



21st Sunday after Pentecost

Worship with Holy Communion

October 22, 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



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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Text: Alexander Gondo; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936, alt.

Music: UYAIMOSE, Alexander Gondo

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

A reading from Thessalonians.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

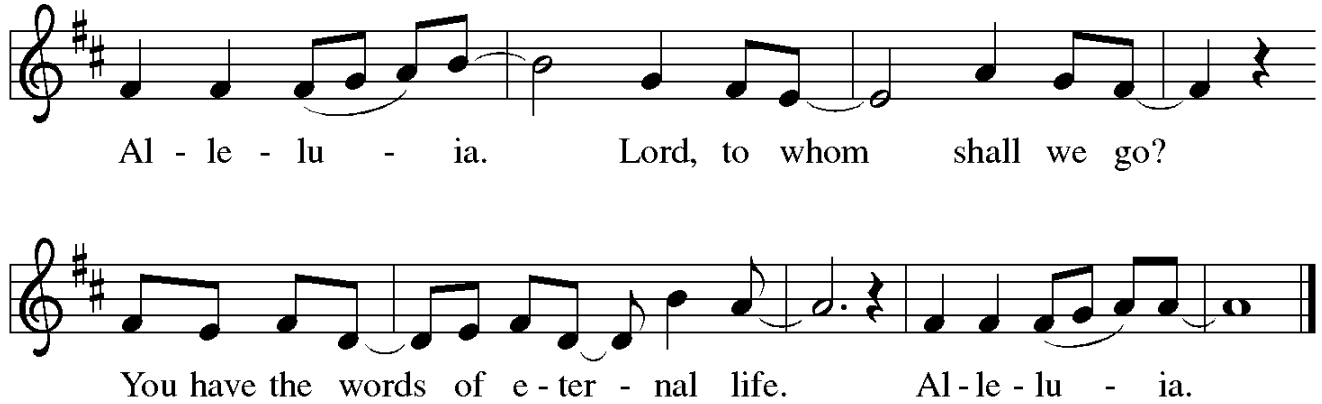
²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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



Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit



Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

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

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1938

Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873–1954

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 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

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.

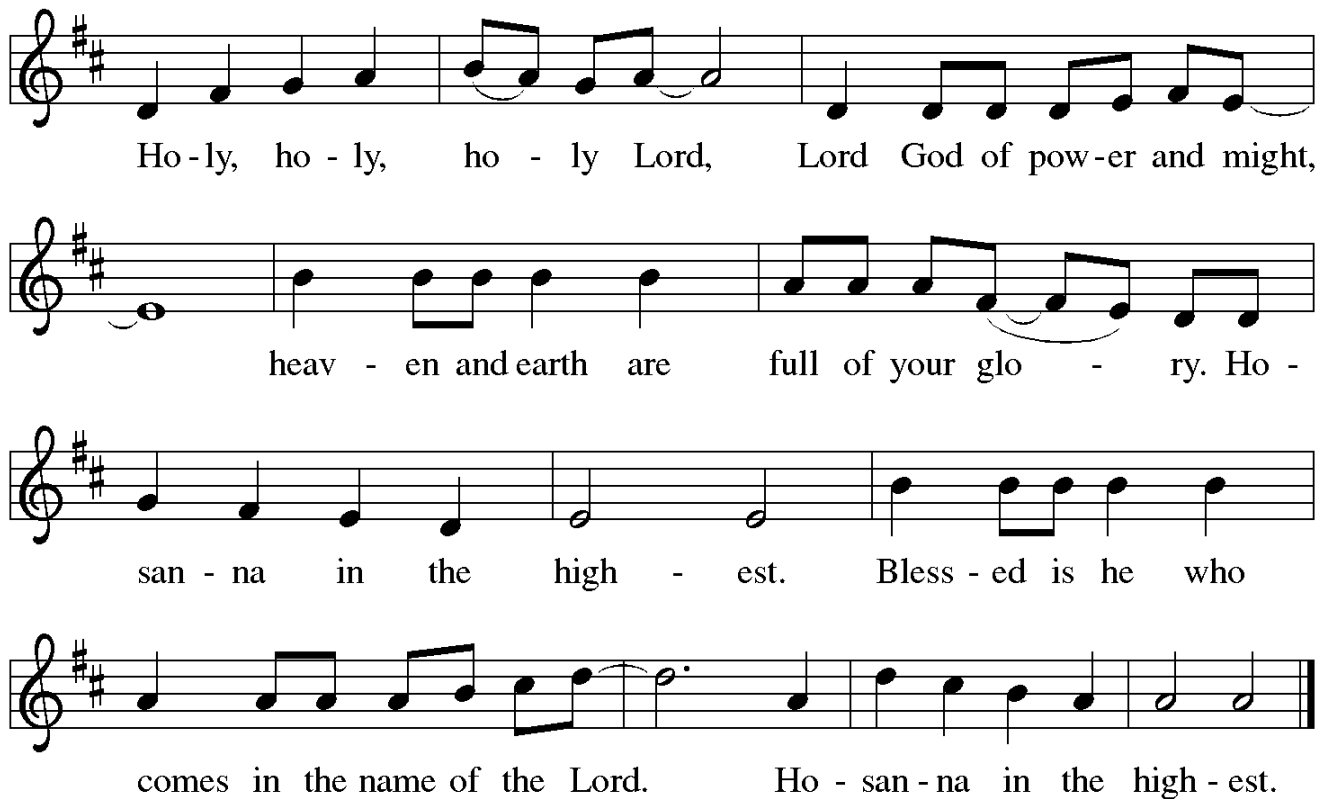
Lift up your hearts.

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

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 – Oct. 22, 2023	Next week – Oct. 29, 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 Farber
Reader	TBD	TBD
Zoom Host	Joann Knoll	Volunteer needed!

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Pray For:

Pray for the people in Israel, Palestine, and all of the Middle East as they suffer war, violence, terror, and retribution. Show the world a path to peace and justice.

Pray for all those struggling after earthquakes, including those on the Turkey/Syrian border, in Afghanistan, and in Papua New Guinea, as they mourn their losses and rebuild homes and communities.

Pray for those recovering from natural disasters, especially those on Maui, in Florida, in New York, in Morocco, and in 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 the Bethel Youth Drop-In Center Board as they prepare for the Summer 2024 Day Camp. Send us excellent applicants for Director and Staff.

Pray for Shlomo Farber, that his family and friends in Israel may be safe.

Pray for the young leaders in our confirmation program that they grow in faith and gain a deeper understanding of Jesus as a guiding, loving force in their lives. Bless their preparation for confirmation as adult members of the Bethel congregation and community,

Pray for our children, as they continue the school year and their journey to become creative and adventurous lifelong learners.

Pray for those who are ill:

- **Lorraine Griffey**, Cari Catlow's mom, who fell and suffered multiple hip/pelvis fractures.
- **Mary Flood-Klein**, longtime Friend of Bethel and Drop-In Board leader, as she recovers from heart valve surgery.
- **Mark Sjostrom**, Svea's uncle, as he recovers from cancer treatments and health complications.
- **Neil Marshall** (Nash's Portland family) as Neil undergoes treatment for a brain tumor.
- **Faith Moser** (mother of Joann Noll) as Faith enters her second century!
- **David Gyles** for his improved lung health.
- **Leo Lawrence** for recovery from 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 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**, in thanks for his continued good health.

- **Jackie Calder** for healing and health that allows travel and volunteer work.
- **Matthew LaCross** for treatment and healing after a diagnosis of early-stage colon cancer.
- **Mary Rix**** as she undergoes surgery and radiation for cancer
- **JulieAnn Edman*** in thanksgiving for a successful surgery and optimistic prognosis and continued healing as she undergoes her treatment.

*Send cards and notes to JulieAnn at her temporary Arizona address 3227 E Glenn St Tucson AZ 85716 or email her at jedman999@gmail.com. NOTE CORRECTED ZIP CODE.

**If you'd like to send a message to Mary Rix please use the Caring Bridge website:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/signup/5f4bb34ebe55a79bad3c12a3cc7aae6f11447288e0500c2c2b9c23254dc826b7> Site name: maryrix Your support, including comments and hearts are much appreciated.

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

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.

Continue to give thanks for Joann's mom, Faith Moser, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday.

Give thanks and celebrate the recent baptism of Ellis & Solveig Erickson-Spencer.

Pray we know that God is close and that we are open to receiving and sharing God's love.

Pray for Bethel Lutheran Church.

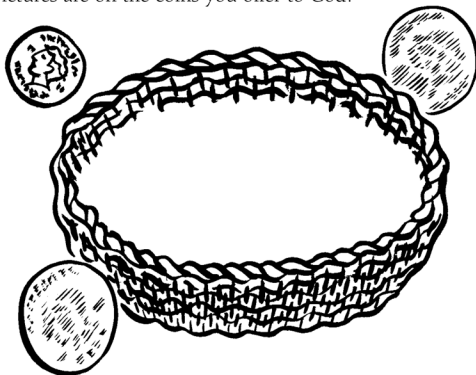
Mark Your Calendars...See what's happening at Bethel and Beyond this week:

10/22 4:00 PM Jazz Concert
 10/22 5:00 PM Codfather Rehearsal
 10/23 7:00 PM Codfather Rehearsal
 10/26 Noon Crafternoon w/ Pr. Leon
 10/26 4:30-5:30 PM Happy Hour on Zoom
 10/26 7:00 PM Codfather Rehearsal
 10/29 9:00 AM Sunday Coffee Hour on Zoom
 10/29 9:00 AM Confirmation rehearsal
 10/29 10:00 AM Sunday Worship: in-person or on Zoom
 10/29 Confirmation
 10/29 5:00 PM Codfather Rehearsal

Send

Our offerings

Worship includes offering gifts of money. These gifts are used to serve God in many ways. A coin in biblical times, called a *denarius*, had a picture of the emperor. What pictures are on the coins you offer to God?



Fill the offering basket with coin rubbings. Place coins under this page and rub over the paper with a pencil. Try both sides of the coin. Who do you see?



Thank you, God, for EVERYTHING!
Help us share with others. Amen.

This week

Talk about other offerings to God. How does your family serve God each day?

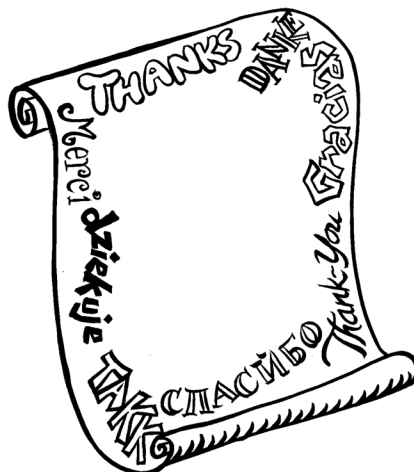
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gather

Welcome to worship! When we come to church, we say thank you to God for all kinds of things. What has God given you that you are thankful for?

Write or draw a thank you note to God.



The Bethel Players present

The Godfather



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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