



6th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship with Holy Communion

July 9, 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

Interlude
By Teresa Wilhelmi

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:

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

Scripture Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

A reading from Zechariah.

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶"To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

Children's Time

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Please stand in body or spirit

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain
watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909
Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

Prayers of Intercession

*The response to each prayer is: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

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.

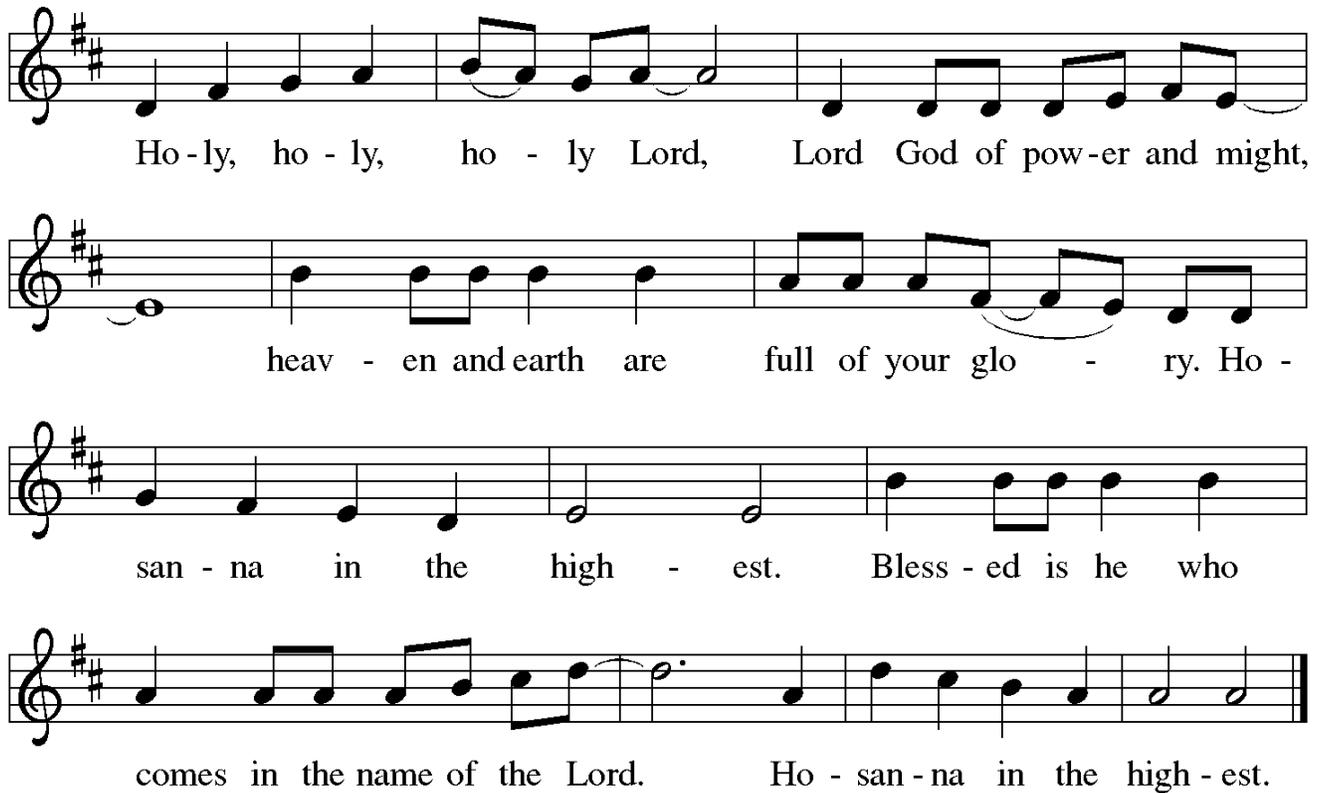
Lift up your hearts.

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

Bless His Holy Name

By Andraé Crouch

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

Hard Times Come Again No More
By Stephen Foster

The Sending.

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



Stewardship of Service	This week – July 9, 2023	Next week – July 16, 2023
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Pastor Leon LaCross	Pastor Hallie Parkins
Music Director/Musician	Shlomo Farber	Jenny Peterson
Reader	Jackie Calder	Miles Bard
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, 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's son, Rocky MacDonald, who was in a severe accident and has passed away; and their family as they grieve. Click [here](#) for the obituary.

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

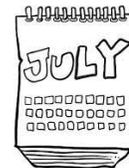
Continuing prayers for well-being for our loved ones Timothy, Elizabeth, Faith, Jim, Rob, Jacob, Miles, Andrew, Nash, and Patricia--may they walk in light and peace.

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:



**07/11 5:30-7:30 PM BarBEEQ at the Bethel Parking lot –
Everyone welcome!**

07/11 7:00 PM Bethel Players meeting

07/13 Crafternoon Canceled – Pr. Leon out of town

07/13 4:30 PM Happy Hour on Zoom

07/16 9:00 AM Sunday Coffee Hour on Zoom

**07/16 10:00 AM Sunday Worship: in-person or on Zoom –
Welcome Pr. Hallie Parkins!**

**07/16 Pride Parade in Downtown Portland. If you'd like to walk in the parade,
contact Trinity Episcopal (<https://www.trinity-episcopal.org/events-1/portland-pride-parade-2>) to register.**

07/23 4:00 PM – Jazz Concert w/Northwest Tempo

07/05 - 08/11 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM Summer Drop-In Program (M-F)

**7/13 - 7/22 - Pastor Leon will be out of the office, Pr. Hallie will be here as Supply
Pastor for Service on July 16.**

**Office hours for Kerry will be changing up for next week. She will be in the
office Monday morning, July 10th, Tuesday morning, July 11th and Wednesday,
11:00 am to 3:00 pm.**



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**



Bethel Lutheran Presents

Jazz Concert with

Northwest Tempo

Donations accepted

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July 23
at
4:00 PM

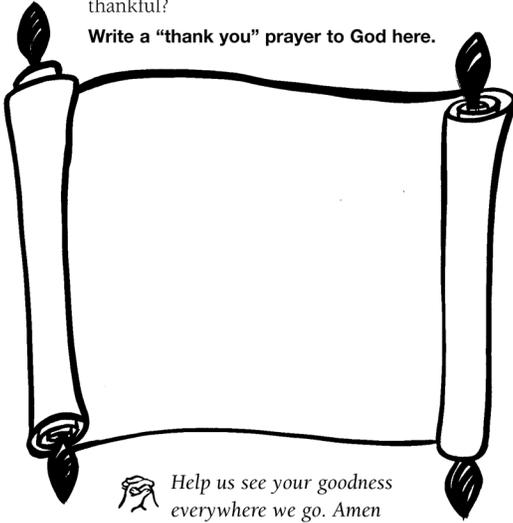


Send

Thanks be to God

We are thankful for all good things God does and gives. For what are you most thankful?

Write a "thank you" prayer to God here.



 Help us see your goodness everywhere we go. Amen

This week

Make a long list of the many ways everyone in your home sees God's presence.

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Kids Celebrate

Lectionary 14 

gather

Welcome to worship. God is good! We see, touch, taste, smell, and hear God's goodness at home, at church—everywhere. God is good in every way.



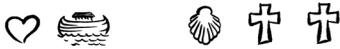
hear & celebrate

Finding rest

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus knew it could be tiring and even discouraging to follow in God's way. So he told his disciples to come to him to find rest. We are invited to come to Jesus when we pray.

Psalm 145 is a song of praise. Use the code to discover the message in verse 9.



- A =  G =  L =  S = 
- D =  H =  O =  T = 
- E =  I =  R = 

A symbol is a picture that reminds you of something you've learned. Look around you. Do you see a cross? What other symbols from the word puzzle do you see in your worship space? Draw them here.



How do these symbols remind us that God is good?