



19th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship with Holy Communion

October 8, 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.

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

Toccata
By Josef Seger



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.

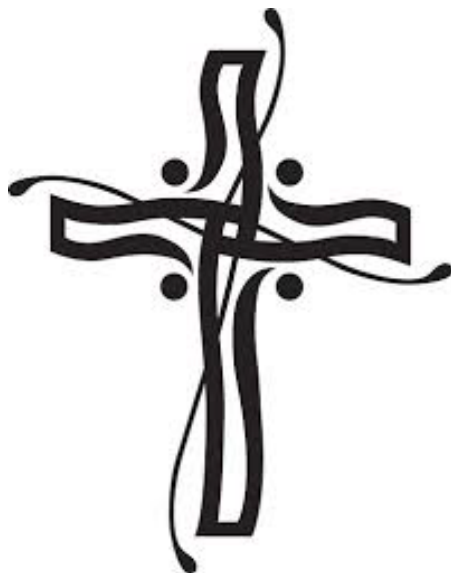
God offers boundless grace when we fail.

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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 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:

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

²He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled
down.

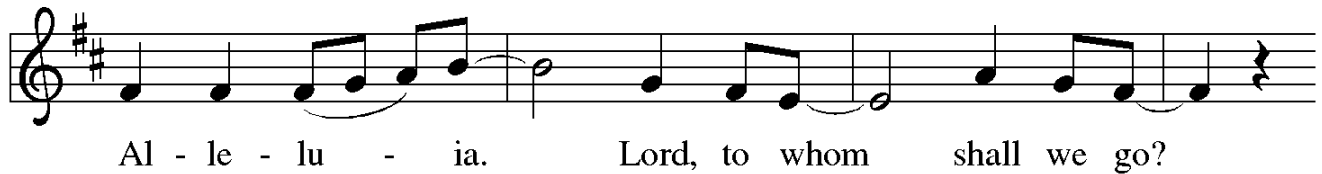
⁶I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or
hoed,
and it shall be overgrown
with briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of
hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

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

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit



Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

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

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Please be seated

Children's Time

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth

Please Stand in body or spirit

Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth



1 Lord Christ, when first you came to earth, up -
2 O awe - some Love, which finds no room in
3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, will
4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in



on a cross they bound you, and mocked your sav - ing
life where sin de - nies you, and, doomed to death, shall
we a - gain re - fuse you, till in the night of
us your new cre - a - tion; our pride is dust, our



king - ship's worth by thorns with which they crowned you. And
bring to doom the pow'r that cru - ci - fies you, till
hate and war we per - ish as we lose you? From
vaunt is stilled; we wait your rev - e - la - tion. O



still our wrongs may fash - ion now new thorns to pierce that
not a stone is left on stone, and then the na - tions'
an - cient doubts our minds re - lease to seek the king - dom
Love that tri - umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round you.
pride, o'er - thrown, will nev - er - more de - fy you!
of your peace, by which a - lone we choose you.
fore your cross; come, fin - ish your sal - va - tion.

Text: W. Russell Bowie, 1882–1969, alt.
Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune

Prayers of Intercession

The response to each prayer is: God of grace, hear our prayer.

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 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

Duetto III
By J. S. Bach

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

October
By Tchaikovsky

The Sending.

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



Stewardship of Service	This week – Oct. 8, 2023	Next week – Oct. 15, 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	Karen Anderson	Andrew VanDyke
Zoom Host	Joann Knoll	Volunteer needed!

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Pray For:

Pray for all those on the Turkey/Syrian border as they continue to rebuild following the earthquake.

Pray for those recovering from natural disasters especially those on Maui, Florida, Morocco, and Libya.

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

Pray for peace and justice in Russia and Ukraine; Armenia and Azerbaijan.

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 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:** for his upcoming neuropathy surgery.
- **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 treatment 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.
- **Jackie Calder** that she recovers soon from her illness.
- **JulieAnn Edman** for swift healing following a surgery related to her newly diagnosed cancer.
- **Matthew LaCross** with a diagnosis of early-stage colon cancer

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

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

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.

Especially in thanksgiving for Joann's mom, Faith Moser's 100th birthday and the small celebration planned for her in Kansas City. Joann will be visiting her mom and sisters to celebrate.

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:

10/08 5:00 PM Codfather Rehearsal
10/09 7:00 PM Codfather Rehearsal
10/11 7:00 PM Drop-In Board Meeting on Zoom
10/12 Noon Crafternoon w/ Pr. Leon
10/12 4:30-5:30 PM Happy Hour on Zoom
10/12 7:00 PM Codfather Rehearsal
10/13-10/15 Confirmation Retreat
10/15 9:00 AM Sunday Coffee Hour on Zoom
10/15 10:00 AM Sunday Worship: in-person or on Zoom
10/15 Baptism for Ellis & Solveig Erickson-Spencer

The Bethel Players present

The Codfather



Dinners:	Nov. 3, Nov. 4	7PM	\$25
	Nov. 10, Nov. 11	7PM	\$25
Desserts:	Nov. 5, Nov. 12	3PM	\$20
Just the Play:	Nov. 4, Nov. 11	2PM	\$10

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To make sure everyone gets a fair chance to buy tickets we're asking that all reserved tickets be prepaid within a week of making the reservation so that unused tickets can be leased to folks who might otherwise be turned away. Sorry, we cannot offer refunds for unused tickets.

!!40th Anniversary T-shirts!!

See details and order form at
<https://bethelpdx.org/bethel-players>

Send

Brimming with blessings

Jesus' love fills us up with blessings. During communion, look for a cup like the one here. When we celebrate communion, we're filled with Jesus' blessings!



In the cup above draw pictures of some of your blessings—food, clothing, family. How can you share your blessings with others?



Thank you, Jesus, for all your blessings. Help us share. Amen.

This week

Look through your closets for outgrown clothes to share with others.

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gather

Welcome to worship. Do you know what a cornerstone is? Have you ever seen one? It is usually a big stone in the corner of a building that helps hold the whole building up. Listen today and you'll hear that Jesus is a cornerstone for the whole world. Jesus holds us up!



Draw Jesus as the cornerstone of the earth. He's holding us up!

hear & celebrate

Bible trivia

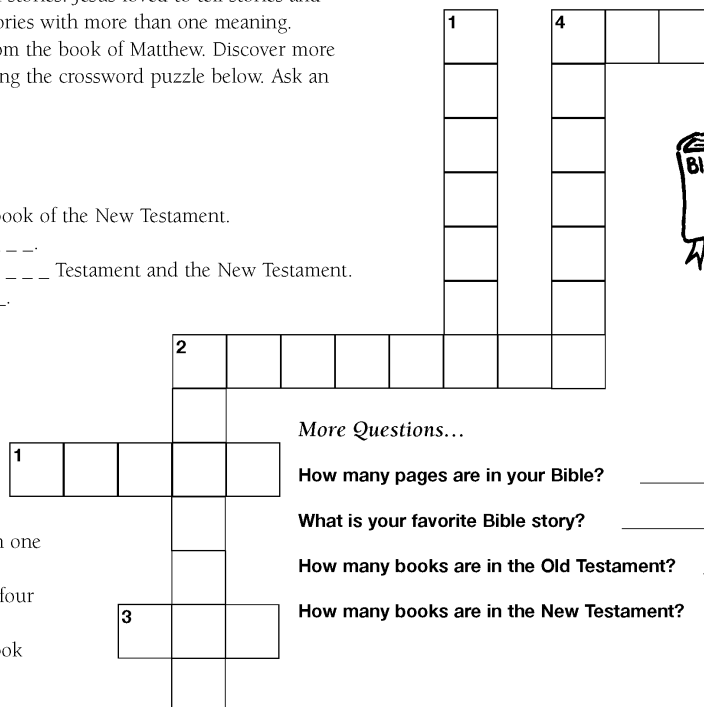
The Bible is full of books and stories. Jesus loved to tell stories and often told parables—short stories with more than one meaning. Today's gospel is a parable from the book of Matthew. Discover more about your Bible by completing the crossword puzzle below. Ask an adult for help, and have fun!

Across

- Matthew is the _____ book of the New Testament.
- Gospel means _____.
- The Bible has 2 parts. The _____ Testament and the New Testament.
- The Bible is all about _____.

Down

- Short story with more than one meaning: _____.
- Matthew is the first of the four _____.
- _____ is the first book in the Bible.



More Questions...

How many pages are in your Bible? _____

What is your favorite Bible story? _____

How many books are in the Old Testament? _____

How many books are in the New Testament? _____