



# 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST and Festival of St. Luke the Physician, Evangelist



**October 18, 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 Psalm 103)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's blessings—who forgives all our sin and heals all our diseases,**

Who redeems our lives from the Pit, and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy,

**Who satisfies us with good things as long as we live, so that our strength is renewed like the eagle's.**



## Hymn

## O Christ the Healer, We Have Come



1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
2 From ev - 'ry ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;  
3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;  
4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?  
yet in our hearts we would con-fess that whole-ness is our deep-est need.  
our com-mon life de-clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?  
the whole-ness that, en-rich-ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man-kind.

## Contemporary Hymn

## It Is Well With My Soul Spafford/Bliss

Arr. Don Moen, adapted for Bethel

When peace like a river attendeth my way  
When sorrow like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say  
It is well, it is well with my soul  
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Was nailed to the cross and I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Oh My Soul  
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul.  
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul



## **Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together:

**Almighty and All-tender God, you inspired your servant Luke to reveal in his writings your love and healing power come to us in Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Give your church that same love and power to heal, that all people may know the salving and wholeness of your grace in all things, through Christ the Healer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **Reading**

### **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

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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.

## Reading

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

**Matthew 22:15-22**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

## Children's Time

## Sermon

## Hymn

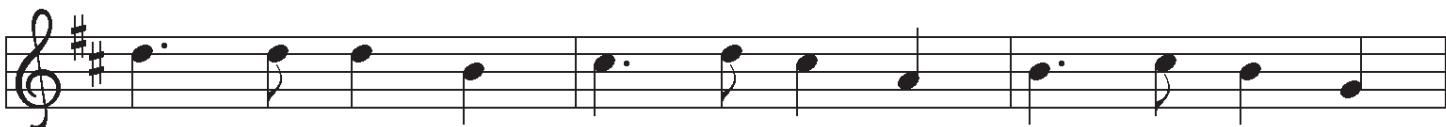
**Healer of Our Every Ill**, verses 1 & 2

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Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your  
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is  
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,  
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

*Refrain*



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com-pas - sion, fill each heart.

## **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.**

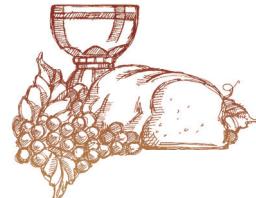
Bless this meal and breathe new life into us.

**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

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

God, who is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance,  
so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work,  
salve (+), supply, and support you, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Go in peace. Heal what is broken. Give to God the things that are God's.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

### *Encourage My Soul*



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 those affected by wildfires	Prayers of strength and counsel for the thousands of people affected by the wildfires.	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
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
Pastor Christine and John Core	Prayers of strength and courage for them after the loss of their home along the McKenzie River to a wildfire.	Joann Noll
Pastor Scott Dunfee	Prayers of healing and comfort for after is oral surgery.	Staff
The Griffin Family	Harry is back at home after a successful surgery and just had his first day of kindergarten (also his first day of chemo). He will need to continue physical therapy and chemo, but is in good spirits. Your prayers are appreciated.	Staff
<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 - Oct 18 Virtual	Next Week-Oct 25 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

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For with

*God Nothing  
Shall Be  
Impossible*

- Luke 1:37

