



2nd Sunday After Pentecost

Worship with Holy Communion June 2, 2024

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

Prelude By Jean-François Dandrieu



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

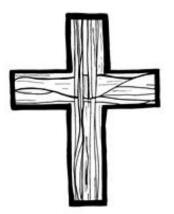
Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us.
It is hard to believe there is enough to share.
We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.
We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.
We take offense at your teachings and your ways.
Turn us again to you.
Where else can we turn?
Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.
Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**



Gathering Song of Praise



Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858-1924

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

A reading from Deuteronomy.

¹²Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

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

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

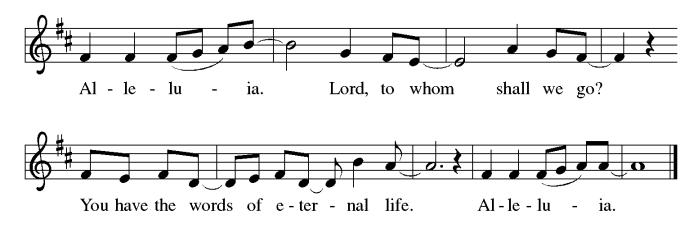
A reading from Corinthians.

⁵We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading

Mark 2:23-3:6

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

²³One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." ²⁷Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

^{3:1}Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

Children's Time

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

O Day of Rest and Gladness



Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt. Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

Prayers of Intercession

The response to each prayer is: Merciful God, receive 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: Venmo @BethelLutheran-Church phone # digits 6064, Paypal, see our website bethelpdx.org for link, online at: http://bethelpdx.org/donate Additionally you may donate by mail or, if worshiping in-person, use the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for supporting the many ministries of Bethel!

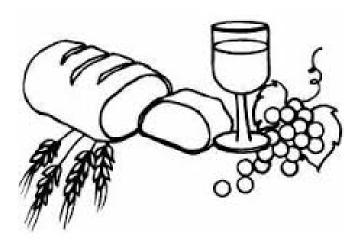
Offering Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

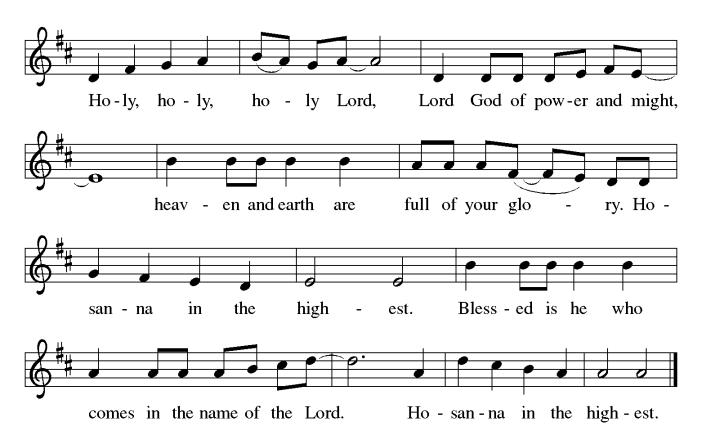
Great Thanksgiving

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 for the season.



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

Rêverie By Claude Debussy

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever. Amen.

Sending Song

You Are the Sunshine of My Life By Stevie Wonder

The Sending.

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Thanks be to God.



Stewardship of Service	This week – June 2, 2024	Next week – June 9, 2024
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Pastor Leon LaCross	Pastor Leon LaCross
Music Director/Musician	Shlomo Farber	TBA
Reader	TBA	TBA
Zoom Host	Joann Noll	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.

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

Pray for peace and justice in Ukraine, Holy Land, and Yemen.

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 2024 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 and for our staff and for our new Director, Marie Houk.

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

Pray for our children, as they count down the days to summer. Give them stamina and joy!

Pray for the teachers, school staff, parents, guardians, and grandparents who teach our children and keep them safe.

Pray for the following:

- 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) and her daughters as Faith moves into assisted living.
- 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.
- **Chuck Huntley**, brother of Marjorie Strieff, for his ongoing health.
- Glenn Chase, in thanks for his continued good health.
- Jackie Calder, in thanks for healing and health that allows her to travel and to accomplish loving volunteer work.
- Marlo Edman as he adjusts to recent changes in health with diagnoses of A-fib and osteoporosis.
- Lorraine Griffey for health, stamina, and joy.

- Betty Jean Iacono, sister of Marjorie Strieff, as she heals from recent heart difficulties.
- Rhonda Pederson, after a liver cancer diagnosis.
- Rick Van Dyke, Jim Van Dyke's brother, who is having heart issues.
- Denny Hepp, family of Tana & Scott & Jared & Steph, for healing of medical issues.

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

Especially Pastor Terry Moe and his family as they grieve the passing of Pastor Terry's wife, Michelle Greenfield.

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

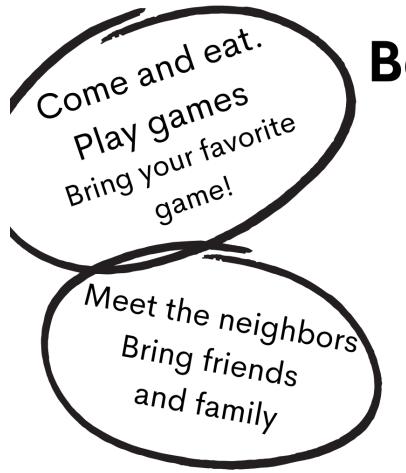
Pray we know that God is close and that we are open to receiving and sharing God's love.

Pray for Bethel Lutheran Church.

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

- 06/02 9:00 AM Sunday Coffee Hour on Zoom
- 06/02 10:00 AM Sunday Worship: in person or on Zoom
- 06/06 4:30 5:30 PM Happy Hour on Zoom
- 06/09 9:00 AM Sunday Coffee Hour on Zoom
- 06/09 10:00 AM Sunday Worship: in person or on Zoom
- 06/09 11:15 AM Crafternoon with Pr. Leon

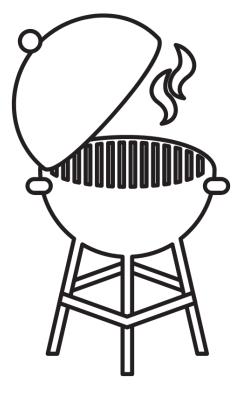




Bethel Bees BarBeeQ Fun Night

Wednesday, June 12 5:30-7:30 PM

at Bethel Lutheran Church



5658 N. Denver Ave.

Main protien provided Bring Salads and desserts to share



Help is needed with Set-up at 4:45 PM and/or clean-up.