



# 9th Sunday After Pentecost

Worship with Holy Communion

July 21, 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.

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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



*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,  
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

## Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929  
Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

**O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

# WORD

## Scripture Reading

## *Jeremiah 23:1-6*

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

## Scripture Reading

## *Ephesians 2:11-22*

A reading from Ephesians.

<sup>11</sup>Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—<sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup>He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup>So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup>for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

## 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

**Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

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

<sup>30</sup>The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

<sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup>When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup>and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

*Please be seated*

## Children's Time

## Sermon



## Hymn of the Day

## I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889  
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

*Please stand in body or spirit*

### Prayers of Intercession

*The response to each prayer is: In your mercy, hear our prayer.*

**Sharing of Peace** — *Take time to share the peace on Zoom and in person*

*Please be seated*

# 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: 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 donate by mail or, if worshipping 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

*Please stand in body or spirit*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

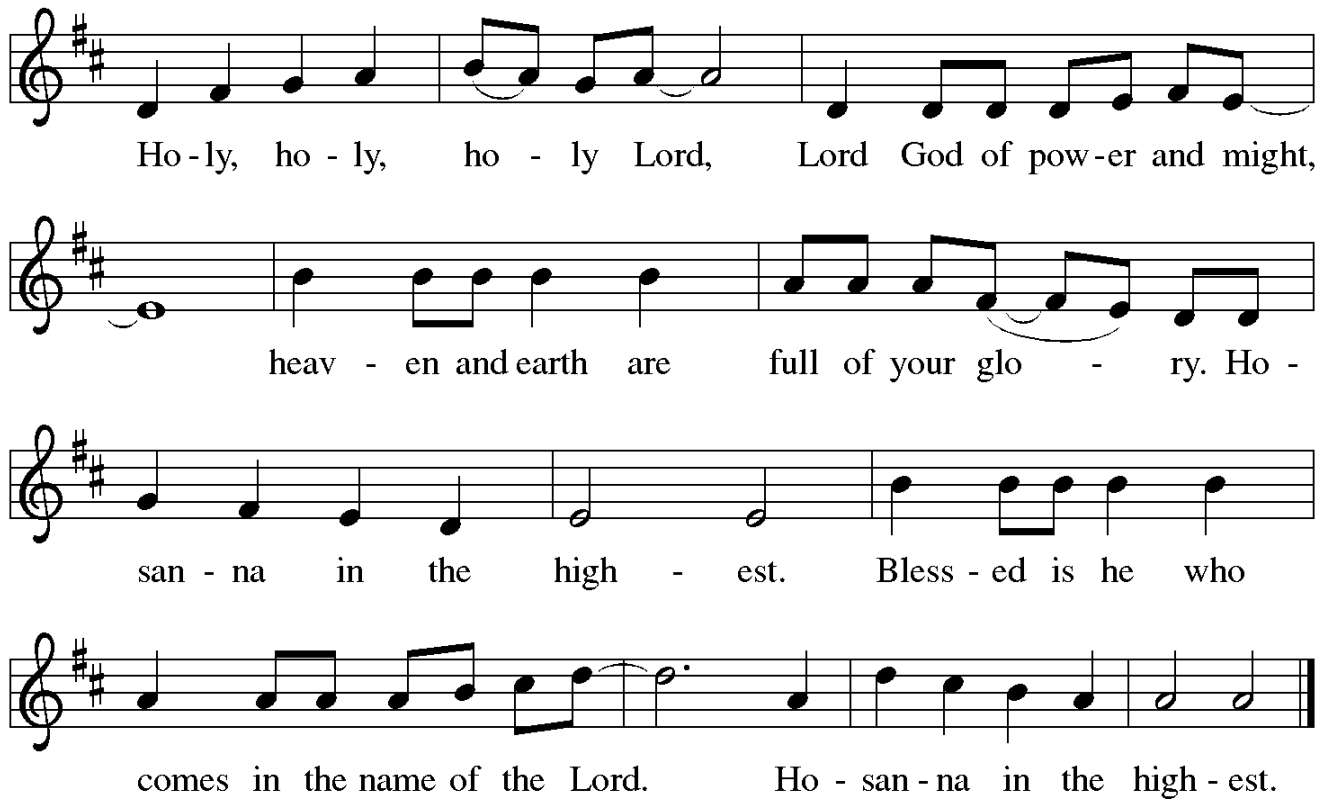
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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.*



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.**

*Please be seated*

## **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

## **Communion Music**



# 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

### The Sending.

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



<b>Stewardship of Service</b>	<b>This week – July 21, 2024</b>	<b>Next week – July 28, 2024</b>
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Pastor Leon LaCross	Pastor Leon LaCross
Guest Musician	Jamie Vandenberg	AJ Allida
Reader	TBA	TBA
Zoom Host	<b>Joann Noll</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.

**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 the Summer 2024 Day Camp gets into full swing.** Continue to pray in thanksgiving for excellent Staff and for our new Director, Marie Houk and for the kids as they embark on new adventures.

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

**Pray for our children**, during the summer months that they get rejuvenated and are safe.

**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 Joann's sisters as they recover from their own health issues.
- **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

- **Denny Hepp**, Family of Tana & Scott & Jared & Steph, as he receives treatment for a brain tumor.
- **Doris Bishop**, mother of Tana Bishop, just coming out of the hospital that she returns to health quickly.

**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, 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 Calendar....Here's What's Happening at Bethel this Week

- 07/21 9:00 AM Sunday Coffee Hour on Zoom
- 07/21 10:00 AM Sunday Worship: in person or on Zoom
- 07/21 11:15 AM Council Meeting
- 07/22-07/26 8:30 AM-5:30 PM Summer Youth Program
- 07/25 2:00 PM Bethel Bees Prep & Serve Meal for Renaissance Commons
- 07/25 4:30-5:30 PM Happy Hour on Zoom
- 07/28 9:00 AM Sunday Coffee Hour on Zoom
- 07/28 10:00 AM Sunday Worship: in person or on Zoom
- 07/28 4:00 PM Jazz Concert



**2024 Summer Day Camp Program**  
**@ Bethel Youth Drop-In Center**  
 Program Dates/Times: July 1 through August 9  
 MTWThF, 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM  
 Ages: entering 1st through 6th in Fall 2024  
 Register at [www.bethelpdx.org/summer-program](http://www.bethelpdx.org/summer-program)  
 Email: [ydic@bethelpdx.org](mailto:ydic@bethelpdx.org)  
 Phone: 503-285-4919  
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## **Good Clean Fundraiser**

Check out the back of the Church and help us fill the washing machine with laundry with your donations!

Accepting matching donations up to \$5000 for our electrical upgrades and the addition of a washer and dryer! Our goal is \$12,000. Any amount will help us get there!

Bethel Lutheran  
Church  
presents

**Sunday  
July 28  
at  
4:00 PM**

**Jazz Concert  
with  
Northwest Tempo**



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## Bethel Bees calling for Volunteers!

Come by on Thursday to help cook or stop by at Renaissance Commons in Kenton to help serve. This wonderful ministry helps build community amongst those living at the commons and Bethel.

This Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> the Bethel Bees prep and serve for Renaissance Commons. The cooking begins at 2:00 pm and then the food is brought to Renaissance Commons around 4:30 where the Bees help set up and serve and visit with residents.

Help with serving is especially needed.

Can you spare a couple of hours from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm?

Thank you! Feel free to call or email the office for more information.



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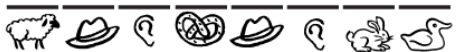
When we find ourselves in need of care, Jesus is there.  
When we feel sick or sad, Jesus is there.  
When we feel lonely, Jesus is there.


Print the first letter of each word in the blanks to find Jesus' words of care and love for us.

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”



 *Jesus, our Good Shepherd,  
thank you for your love  
and care. Amen*

## this week

Create a cozy place, "an away place," at home for reading Bible stories, psalms like Psalm 23 and singing Sunday songs.


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## gather

Welcome to worship.

We are not strangers to God. We are "citizens with the saints," members of God's family. Fill in the passport with details and a picture that shows a special child of God-YOU!

First Name _____	 Signature _____ - Child of God
Middle Name _____	
Last Name _____	
Town _____	
State/Province _____	
Country _____	
Age _____	
Hair color _____	
Eye color _____	