



18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 26, 2021

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

Prelude

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 19)

The Word of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

The reverence of the Lord enlightens the heart, and is more to be desired than much fine gold.

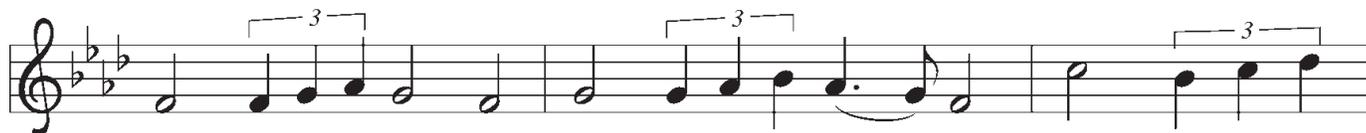
Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God.

O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer, cleanse us and clear us from all our hidden faults.

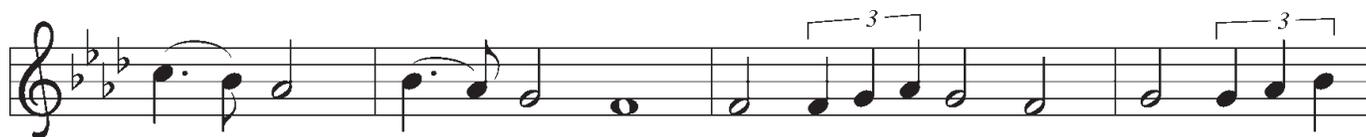


Hymn

The Strong Word, verses 1 & 3



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



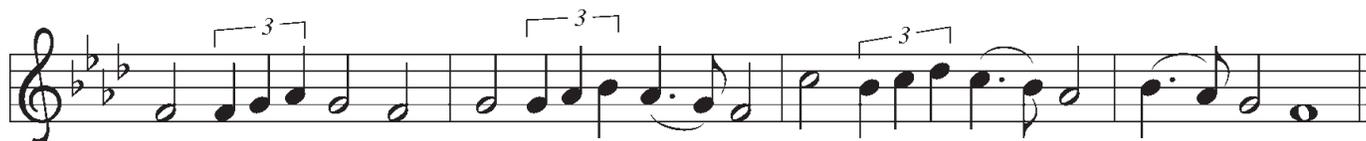
speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

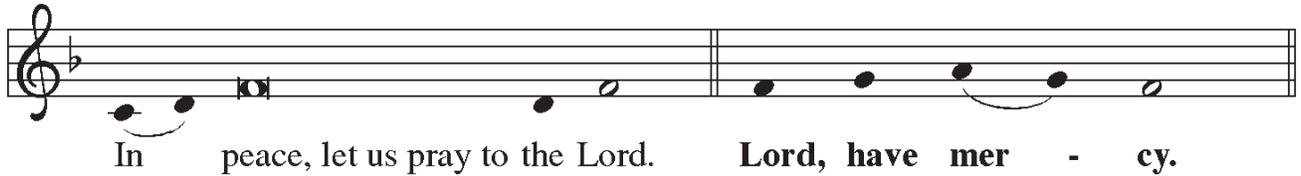
Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

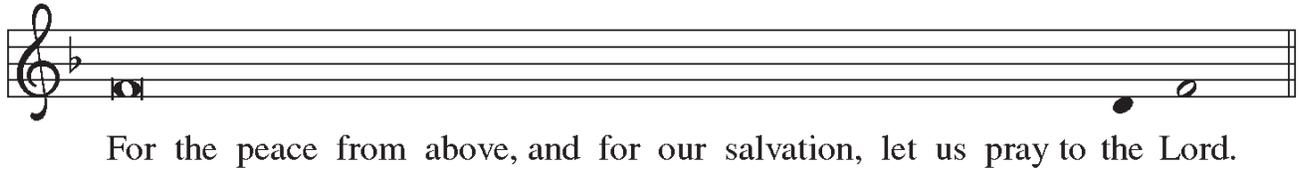
And also with you.

Kyrie

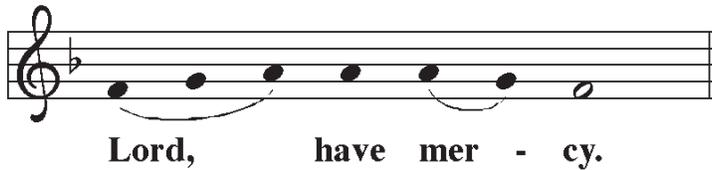
In Peace, Let Us Pray to the Lord



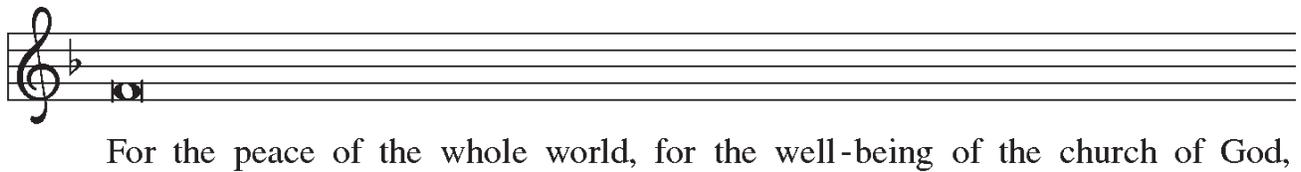
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



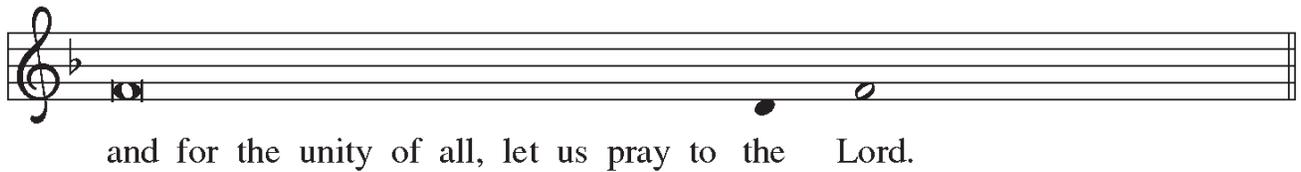
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



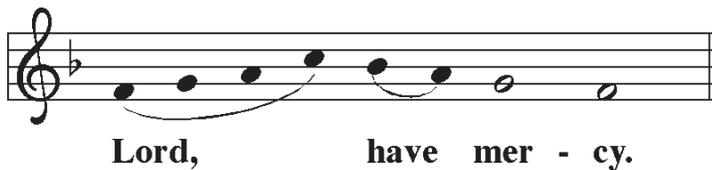
Lord, have mer - cy.



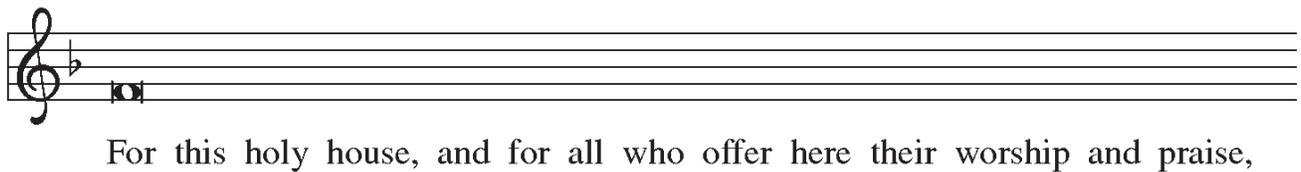
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



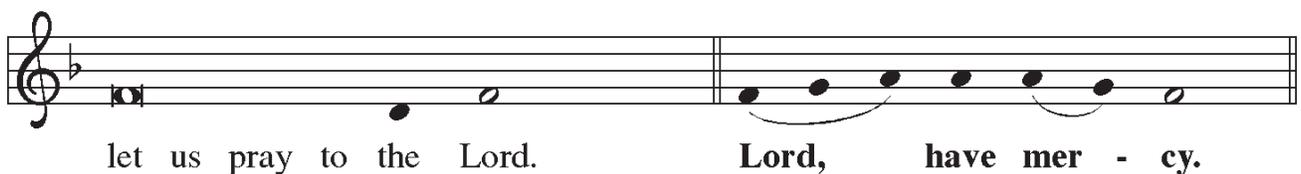
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



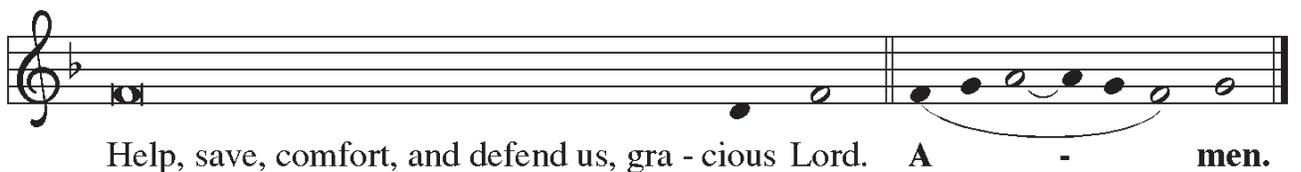
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Hymn of Praise

This Is the Feast of Victory for Our God

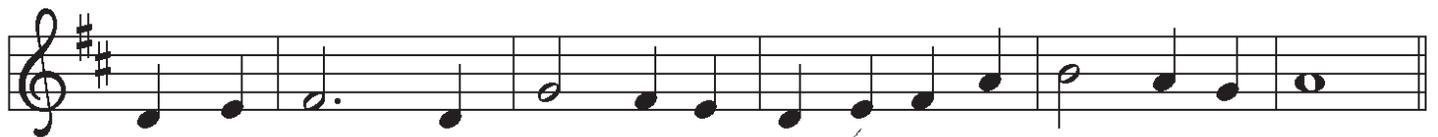
Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

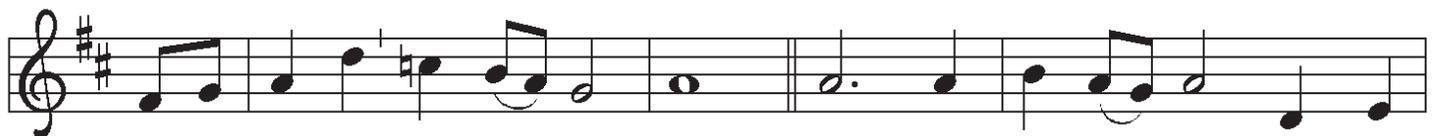


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

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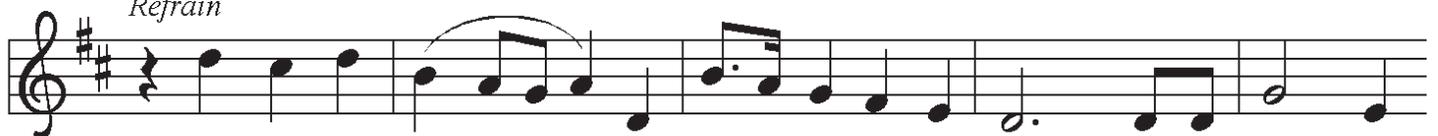


al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

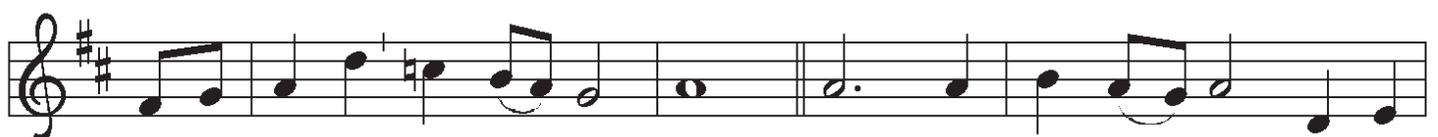


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

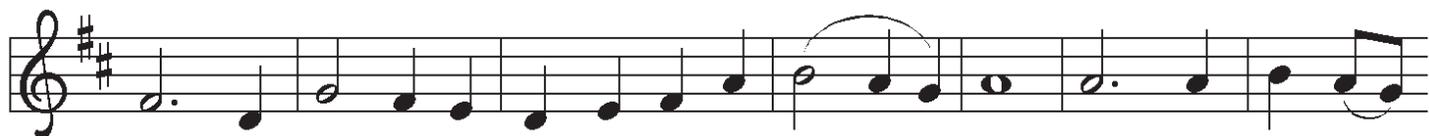
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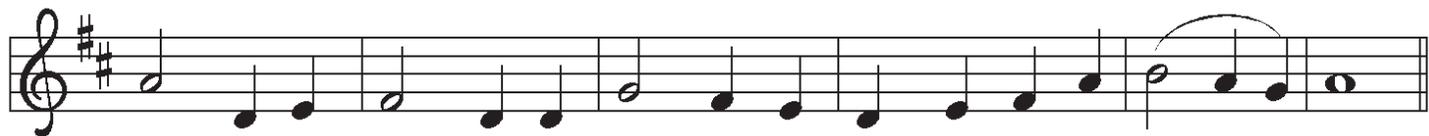
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

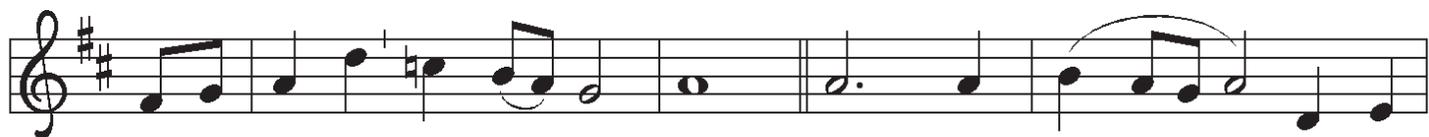


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



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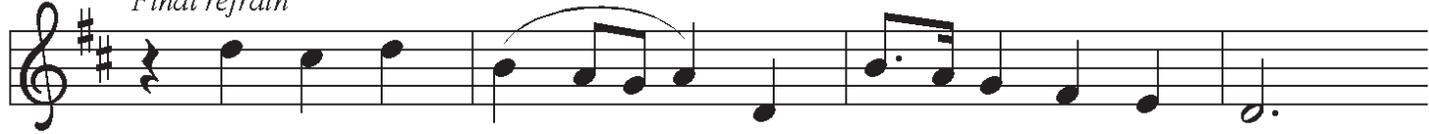


al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

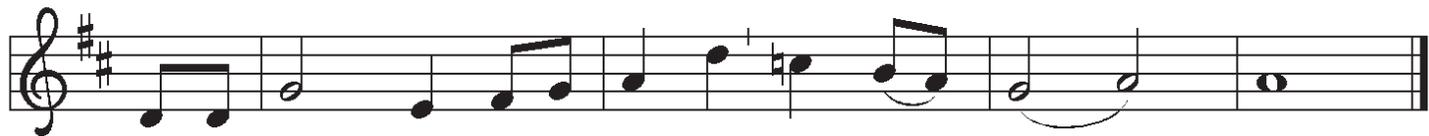


slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.



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

THE WORD

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together:

God of Love, Giver of Life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us grace to overcome them, cut us off from those things that harm us and guide us in the way of healing and wholeness, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lover of our Souls. Amen.

Reading

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Word of God, Word of Life.

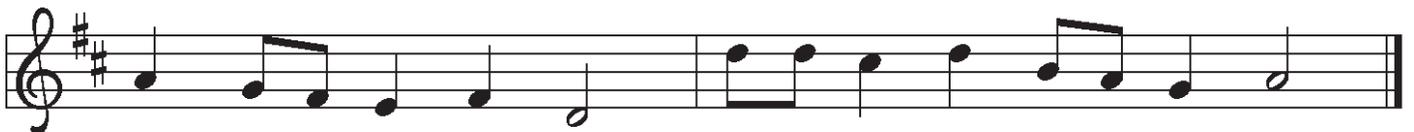
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?



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



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord!

Mark 9:38-50

John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Children's Time

Sermon

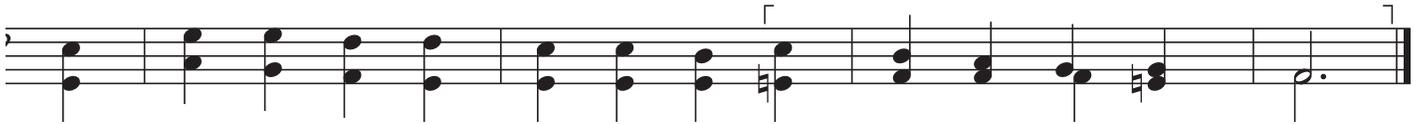


Hymn

Lord Jesus, Think on Me, verses 1 - 3



1 Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin;
2 Lord Jesus, think on me, by anxious thoughts oppressed
3 Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray;



from selfish passions set me free, and make me pure within.
let me your loving servant be and taste your promised rest.
through darkness and perplexity point your the chosen way.

Prayers of Intercession

The response to each prayer will be: God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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.

For Christ has died. Christ is risen. And Christ will come again!

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Additionally you may be donate by mail.*

COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer

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

Living God, Giver of Life, as your Spirit moved over the waters at creation,

Move over bread and cup and grace our table with your life-giving presence!

As your Spirit filled disciples on the day of Pentecost,

Set our hearts on fire with your love and empower us for ministry through this meal!

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, 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.

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

Communion Hymn

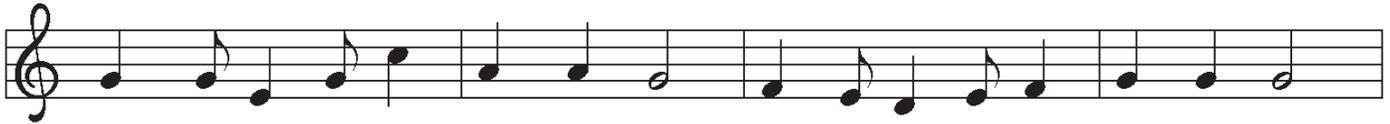


SENDING

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ, verses 1 & 3



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Blessing

Gracious God, Creator, (+) Christ, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Postlude

Go, My Children With My Blessing,
Welsch Hymn, Ralph Vaughan Williams

Sharing the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

You may remain on zoom to share the peace and visit with your Bethel Family.

Stewardship of Service	This Week - Sept 26	Next Week - Oct 3
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Rev. Dr. Scott Dunfee	Rev. Dr. Scott Dunfee
Music Director	Dr. Kathleen Hollingsworth	Dr. Kathleen Hollingsworth
Zoom Host	Summer Kaplan	

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 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 all educators, students, families, and supporters!	Pray for health, stamina, well-being, and passion for learning for all educators, students, families, and supporters!	Ronda Bard
Faith St. John	Healing & support as she undergoes cancer treatment.	Staff
David Gyles	Continued prayers for David & 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
Pastor Christine and John Core	Prayers for the Cores after they lost their McKenzie River to a wildfire.	Joann Noll
The Griffin Family	Prayer for Harry as he continues physical therapy & chemo, but is in good spirits.	Staff
Katie Reitel and her Family	Prayers for peace and comfort as Katie is in hospice care with a long battle with brain cancer. She is at home with her husband Matt, her 7-year-old son Teddy, and her mom Liz. Please keep her and family in your prayers during this difficult time.	The Bentleys
Jim Van Dyke	Prayers for Jim after his surgery while he undergoes further treatment for cancer.	Karen Anderson
Cheyenne and Kent Marx, Pastor Glenn's niece & husband	Prayers for Cheyenne and Kent Marx as they live through the consequences of the accident that killed Glenn's nephew Colton.	Karen Anderson
Mitch Fletcher & Family	Prayers for Mitch Fletcher and his family.	Karen Anderson
Gina Marie	Prayers of healing for Gina Marie as she continues to recover from injuries.	Holly Redfern
The Bethel Call Committee	Prayers for clear thinking, compassion, and stamina for the Call Committee!	Rhonda Bard
Mary Hollingsworth (Kathleen's mom)	Prayers of healing for Mary Hollingsworth, recovering from a broken leg	Holly Redfern
Rose Marie (Ray Bard's niece)	Prayers for Rose Marie, in the midst of wildfires and evacuated from her home.	Holly Redfern
Leo Lawrence	Prayers for Leo Lawrence, being treated for kidney cancer.	Karen Anderson
Our prayers continue for many among us: for Timothy Collins, Elizabeth, Rob, Jacob Bard, Miles Bard, Patricia Connor.		

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