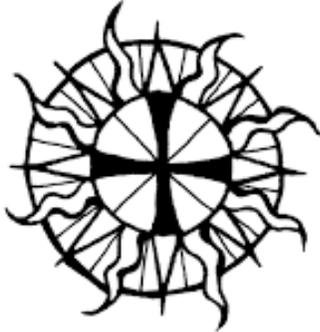




5th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship with Holy Communion
July 10, 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.

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

Bridge Over Troubled Water

By Simon and Garfunkel



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 Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Scripture Reading

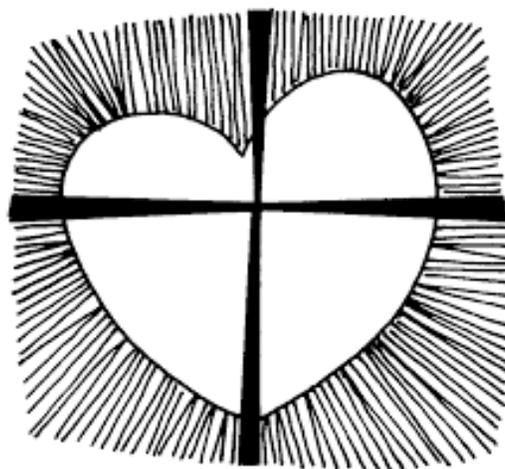
Deuteronomy 30:9-14

A reading from Isaiah.

⁹The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹²It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹³Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹⁴No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

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 10:25-37

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

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "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." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

Children's Time

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Verses 1-3

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

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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 worshipping 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 worshipping 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.

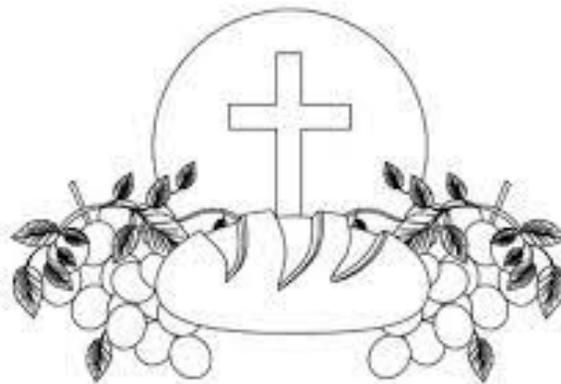
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

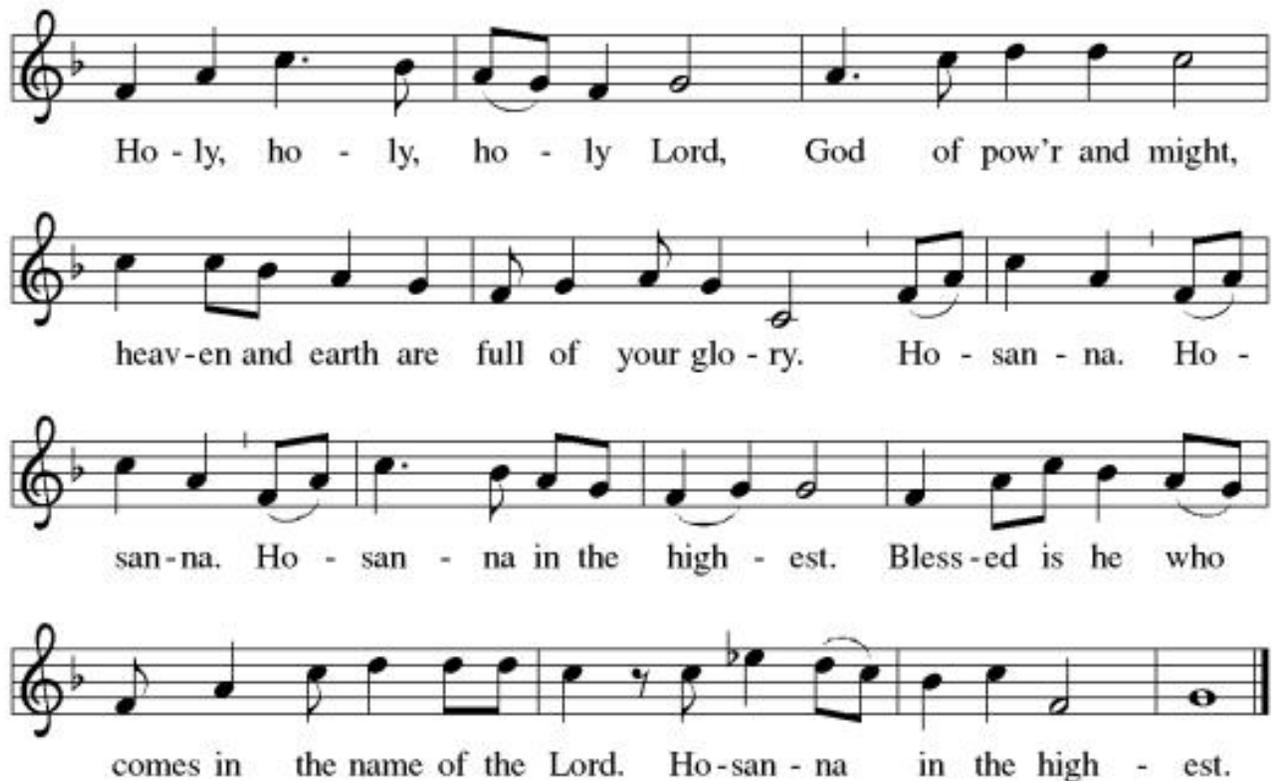
We lift them to the Lord.

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

Just A Closer Walk With Thee
Traditional Hymn

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

What A Friend We Have In Jesus
Traditional Hymn

The Sending.

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



Stewardship of Service	This week – July 10	Next week – July 17
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	Joann Noll	Volunteer needed!

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Please Pray

A prayer of congratulations on the birth of Ellis Jorgan Spencer born July 2, 8lb 11 oz. Blessings to his parents Svea and Blake on this new bundle of joy, and prayers for rest and peace in the weeks and months to come.

Let us pray for the 7 killed and 30 injured at Highland Park, Ill. As well as the families and those who bore witness to this event. We also pray for the individual who took these lives and brought trauma to those involved.

- **Katherine Goldstein - 64**
- **Irina McCarthy - 35**
- **Kevin McCarthy - 37**
- **Jacquelyn Sundheim - 63**
- **Stephan Straus - 88**
- **Nicolas Toledo-Zaragoza - 78**

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 75th 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 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

Coming or going?

Complete the rhyme with the correct words. Then fill in the words on the sign above the door in the picture.

Enter Servants' Entrance Exit

To find a way in we look for a sign.
_____ is the word that we want to find.

To go outside we look for a clue.
_____ means "this way out" for me and you.

But when Jesus' work is what we're about
The signs we see turn inside out.

When we
leave worship,
ready to share,

is posted there.



This week

Invite someone to come to church with you next Sunday.

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Kids Celebrate

Lectionary 14

gather

Welcome to worship. Jesus sent his messengers to serve and teach others about God's love. He sent them out in pairs. Count by twos to finish the picture.



Where will these people stay? Are they welcomed as friends? Who greeted you when you came to worship today? Who did you greet?



Volunteer to be the greeters at your church sometime this summer.