



# 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship with Holy Communion  
July 3, 2022

## Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church



We are glad you are here with us—in person and 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, as well as gathered in person. 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 or grape juice, you may receive Communion without the cup—Christ is present in the bread, as Jesus said, “I am the Bread of Life.” (John 6:35)

## GATHERING

**Prelude**

**The Star Spangled Banner**

*By Francis Scott Key*



*Restrooms are located in the basement on the east side of the building. An all gender restroom is located behind the worship space next to the church office. Please ask the Usher or Greeter for assistance. There is also a rocking chair in the rear of the Sanctuary. Please use it as you wish.*

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## Confession and Absolution

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**We confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

**Amen.**



Praise to You, O God of Mercy



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 -



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:



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



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



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



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

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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

**O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

### Scripture Reading

*Isaiah 66:10-14*

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>10</sup>Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,  
all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,  
all you who mourn over her—

<sup>11</sup>that you may nurse and be satisfied  
from her consoling breast;  
that you may drink deeply with delight  
from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup>For thus says the Lord:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,  
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;  
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,  
and dandled on her knees.

<sup>13</sup>As a mother comforts her child,  
so I will comfort you;  
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup>You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;  
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;  
and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants,  
and his indignation is against his enemies.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



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

**Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' "

<sup>16</sup>"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!"

<sup>18</sup>He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children's Time

## Sermon

## Hymn of the Day

## The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

First verse in Spanish, second in English

### The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

#### *Enviado soy de Dios*

En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta, es - tá  
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,  
pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.  
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live,  
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar  
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain  
un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;  
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;  
me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.  
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.  
A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

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## Prayers of Intercession

*The response to each prayer is: God of grace, hear our prayer.*

**Sharing of Peace** – *Take time to share the peace on Zoom and in person*

## COMMUNION MEAL

*For those worshiping virtually, please gather your bread and wine to participate in Holy Communion.*

### Offering

*You may use one of our options for giving online at: <http://bethelpdx.org/donate> or by text using Give Plus: (855) 944-1171 or Venmo @BethelLutheran-Church. Additionally you may donate by mail or, if worshiping in-person, use the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for supporting the many ministries of Bethel!*

### Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**you have set before us a plentiful harvest.**

**As we feast on your goodness,**

**strengthen us to labor in your field,**

**and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,**

**in the name of Jesus.**

**Amen.**

### Great Thanksgiving

*The Pastor will guide you when to take the bread and cup to eat and drink.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

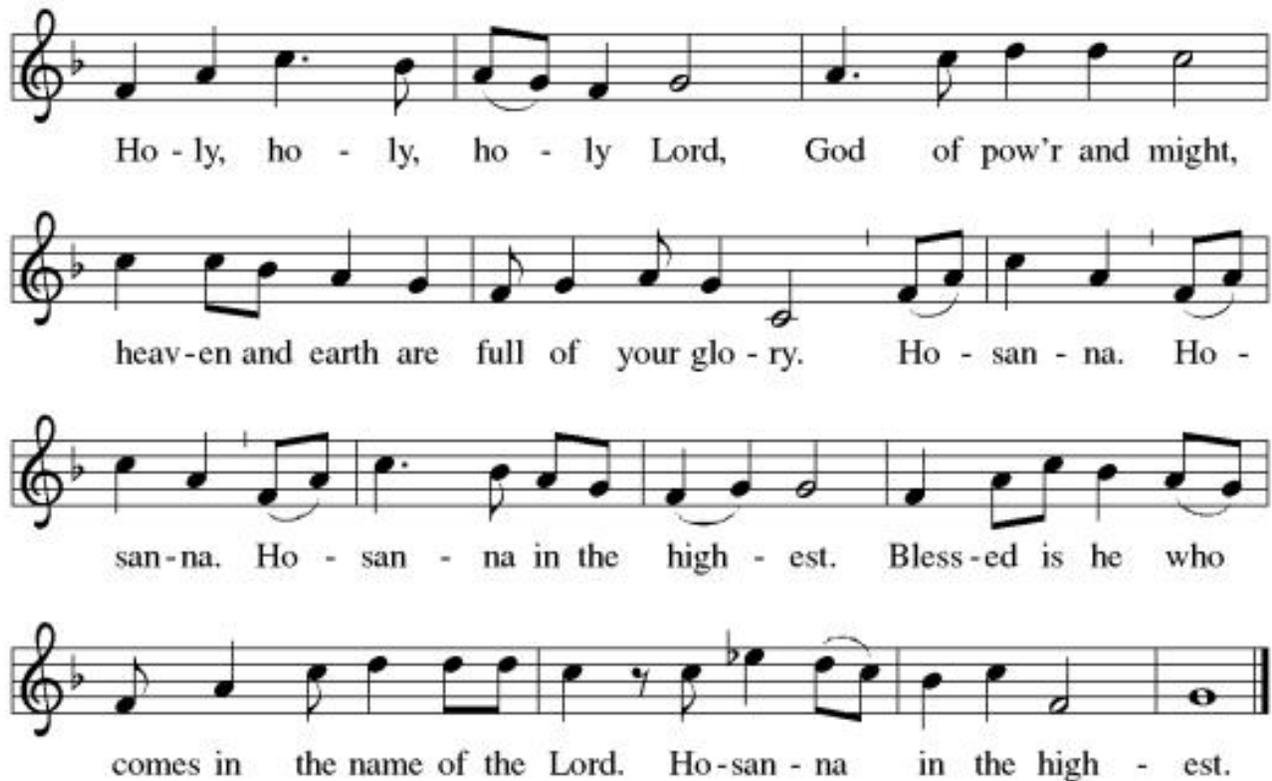
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



*The Thanksgiving continues with the preface for the season.*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*The presiding minister continues with the Thanksgiving at the Table. At the end, all say: **Amen.***

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is 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 Music**

***Finlandia***  
***By Jean Sibelius***

# SENDING

## Announcements

### Blessing

The God of peace,  
Creator, † Redeemer, and Advocate,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.  
**Amen.**

### Sending Song

**O Beautiful For Spacious Skies**  
*By Samuel A. Ward*

### The Sending.

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.  
**Thanks be to God.**



Stewardship of Service	This week – July 3	Next week – July 10
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Pastor Leon LaCross	Pastor Leon LaCross
Music Director	David Tafone	David Tafone
Zoom Host	<b>Joann Noll</b>	<b>Volunteer needed!</b>

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## Please Pray

**Let us pray** for all victims of gun violence, especially those in Buffalo, NY, Tulsa, OK and Uvalde, TX

**Pray for our siblings in the Sierra Pacific Synod** as they face an unknown future and bless their ongoing anti-racism work.

**Pray for Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Seaside, OR.** Let us lift them up in the spirit of congeniality, and partnership to live out the gospel message with our neighbors. Especially as they get ready for a new roof and their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Pray for peace and justice** in Russia and Ukraine. Pray for the people of both countries, the diplomats and negotiators, and the leaders of all the nations involved. Pray that all refugees and displaced persons are safe and warm and fed. Bring healing and comfort to the injured and grieving. Pray that the warfare ceases.

**Pray for refugees at our Southern border** fleeing violence, oppression and exploitation, who have been waiting years due to racism.

**Pray for those in New Mexico** as the fires continue to burn and cause devastation. Pray for the rains to come and replenish the scorched earth in the Southwest.

**Pray for peace and justice** and safety among **our houseless neighbors**. Help us understand how we can share your love with them.

**Pray for Bethel leaders**, including Pastor Leon LaCross, Music Director David Tafone, Admin Assistant Kerry Czuba, and the 2022 Church Council members, and for all the members and friends of Bethel Lutheran Church.

**Pray for our children**, as they start their summer vacations, that they enjoy these carefree days and are rested before the school year begins. . Let us welcome their noisy, (mostly!) joyful participation in online and in-person gatherings!

Pray for those who are ill:

- **Neil Marshall** (Nash's Portland family) as Neil undergoes treatment for a brain tumor while newly returned to his home base
- **Faith Moser** (mother of Joann Noll) and all her family who are caregiving and traveling and dealing with plumbing adventures in Faith's older home.
- **David Gyles** for his improved lung health
- **Leo Lawrence** as he continues treatment for cancer
- **Shirley Kolpin** and family as Shirley recovers from hip surgery and faces life's challenges with humor, stubbornness, and joy
- **John Knight** and family as John continues in memory care
- **Laura Day**, mother of Natalie Peterson, in her diagnosis and treatment of cancer.
- **Matt & Jill LaCross**, Pastor Leon's parents, who are recovering from COVID

Pray for those enduring family loss and anguish, we continue to pray for the **Marx Family**.

Pray for **Miles Bard** as he wraps rehabilitation at the Pride Institute in Eden Plaines, MN.

Pray for **Cedar, nephew of P.J. & Dorian Bentley**, that he receives caring and effective mental health treatment during a very difficult time for him and his family.

A **friend of Pastor Leon** asks us to pray for healing from racialized trauma that has been experienced at the hands of the Lutheran denomination.

Continuing prayers for well-being for our loved ones **Timothy, Elizabeth, Marlo, Julie Ann, Faith, Jim, Rob, Jacob, Miles, Andrew, Nash, and Patricia**--may they walk in light and peace.

**Prayers for all those graduating** this year as they go forth in their journeys.

**Pray in thanksgiving** for all the blessings received this week.

**Pray for all travelers** for their safe journeys and joyous returns.

**Pray for Ronda Bard** while she is in Spain with her students on an archeological dig. May all go seamlessly.



## Send

### Love God, love your neighbor

In today's gospel reading, we hear this commandment:



"You shall love the Lord your  
God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul,  
and with all your strength,  
and with all your mind;  
and your neighbor as yourself."



*Luke 10:27 (NRSV)*

### How can we love our neighbors?



Neighbors can be family, friends, class-  
mates, people in need, church friends,  
teammates, coaches, and teachers.  
Can you think of other neighbors?



Look in the adult bulletin or local paper for  
a way adults and children can serve community  
neighbors in need.



*Dear Jesus, help us see you in our neighbor. Amen*

### This week

Invite a neighbor or friend to worship with you.

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# Kids Celebrate

Lectionary 15



## gather

**Welcome to worship.** In worship we say or sing the  
prayer "Lord, have mercy." Every time we pray,  
"Lord, have mercy," our prayers ripple out farther  
and farther. We pray for ourselves, our neighbors  
with us at worship, and our neighbors in all parts  
of the world.



Color one ripple of water each time you pray,  
"Lord, have mercy."