



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

August 30, 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

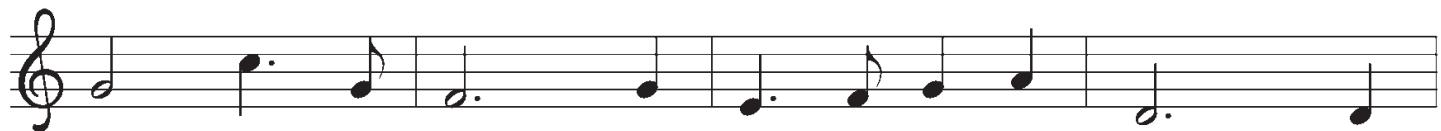
### Invocation of God's Presence

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, (+) one God,  
**the Fountain of Living Water,**  
**the Rock who gave us birth,**  
**our Light and our Salvation. Amen.**



## Hymn

## *Lift High the Cross*, verses 2, 3 & 4



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

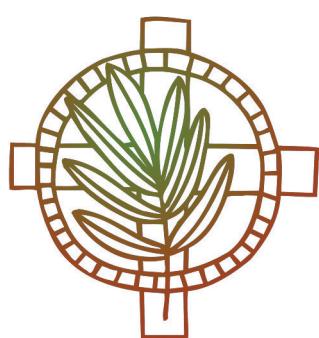


1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!



## Kyrie

## In Peace, in Peace, Let Us Pray to the Lord

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

people here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

## Canticle of Praise

## 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

*Refrain*

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

*Refrain*

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

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

*Refrain*

God; to make all things new.

# WORD

## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together:

**O God, we thank you for Jesus, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world.**

**Encourage us by his example, to reject violence, and point us to the way of the cross and the empty tomb, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Lover of our Souls. Amen.**

## Reading

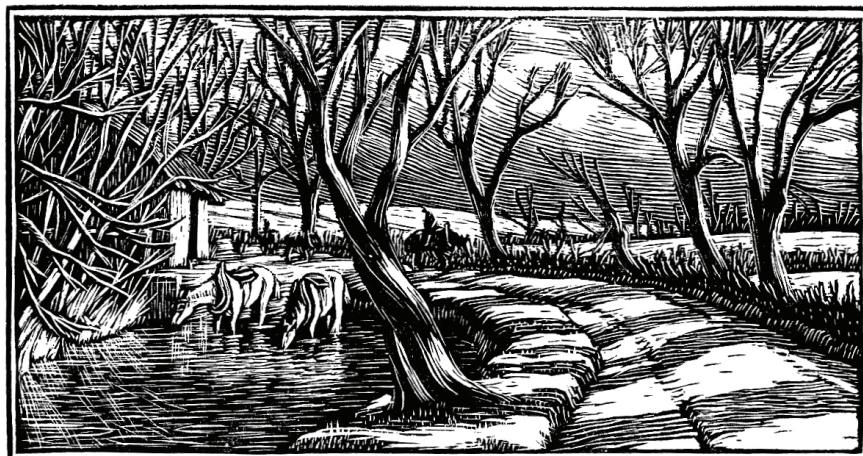
**Romans 12:9-21**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay," says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## Gospel Acclamation

## Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Reading

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

## Children's Time

## Sermon



## Hymn

## Beneath the Cross of Jesus, verses 1 & 3

1 Be -neath the cross of Je -sus I long to take my stand;  
2 Up -on the cross of Je -sus, my eye at times can see  
3 I take, O cross, your shad -ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad -ow of a might-y rock with -in a wea - ry land,  
the ver -y dy -ing form of one who suf -fered there for me.  
I ask no oth -er sun -shine than the sun -shine of his face;

a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up -on the way,  
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn -ing of the noon -tide heat and bur -dens of the day.  
the . . . won -der of his glo -rious love and my un -wor -thi - ness.  
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo -ry all, the cross.

## 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

**Praise to You, O God of Mercy**, verses 1 & 3

A musical score for a single voice in G major, common time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics for the first stanza are:

1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -  
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -  
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -

A continuation of the musical score. The lyrics for the second stanza are:

ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:  
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:

A continuation of the musical score. The lyrics for the third stanza are:

3rd time to Coda  $\oplus$  [1] [2]

thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
thanks be to you for -

A continuation of the musical score. The lyrics for the fourth stanza are:

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -

A continuation of the musical score. The lyrics for the fifth stanza are:

mem - b'ring your cov - e-nant of life with us.

*to stanza 3*

## Blessing

Jesus chose the way of the cross to give us life!  
Jesus chose the way of the cross to witness to  
how passionately and unconditionally God loves us,  
how completely and utterly God loves us,  
now (+) and forever, God loves us.

**Amen.**

Go in that love. Serve the Giver of Life!

**Thanks be to God!**

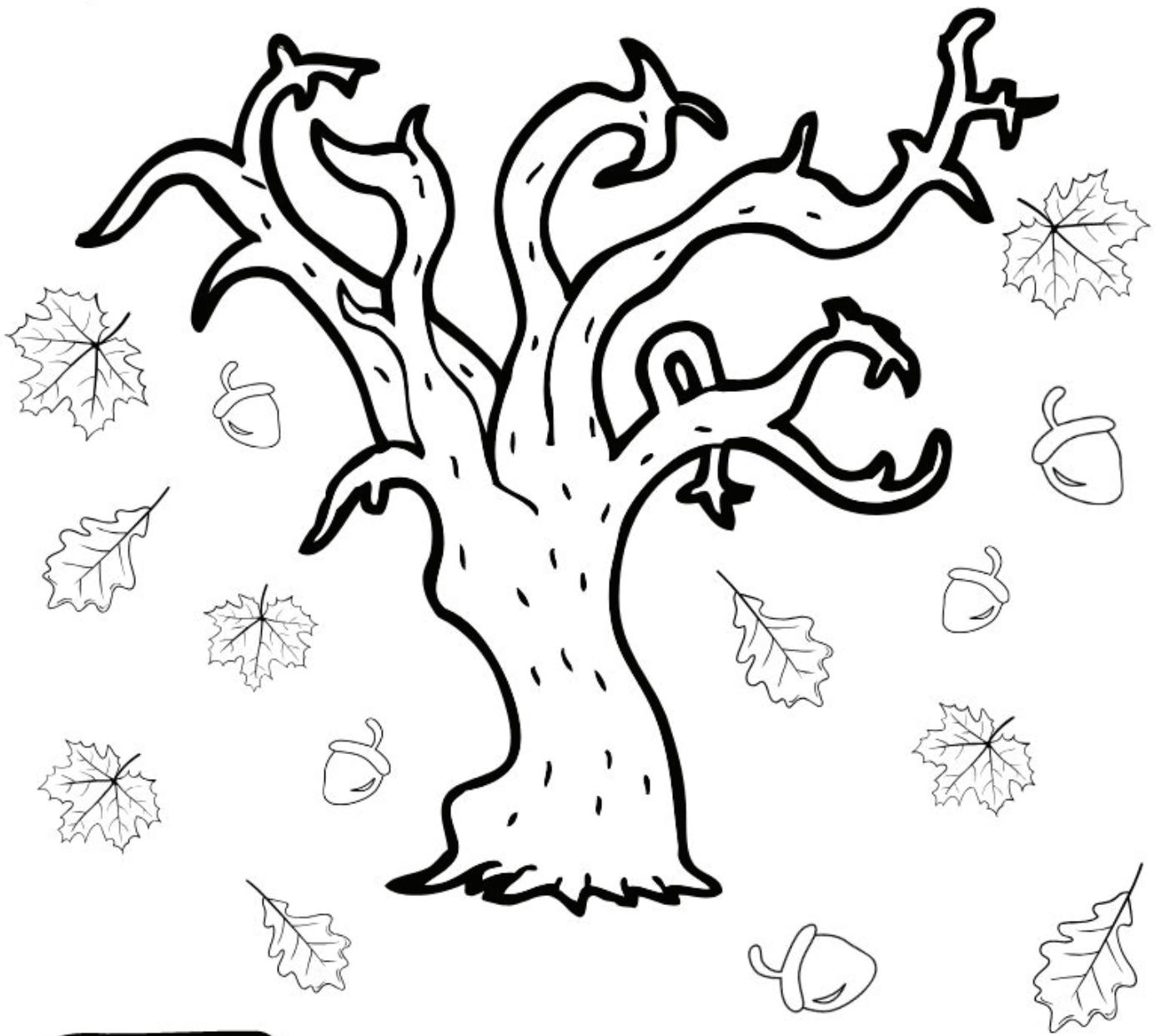
## Postlude

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	Prayers for gratitude as Marlo is recovering so well after his surgery.	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
<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 - Aug 30 Virtual	Next Week - Sept 6 Virtual
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Pastor Scott Dunfee	Pastor Scott Dunfee
Music Director	Kathleen Hollingsworth	Kathleen Hollingsworth
Musician	Jamie Vandenburg	Jamie Vandenburg
Cantor	PJ Bentley	

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