



# Christ the Sovereign Sunday

Worship with Holy Communion

November 19, 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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**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

### “L’Organiste”: no. 1

By César Franck



*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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# Thanksgiving for Baptism

*Please stand in body or spirit*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.  
We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**



## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
- 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

**O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in Christ we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

### Scripture Reading

***Ephesians 1:15-23***

A reading from Ephesians.

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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!**

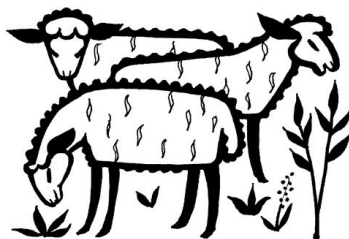
[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

## Crown Him with Many Crowns

### Crown Him with Many Crowns



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4  
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893



## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

## 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 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](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

### *Bless His Holy Name*

*By Andraé Crouch*

# SENDING

## Announcements

### Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

### Sending Song

### *The King If Love My Shephard Is*

*By Charles Gounod*

### The Sending.

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

Stewardship of Service	This week – Nov. 19, 2023	Next week – Nov. 26, 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	TBD	TBD
Zoom Host	<b>Joann Knoll</b>	<b>Volunteer needed!</b>

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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 who were confirmed recently that they grow in faith and gain a deeper understanding of Jesus as a guiding, loving force in their lives.

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.
- 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 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, in thanks for his continued good health.
- Jackie Calder for healing and health that allows travel and volunteer work.
- 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 her temporary Arizona address 3227 E Glenn St Tucson AZ 85716 or email her at [jedman999@gmail.com](mailto: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:**

11/19 9:00 AM Sunday Coffee Hour on Zoom  
 11/19 10:00 AM Sunday Worship: in-person or on Zoom  
 11/19 11:15 AM Church Council Meeting  
 11/20-11/24 Pr. Leon is visiting relatives for Thanksgiving  
 11/23 Office is closed for Thanksgiving. Will be open on Friday 11/24.  
 11/26 First Sunday of Advent\*  
 11/26 9:00 AM Sunday Coffee Hour on Zoom  
 11/26 10:00 AM Sunday Worship: in-person or on Zoom  
 12/03 4:00 PM Jazz Concert and Cookie Exchange\*\*

\*Advent wreath kits will be available at the back of church beginning Nov. 26.

\*\*Get started on baking those cookies. Come and enjoy some music, share some cookies and bring home some new goodies.



# Angel Project At Bethel Lutheran

Thinking about others is part of the holiday spirit at Bethel. We hope everyone can contribute in some way to the Angel Project this year. Here are some ways to do it:

-Collect your recyclable bottles and cans in blue bags with the Bethel sticker and drop them at church or take them to your local center. (We don't have a large surplus of funds in our Angel Project account.)

Contribute money for our shoppers to purchase gifts for families and to supply items for hygiene bags distributed by Terrance Moses' project Freinds of Ours (misspelling intentional). Donations can be made by check sent to Bethel Lutheran Church, 5658 N. Denver Ave., Portland, Oregon 97217, please note funds for Angel Project. You can also Venmo using this QR Code, add note for Angel Project.



Adopt a family. We usually serve about 10-12 families/individuals.

Other items needed: warm socks, warm gloves and hats (used okay), hotel size lotions, HotHands.

Questions? Contact Joann at [joann.noll@gmail.com](mailto:joann.noll@gmail.com)



The First Sunday of Advent is November 26, the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Bethel invites you to pick up an Advent Wreath kit from church to use at home. Instructions are provided in each kit.

Check out the Blest for prayers that will coincide with each week of Advent. Do you need some inspirational music while lighting your candles? Try the album Incarnation by the vocalist group Sister Sinjin, available on Bandcamp for a small donation.

Let this season of preparation give you pause and a moment to deepen your relationship with Christ.

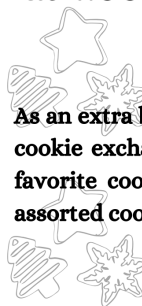


Join Bethel Lutheran  
Church for a  
**Holiday Jazz Concert**  
with Northwest Tempo  
At Bethel Lutheran Church  
5658 N. Denver Ave.

When: Sunday,  
December 3, 2023  
at 4:00 PM



As an extra bonus and to celebrate the holiday season a cookie exchange will be after the concert. Bring your favorite cookies and swap to create a lovely plate of assorted cookies to share with your friends and family.



All are welcome!  
Donations accepted



## Decorating the Church for Christmas!

Please consider ordering a poinsettia to decorate the altar. 6 inch pots are \$10 and 8 inch pots are \$20. **Last day to order is Dec. 20th**

Use Signup genius to place your order and then use Venmo **@BethelLutheran-Church**, confirmation phone # digits 6064, Paypal ([bethelpdx.org](https://www.bethelpdx.org)), or send in a check (mark for poinsettias) to Bethel Lutheran Church, 5658 N. Denver Ave., Portland, OR 97217

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4CABAC2CA4F49-poinsettias#/>