strength and mobility. Prayers for patience, strength and endurance for JulieAnn.	JulieAnn Edman
The Griffin Family	Prayers for, the Griffin family, their son Harry, is hospitalized and is receiving chemotherapy cancer.	Tana & Scott Burris
Laurie Ross (FOB & Bethel Player)	Prayers of healing for Laurie Ross who broke her foot & ankle on 6/6. She's home recovering & may need surgery	Svea Erickson
Bethel's guests and volunteers	Peace and safety for Bethel's guests and volunteers who we cannot be with at this time, and especially for Rich Blackwood and Leo.	Joann Noll
Paul Hansen (Joyce & Warren's oldest son)	Healing, strength and comfort after colon cancer diagnosis; surgery scheduled for July.	Bethel Care Team
Carol and John Knight	Prayers for Carol and John Knight as he's isolated in memory care unit during the pandemic.	Karen Anderson
Cari Catlow	Prayers of healing and a good outcome for Cari Catlow, Bethel Players main Box Office person. She is having surgery for an ovarian cyst.	Karen Anderson
<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 - July 12 Virtual	Next Week- July 17 Virtual
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Pastor Scott Dunfee	Pastor Scott Dunfee
Music Director	Dr. Kathleen Hollingsworth	Dr. Kathleen Hollingsworth
Musician	Brent Follis, drums Tim Gilson Bass	

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