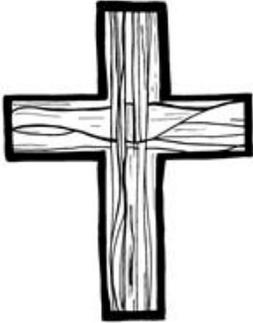




Christ the Sovereign Sunday

Worship with Holy Communion
November 20, 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

The Sally Gardens

Traditional Irish



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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Thanksgiving for Baptism

Please stand and face the baptismal font in body or spirit

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.



Gathering Song of Praise

This is the Feast

Refrain

Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

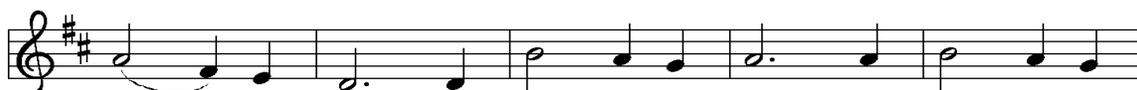


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from Jeremiah

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ²Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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



Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit



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



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

Gospel Reading

Luke 23:33-43

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

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴¶Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."¶ And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

Please be seated.

Children's Time

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit

Soon and Very Soon

Soon and Very Soon



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon

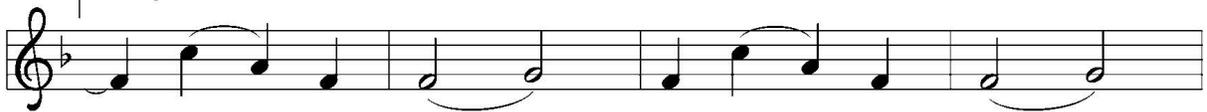


soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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Prayers of Intercession

The response to each prayer is: Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

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

Please be seated

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 Venmo @BethelLutheran-Church phone # digits 6064, Paypal, see the website bethelpdx.org for link. Additionally, you may donate by mail or, if worshipping in-person, use the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary, envelopes are located in the pews. Thank you for supporting the many ministries of Bethel!

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful,

you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation.

Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way,

that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Please stand in body or spirit.

The Lord be with you.

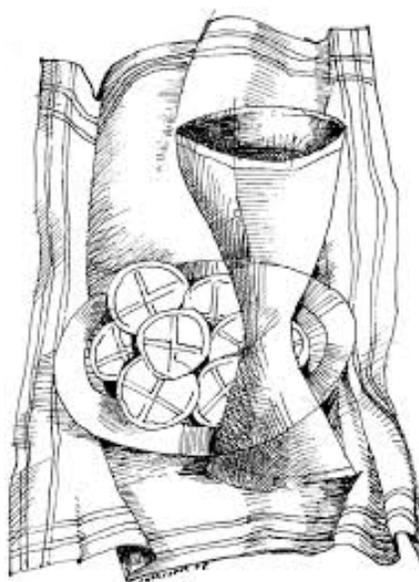
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

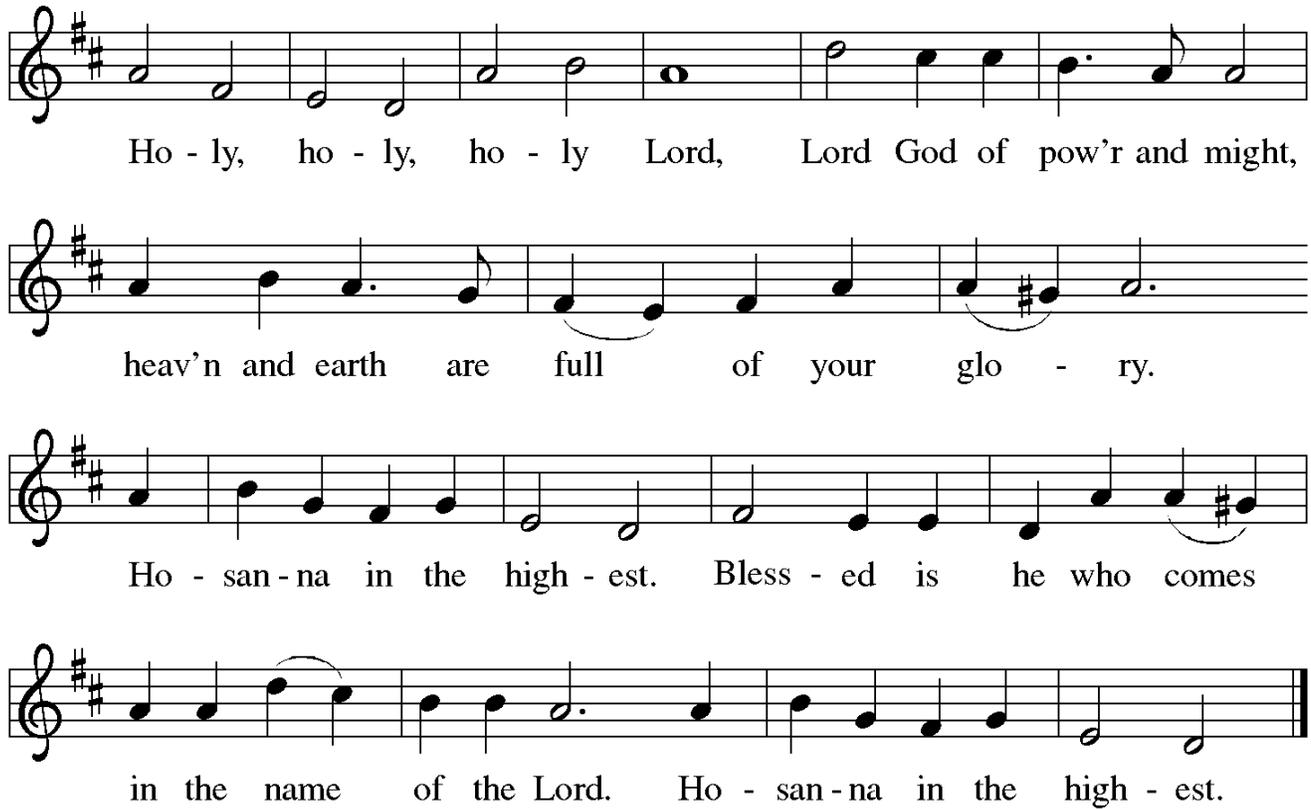
We lift them to the Lord.

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, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

Please be seated

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Music Piano Sonata No. 8 in C minor, Op.13: II. Adagio cantabile

By Beethoven

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Song

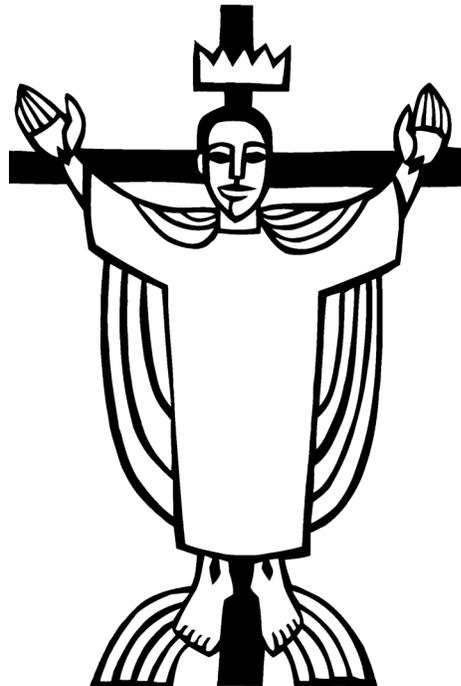
Theme from the New World Symphony: II. Largo

By Antonín Dvořák

The Sending.

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.



Stewardship of Service	This week – Nov. 20	Next week – Nov. 27
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Pastor Leon LaCross	Pastor Leon LaCross
Music Director	Shlomo Farber	Shlomo Farber
Reader	Ronda Bard	Marlo Edman
Zoom Host	Joann Knoll	Volunteer needed!

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Please Pray

Pray for the women of Iran that they may speak out in safety and be heard and honored.

Pray for Farid Owji, a cousin to a friend of Pastor Leon, who is a journalist in Iran who was jailed for 27 days. Help him to heal from his trauma and help him as he seeks safety and asylum in other countries.

Let us continue to pray for all victims of gun violence, especially those in Highland Park, Ill, Buffalo, NY, Tulsa, OK and Uvalde, TX.

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 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 Shlomo Farber, Admin Assistant Kerry Czuba, the 2022 Church Council members, and for all the members and friends of Bethel Lutheran Church.

Pray for those going through our confirmation program that they grow in faith and have a deeper understanding of Jesus as someone who is a guiding, loving force in their lives.

Pray for our children, as they started the school year. Let us continue to 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
- **Carolyn Tamer** (friend of Marjorie) who is suffering from Kidney disease.
- **Donald Gibler**, grandson of Laverne Atkins, who has experienced a set back due to a previous injury.
- **Clarence Montgomery and his family**, cousin of Karen Anderson, who has been recently diagnosed with Parkinson's disease that has progressed rapidly.
- **Gary Andeen** as he receives treatments for lung cancer.

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

Pray for all those who have passed away that they experience the loving embrace of God's love.

Pray for Miles Bard as he continues transitional housing in Minneapolis.

Pray for Eric Spurrell as he moves into a group home in Beaverton.

Pray for Laura Spurrell as she prepares for her upcoming surgery.

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.

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

Pray in thanksgiving for all the blessings received this week.

Pray we know that God is close, and we are open to receiving and sharing God's love.

Pray for Bethel Lutheran Church.

Send

A hymnbook hunt

♪ Today is the last Sunday of the church year. What is the last hymn in your hymnbook?

Hymn number _____

Title _____

♪ Print the hymn number for one of today's hymns.

Hymn number _____

♪ Find a hymn that uses Christ or King in the title.

Hymn number _____

Title _____

Draw a crown here if it's a song you will sing today:

♪ Jesus is with us from beginning to end. What are the last words in the last song you sing today in worship?

this week

Find the book of Matthew in your Bible. Starting next Sunday, our gospel readings will come from this book.

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gather

Welcome to worship. Does today feel like the end of the year? We celebrate Christ the King Sunday today, the last Sunday of the church year. We know that Jesus Christ always has been and always will be king of all.



Circle everything you see in this picture that begins with the same sound as *Christ* and *king*.

Bethel Angel Project 2022



It's that time of year! Last year the Bethel Angel Project helped 9 families with gifts and food for the holidays. We also helped 3 individuals with specific needs that let them know that others care. We plan to work again with Terrance Moses of Neighbors Helping Neighbors in Kenton by preparing 110 bags with hygiene products, Hot Hands, hats and gloves for those living in tents and RVs.

Recently I met a woman at Renaissance Commons where the Bethel Bees helped to serve a meal for a great program called "Community Dinners" <https://communitydinnerispdx.com/>. I asked if she had some needs that we could help with. She asked for a waterproof coat and some boots or shoes. She had come to Renaissance Commons with little and had received help from Community Warehouse and the North Portland Urban League office. The social worker there would love for us to support one or more of their families as well.

I will also be contacting those we served last year. Please let me know if you know of others' needs.

How you can help:

Donating to the Bethel Angel Project. Venmo @BethelLutheran-Church, phone # digits 6064 or paypal (go to bethelpdx.org) or by mail. Please specify for Angel Project.

Donating items for the Neighbors Helping Neighbors bags.

Adopting a family or individual, or the needs of one child for some clothing and a toy.

Purchasing \$25 Fred Meyer gift cards to supplement holiday meals.

Offering to shop for a family with Angel Project funds.

Offering to deliver gifts and food on December 17 and 18.

Items most needed for 12 or so families (and not covered by food stamps):

Laundry detergent

Paper products

Hygiene products

Cleaning products

Please Contact the office at bethellutheran@bethelpdx.org or joann.noll@gmail.com for more information or to donate.

