



9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 2, 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.

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 Psalm 145)

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

God is good to all, and God's compassion is over all that God has made.

The eyes of all look to you, O God,

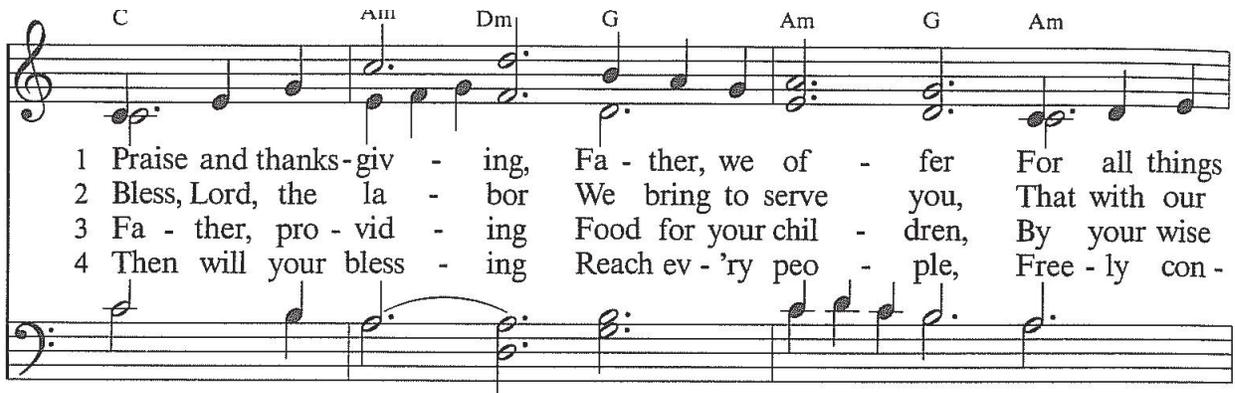
And you give them their food in due season; you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.



Hymn

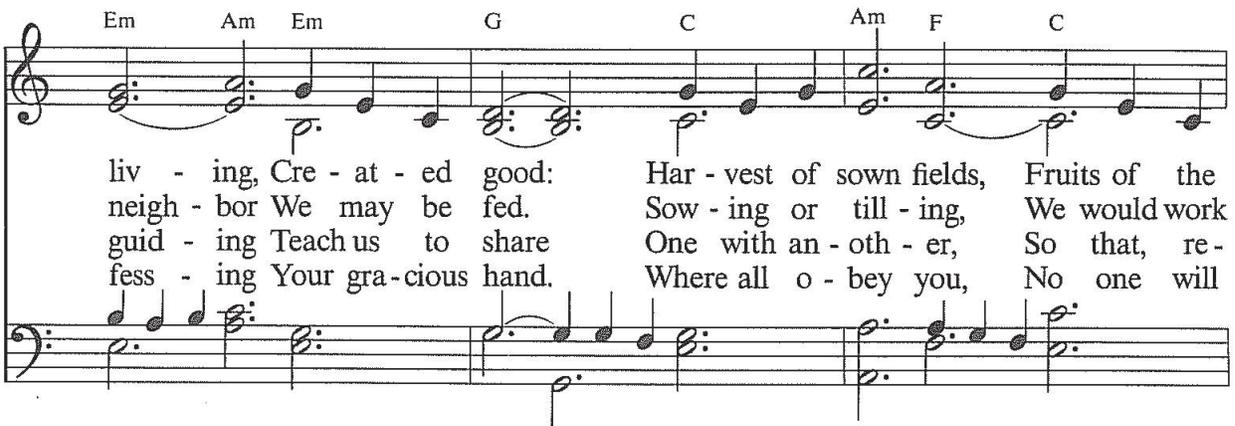
Praise and Thanksgiving, verses 1 & 3

C Am Dm G Am G Am



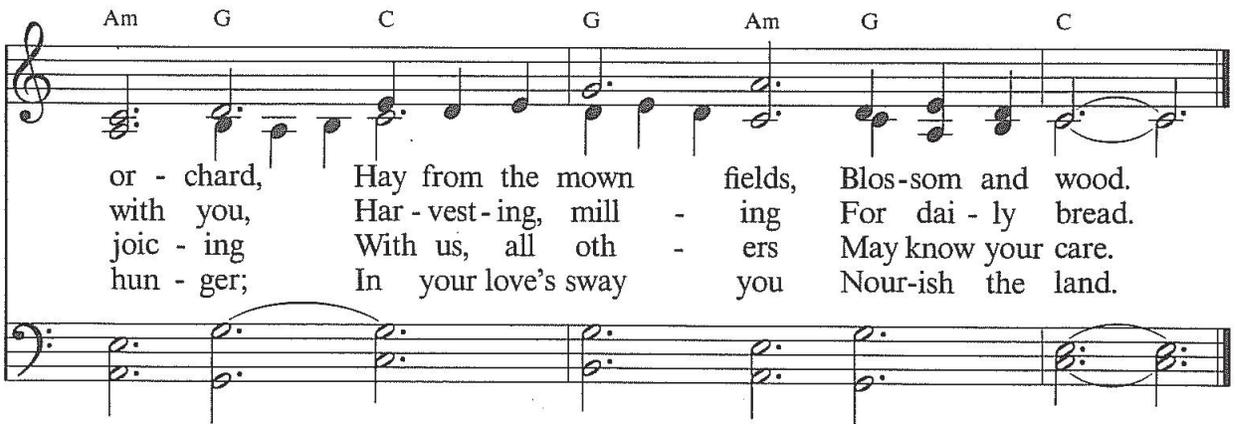
1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve you, That with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for your chil - dren, By your wise
4 Then will your bless - ing Reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, Free - ly con -

Em Am Em G C Am F C



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -
fess - ing Your gra - cious hand. Where all o - bey you, No one will

Am G C G Am G C



or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.
with you, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know your care.
hun - ger; In your love's sway you Nour - ish the land.



Contemporary Hymn

*It's there in the newborn cry
There in the light of every sunrise
There in the shadows of this life
Your great grace*

*It's there on the mountain top
There in the everyday and the mundane
There in the sorrow and the dancing
Your great grace
Oh such grace*

*From the creation to the cross
There from the cross into eternity
Your grace finds me, yes your grace finds me*

*It's there on a wedding day
There in the weeping by the graveside
There in the very breath we breathe
Your great grace*

*The same for the rich and poor
The same for the saint and for the sinner
Enough for this whole wide world
Your great grace
Oh such grace*

Your Grace Finds Me, Shane and Shane

*From the creation to the cross
There from the cross into eternity
Your grace finds me, yes your grace finds me*

*There in the darkest night of the soul
There in the sweetest songs of victory
Your grace finds me
Yes your grace finds me*

*Your great grace
Oh such grace
Your great grace
Oh such grace
The same for the rich and poor
The same for the saint and for the sinner
Enough for this whole wide world
Your great grace
Oh such grace*

*So I'm breathing in Your grace
And breathing out Your praise
I'm breathing in Your grace
Forever I'll be*

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together:

Gracious God, your generosity and love water the world with goodness and grace, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Lover of our Souls. Amen.

WORD

Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



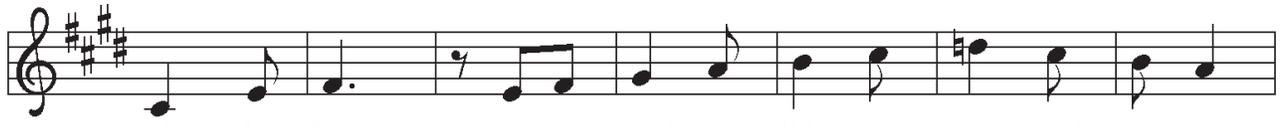
Gospel Hymn

Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain



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.

Refrain



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



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



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



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord!

Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

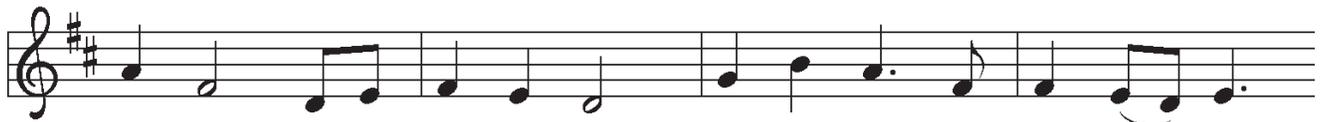
Children's Time

Sermon



Hymn

We Come to the Hungry Feast, verses 1, 2 & 3



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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.

Please Donate to Bethel using Give Plus: Donate by Text:

(855) 944-1171 or one of our other options:

<http://bethelpdx.org/donate/>

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.

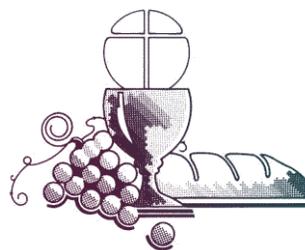
Bless this meal and breathe new life into us.

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

Farewell and Godspeed for Meghan & Jesse, Jacob, Clare & Simon

In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of the Church, which is the Body of Christ. When you came to Bethel, this congregation rejoiced to welcome you. In this community of faith we hope you have come to know more and share in God's loving purpose for you and for all creation. God has blessed you in this community, and God has blessed Bethel through you.

We encourage you to continue to receive and share God's gifts in Minnesota, united with us in the Body of Christ and the mission we all share. And now we want to pray for you:

Eternal God, we thank you for Meghan and Jesse, Jacob, Clare and Simon;

We thank you for the time we have shared with them. As they have been a blessing to us, so now send them forth to be a blessing to others. Guide them and keep them safe in their travel and throughout their time of transition, that they may travel with the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, Jesus Christ our Lord and Lover of our Souls. Amen.

Sending Hymn

The Lord bless you and keep you
May His face shine upon 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

Jesus, the Bread of Life and Cup of Love, reminds us:
Come to me and never be hungry; trust in me and you will not thirst!
For passionately and unconditionally God loves us.
Completely and utterly, God loves us.
Now (+) and forever, God loves us.

Amen.

Go in the power of that love. Share the Bread of Life!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Carry Me Through



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
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
Greg Hamilton and Glenn Chase	Prayers peace and comfort on the death of Greg's dad, Bill	Karen Anderson
Our prayers continue for many among us: for Timothy Collins, Elizabeth, Rob, Jacob Bard, Miles Bard, Annalu Lingnau, Ben Lingnau III, David Lingnau, Patricia Connor.		

Stewardship of Service	Today - Aug 2 Virtual	Next Week-Aug 9 Virtual
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Pastor Scott Dunfee	Pastor Scott Dunfee
Music Director	Dr. Kathleen Hollingsworth	Jamie Vandenburg
Musician		

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**JESUS FEEDS 5000 WITH
2 FISH AND 5 LOAVES**

