



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

Worship with Holy Communion

August 20, 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**

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**By Gottlieb Muffat**

*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:

**God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

### Scripture Reading

***Isaiah 56:1, 6-8***

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.

<sup>6</sup>And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,  
and to be his servants,  
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,  
and hold fast my covenant—

<sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the Lord God,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,  
I will gather others to them  
besides those already gathered.

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

## Scripture Reading

**Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

A reading from Romans.

<sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2a</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

<sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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## 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 15:21-28**

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

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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*

## My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's  
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887  
Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## 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*

# 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

*The Pastor will guide you when to take the bread and cup to eat and drink.*

The Lord be with you.

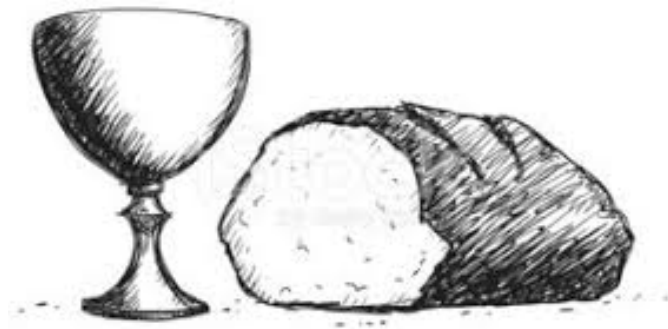
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

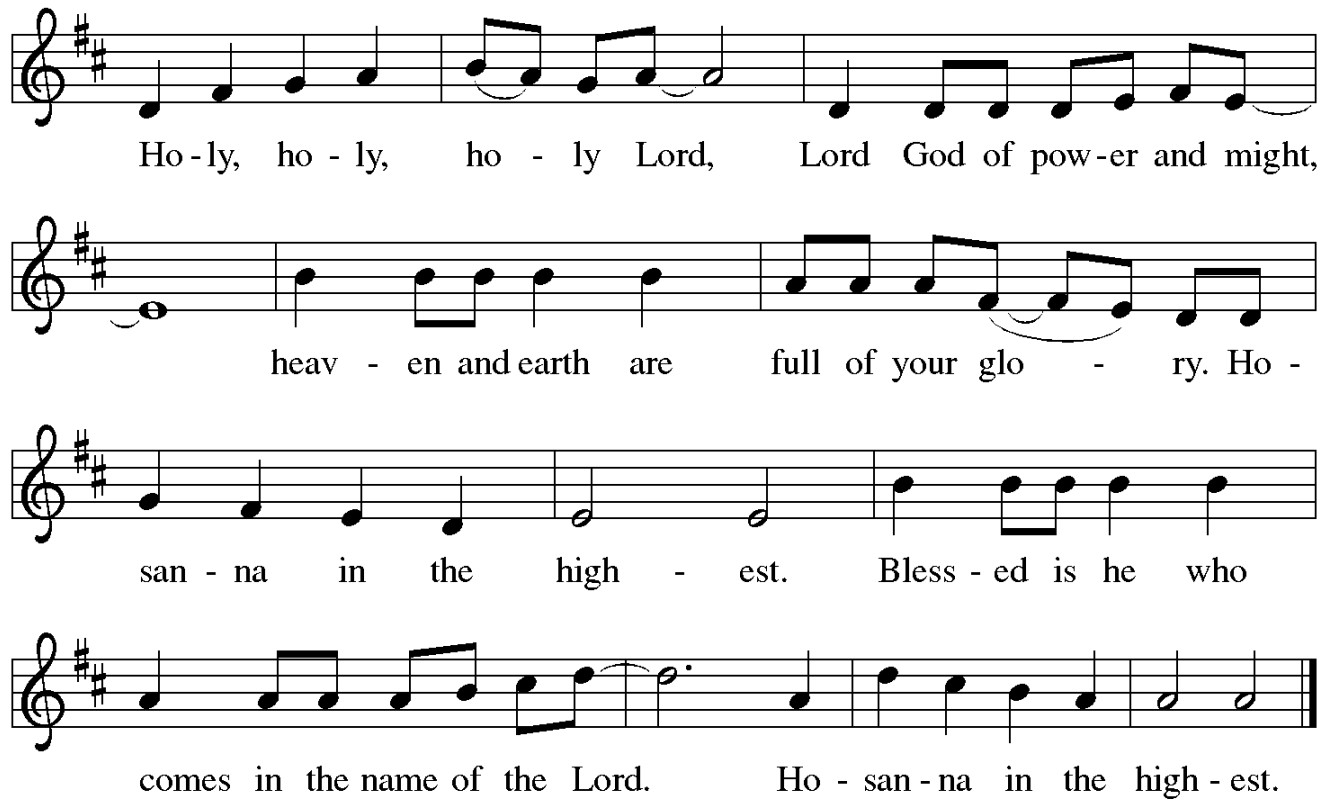
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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.**

## **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

### **Communion Music**

### **Blessed Assurance**

*By Phoebe P. Knapp*





# 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

***This is My Song***  
*By Jean Sibelius*

### The Sending.

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



| Stewardship of Service | This week – Aug. 20, 2023      | Next week – Aug. 27, 2023      |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ministers              | All Baptized Members of Bethel | All Baptized Members of Bethel |
| Pastor                 | Pastor Leon LaCross            | Pastor Leon LaCross            |
| Music Director         | Shlomo Faber                   | Shlomo Faber                   |
| Reader                 | TBD                            | TBD                            |
| 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** as they continue to rebuild following the earthquake.

**Pray for those on Maui** who have suffered tremendous loss due to wildfires.

**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 begin the school year and embrace their yearning to learn.

**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 health
- **Kerry Czuba** for continued healing of her knee
- **Jim Beck** who has come down with COVID.

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

**Pray for Christine Core** at the death of husband John, who passed away unexpectedly.

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

**Pray for the family, friends and coworkers of Bobby Smallwood** who was recently killed while at working at Legacy Good Samaritan.

**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:**

08/24 Noon Crafternoon w/Pastor Leon

08/24 4:30 PM Happy Hour on Zoom

08/27 9:00 AM Sunday Coffee Hour on Zoom

08/27 10:00 AM Sunday Worship: in-person or on Zoom

08/27 4:00 PM Jazz Concert

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at  
4:00 PM

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## Send

### Songs of praise

Songs of praise are heard everywhere. Do you have a favorite song? Where do you sing it? How does it give praise to God?

Draw pictures of people singing praise to God.

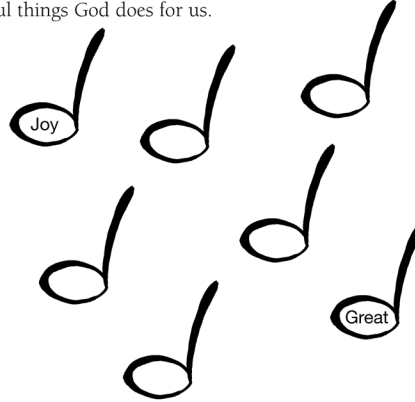
## Kids Celebrate

Lectionary 20



## gather

Welcome to worship! God is great. We sing songs of praise as we worship to tell of God's greatness. These songs remind us of God's love and of all the wonderful things God does for us.



Help me to remember to sing your praise everywhere I go. Amen.

### This week

Read Psalm 67 with someone you love.

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Look and listen for words in the songs today.  
Inside each musical note, write a word that you could use to sing praise to God.

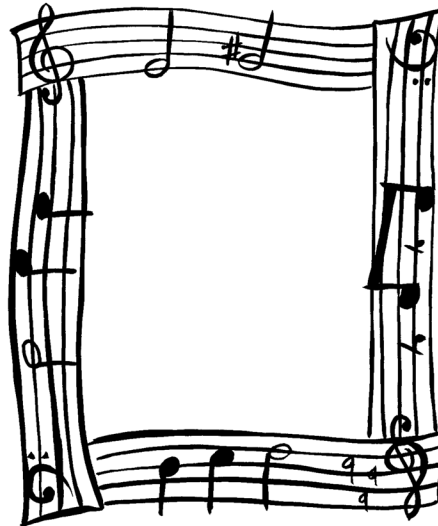
## hear & celebrate

### Music old and new

Psalm 67

A psalm is a poem or song about God. The Bible has a whole book of psalms!

Write the numbered words in the blanks below to read the words of Psalm 67.



The woman is playing a harp. Draw other musical instruments that help sing praises to God.

1 the peoples 2 you, O 3;  
Let 4 the 5 praise 6 (Psalm 67:3).



Talk about the sounds and words of music at worship.