



5th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship with Holy Communion

July 2, 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.

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

America (My Country 'Tis of Thee)

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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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 28:5-9

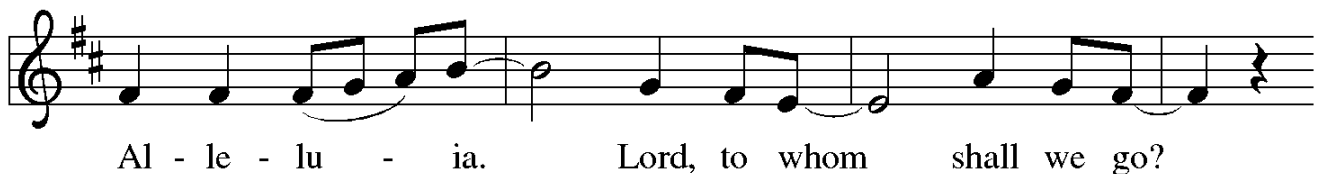
A reading from Jeremiah.

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

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!**

⁴⁰"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

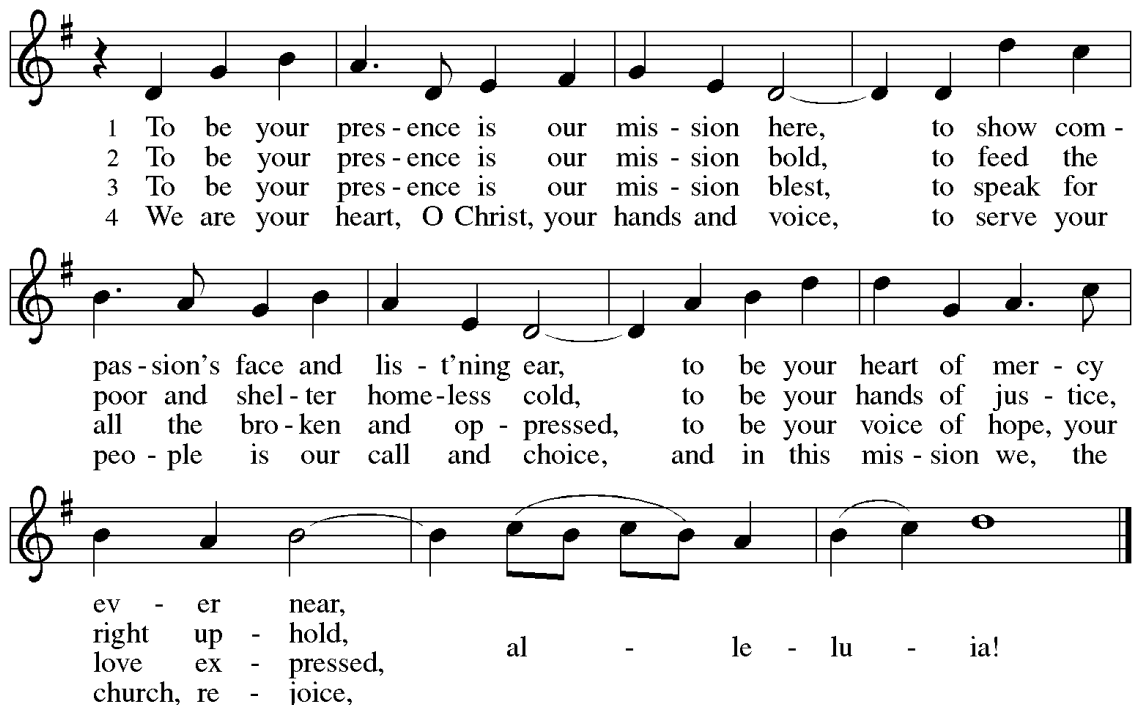
Children's Time

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

To Be Your Presence

To Be Your Presence



1 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion here, to show com-
 2 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion bold, to feed the
 3 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion blest, to speak for
 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your

pas-sion's face and lis-t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer-cy
 poor and shel-ter home-less cold, to be your hands of jus-tice,
 all the bro-ken and op-pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
 peo-ple is our call and choice, and in this mis-sion we, the

ev-er near,
 right up-hold, al-le-lu-ia!
 love ex-pressed,
 church, re-joice,

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Please stand in body or spirit

Blessing of the Stoles

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 worshipping 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 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.

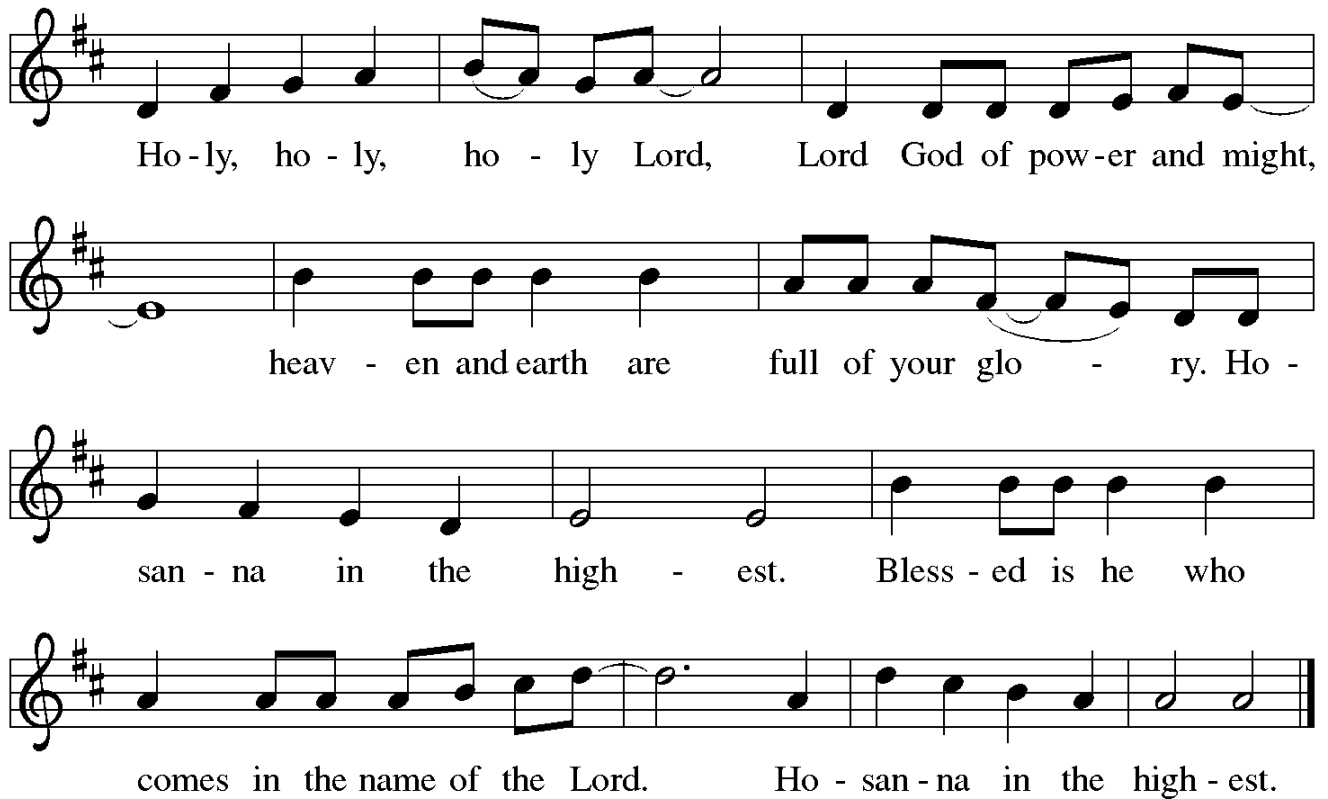
We lift them to the Lord.

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

America the Beautiful

By Samuel W. Ward



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

God Bless America
By Irving Berlin

The Sending.

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



Stewardship of Service	This week – July 2, 2023	Next week – July 9, 2023
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	Jackie Calder
Zoom Host	Joann Knoll	Volunteer needed!

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Pray For:

Pray for all those on the Turkey/Syrian boarder as they continue to rebuild following 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.
- **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.
- **Kerry Czuba** for a quick recovery after a knee injury.
- **Suzanne LaCross** who broke her wrist this week, healing prayers for her.

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

Pray for the family of Dorothy Hansen (Warren's sister), who just passed away.

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

Pray for Cate Milburn and her family as they grieve her son, Rocky MacDonald, who was in a severe accident and has passed away. Click [here](#) for the obituary.

Pray for Pastor Leon's family as they mourn Pr. Leon's uncle John Leslie who died recently.

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:

- 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 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM Summer Drop-In Program (M-F)
- 07/05 7:00 PM Bethe Bees Zoom meeting
- 07/06 Noon Crafternoon w/Pastor Leon
- 07/06 4:30 PM Happy Hour on Zoom
- 07/08 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM Celebrate Peninsula Park's 110th Birthday
- 07/09 9:00 AM Sunday Coffee Hour on Zoom
- 07/09 10:00 AM Sunday Worship: in-person or on Zoom
- 07/11 5:30-7:30 PM BarBEEQ at the Bethel Parking lot - Everyone welcome!
- 07/11 7:00 PM Bethel Players meeting



Bethel Bees BarBeeQ Fun Night

Tuesday, July 11
5:30-7:30 PM

at

Bethel Lutheran Church
5658 N. Denver Ave.



Burgers, Veggie Burgers,
Hotdogs provided
Bring Salads and desserts
to share





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/

Email: ydic@bethelpdx.org **Phone:** 503.285.4919



What's the Buzz at Bethel

Bethel Lutheran Presents
Jazz Concert with
Northwest Tempo
Donations accepted

July 23
at
4:00 PM

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Summer BarBEEQs
At Bethel

Join us on
July 11
Aug. 8

In the parking lot of
The Church

5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Come meet neighbors,
bring friends and family.
Play a game and get to
know someone.

Main entrée provided.
Have a favorite
side/dessert? Bring it!

Bethel Bees Volunteer Opportunities: Once a month the Bees make and serve a meal at Renaissance Commons in Kenton. Next dinner is set for the 4th Thursday of the month. If interest, please call the office at 503.285.4919 or email at bethellutheran@bethelpdx.org

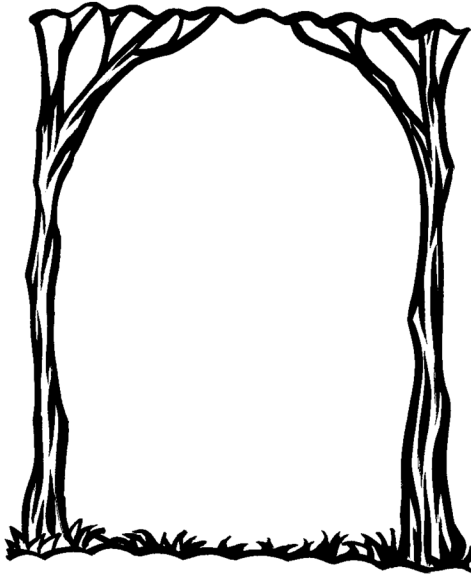


Block Party/Rummage Sale
September 23, 2023

Blessing of the Animals
October 1st at 1:00 PM

Wherever you go

Playing is fun. Draw a play space that is just right for you.



Add something to the picture kids and grownups can enjoy together.

This week

Practice welcoming people. Welcome others to play with you, read with you, or visit with you.

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It is good to be here

Matthew 10:40-42

Color the things you see, do, hear, or feel today. Use the picture clues on the right side of this page for hints.



gather

Welcome to worship. Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me." God's welcoming love is for everyone!



Draw someone who helped you feel welcome when you arrived today.

Use the picture clues to help you fill in the blanks and complete the sentences. What word do you find when all of the blanks are filled?



__ater in the baptismal font welcomes us into God's family.



Pray__r welcomes us to talk to God.



__ove in our church family welcomes us to worship together.



__andles welcome us to think of the light of Jesus.



God's W__rd teaches us about God's welcoming love.



__usic welcomes us to sing to God.



W__ are all welcome in God's church!



Thank you, God, for welcoming me into your family.