



# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Worship with Holy Communion

June 25, 2023

## Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church



We are glad you are here, and we pray God will be real to you as you worship with us. Bethel is a Reconciling in Christ congregation; therefore, we invite all people, including those of all races, ethnicities, gender identities and expressions, sexual orientations, ages, economic levels, and abilities. God loves all creation and holds us all, so we welcome you who walk through our doors and you who are outside those doors. We honor and appreciate the rich diversity of age, sexual orientation, race, belief, emotional and physical health, gender identity and expression, marital status and station in life bring to the Bethel family and our relationships. We commit ourselves to embracing the work of anti-racism, social and economic justice, and environmental care.

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**Pride Season Decorations** – You may have noticed the various Pride flags and colors in our sanctuary. We do this to celebrate our own history and identity of Bethel as a place where all people are welcomed. Part of this welcoming is creating a welcoming space. You may notice that the cross is draped in black and brown fabric. This is twofold: Firstly, and practically, there's not enough space in the front of the sanctuary for each color to have it's own holder. Secondly is in recognition of Liberation Theology which encourages the work taking oppressed people off the cross. The black and brown fabric remains on the cross as recognition of the work we continually need to do to resist the prevailing racism and oppression that Black, our Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) neighbors face in our society, with the hopes that one day all people will experience liberation.

**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

*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

*Please stand in body or spirit*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure.

**Amen.**

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

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have hurt our community.**

**We have squandered your blessings.**

**We have hoarded your bounty.**

**In the name of Jesus,**

**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.

God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy:

you are freed and forgiven

in the name of † Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**



# Come, All You People

## *Uyaimose*



*U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;*  
 1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;  
 2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;  
 3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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*u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.*  
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
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Music: UYAIMOSE, Alexander Gondo

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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

**Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

### Scripture Reading

**Romans 6:1b-11**

A reading from Romans.

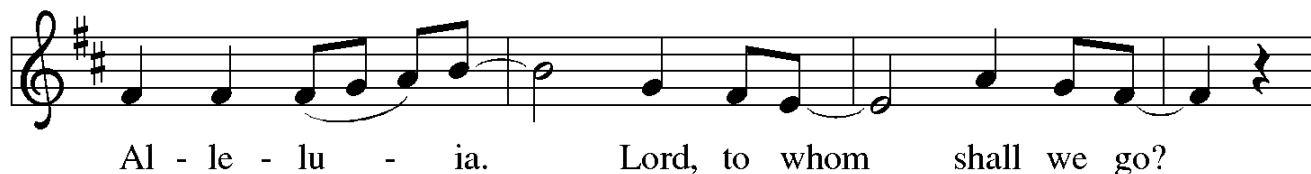
<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

### Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand in body or spirit*



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

<sup>24</sup>"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

<sup>36</sup>and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

<sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

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

## How Firm a Foundation

### How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove  
is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,  
who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
Music: FOUNDATION, early American

## Prayers of Intercession

The response to each prayer is: God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

Please be seated

# 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: The offering plate will be passed by the ushers, Venmo @BethelLutheran-Church phone # digits 6064, PayPal, see our website [bethelpdx.org](http://bethelpdx.org) for link, online at: <http://bethelpdx.org/donate> Additionally you may give by mail. Thank you for supporting the many ministries of Bethel!*

## Offertory

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

### Great Thanksgiving

*Please stand in body or spirit*

*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.**

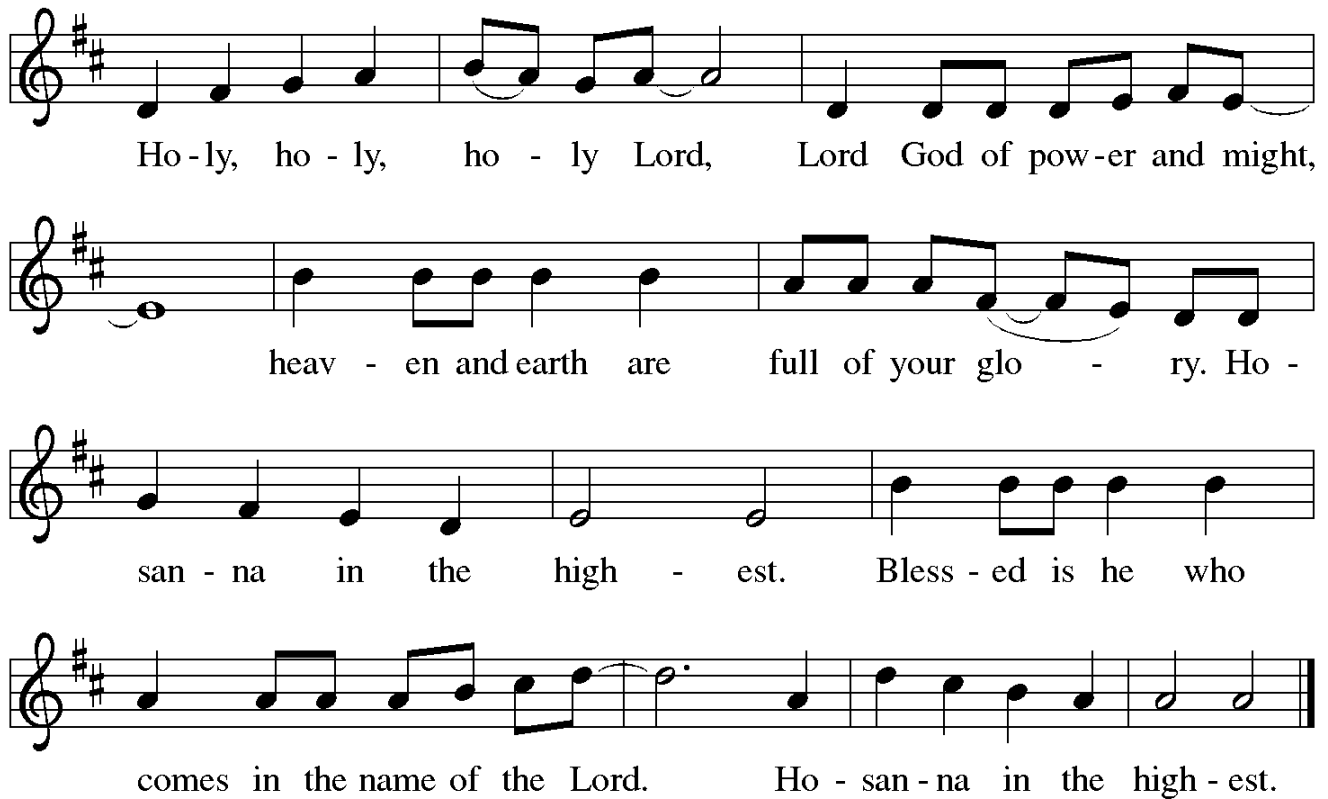
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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





*The Thanksgiving continues with the preface.*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en 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**



# SENDING

## Announcements

### Blessing

The God who calls across the cosmos  
and speaks in the smallest seed  
✠ bless, keep, and sustain you  
now and to the end of the age.  
**Amen.**

### Sending Song

### The Sending.

Go in peace. Share the harvest.  
**Thanks be to God.**



Stewardship of Service	This week – June 25, 2023	Next week – July 2, 2023
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Pastor Leon LaCross	Pastor Leon LaCross
Musician/Music Director	Jamie Vandenberg	Shlomo Faber
Reader	Miles Bard	TBA
Zoom Host	<b>Joann Knoll</b>	<b>Volunteer needed!</b>

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## Pray For:

**Pray for all those on the Turkey/Syrian boarder** who have suffered great loss due the earthquake.

**Let us continue to pray for all victims of gun violence.**

**Pray for peace and justice in Russia and Ukraine**

**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, YDIC Summer Program Director Heather Anderson, Admin Assistant Kerry Czuba, the 2023 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 conclude the school year. May their summer be filled with fun and frivolity.

**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
- **John Knight and family** as John continues in memory care
- **Laura Day**, mother of Natalie Peterson, in her diagnosis and treatment of cancer
- **Gary Andeen** as he receives treatments for lung cancer.
- **Amy Bishop McDonald** for her diagnosis and surgery for breast cancer.
- **Chuck Huntley**, brother of Marjorie Strieff, for his ongoing health.
- **Glenn Chase** for continued good results on medical tests.

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

**Pray for Ryan Olson & his family** as they mourn the loss of their mom, **Eunice Olson**

**Pray for Cate Milburn's son, Rocky McDonald**, who was in a severe accident and has passed away; and their family as they grieve.

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.**

## Mark Your Calendars...See what's happening at Bethel and Beyond this week:

06/25 9:00 AM Sunday Coffee Hour on Zoom  
06/25 10:00 AM Sunday Worship: in-person or on Zoom  
06/26 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM Summer Youth Program Training  
06/28 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM Summer Youth Program Training  
06/29 Noon Crafternoon w/Pastor Leon (Postponed due to vacation)  
06/29 4:30 PM Happy Hour on Zoom  
06/30 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM Summer Youth Program Training  
07/02 9:00 AM Sunday Coffee Hour on Zoom  
07/02 10:00 AM Sunday Worship: in-person or on Zoom  
07/05-08/11 8:00AM-5:30PM Summer Youth Program - M-F



## 2023 SUMMER DROP-IN PROGRAM @BETHEL YOUTH DROP-IN CENTER



**Program Dates/Times:** July 5 through August 11

MTWThF, 8:00AM to 5:30PM

**Ages:** 1st through 5th grade entering in the 2023-2024 school year.

**Program overview:** S.T.E.M. based program with games, crafts and city excursions. Breakfast and lunch provided. This program is not religious based and welcomes children from all backgrounds.

**Registration** has already started. **Use the QR code to access the registration pack & information or email Director Heather Anderson**



**Cost:** \$200 per week (Sliding scale available to those needing assistance, contact the director you need assistance.

**Register** at [www.bethelpdx.org/summer-program/](http://www.bethelpdx.org/summer-program/)

**Email:** [ydic@bethelpdx.org](mailto:ydic@bethelpdx.org) **Phone:** 503.285.4919



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### Signs of God's love

God shows love in many ways.

Find signs of God's love hidden in this picture. Find and circle a church, an apple, a pair of pants, a person, and a house.



Talk about how the things you found could be used to share God's love with others.



God, help me remember that you treasure me. Amen

### this week

Show people you love that you treasure them.

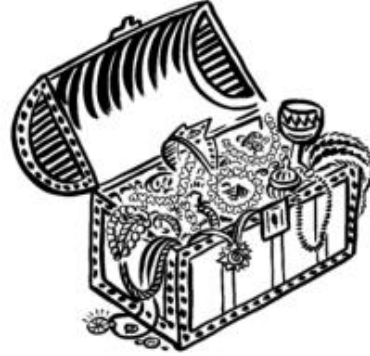
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# Kids Celebrate

Lesson 12

gather

Welcome to worship. What is a treasure? It is something very important and valuable. Some people think money is the best treasure, but God has a different idea!



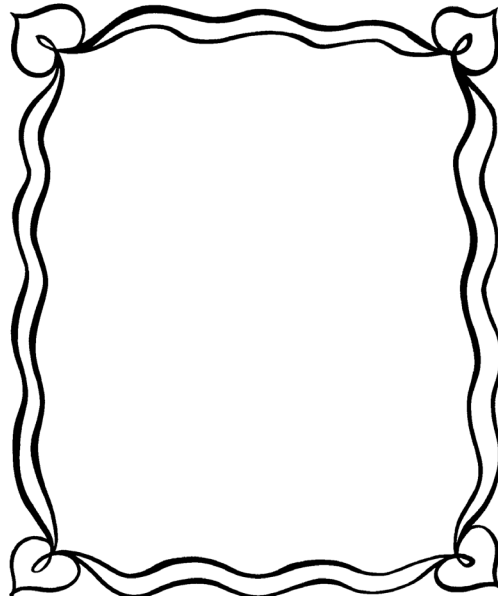
Color the tiny hearts to find out what God treasures.

## hear & celebrate

### God's treasures

Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus and his disciples traveled and taught about God's love. Some of the people they met were nice to them, but some were not. Jesus told the disciples not to be afraid of people who weren't nice. He said that God loved and treasured the disciples, even if other people did not! God loves and treasures us, too. God promised to be with the disciples and with us always.



Look around your worship space. What objects, pictures, or symbols do you see that remind you that God loves and treasures you?

Draw them in the picture frame.