



# 11th Sunday After Pentecost

Worship with Holy Communion

August 4, 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**

**Voluntary VI: I. Largo**  
**By Anonymous (XVIIth c.)**



*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, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

# WORD

## Scripture Reading

**Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15**

A reading from Exodus.

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

<sup>4</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" "

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

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

## Scripture Reading

**Ephesians 4:1-16**

A reading from Ephesians.

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

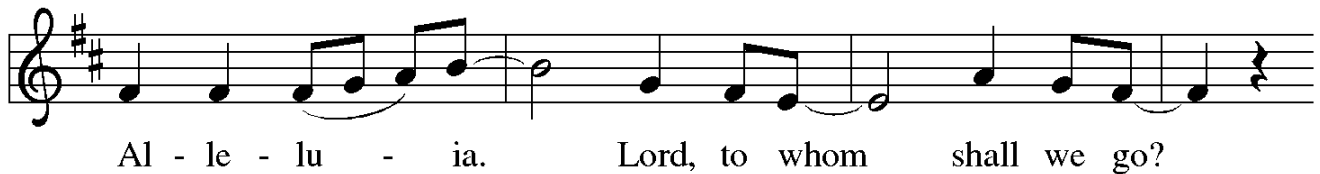
<sup>9</sup>(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the

measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand in body or spirit*



## Gospel Reading

**John 6:24-35**

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

<sup>24</sup>When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of God will give you. For it is on him that God has set a seal." <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom God has sent." <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'God gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is God who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup>They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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

Please be seated

## Children's Time

### Sermon

#### Hymn of the Day

#### All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



- 1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
- 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.
- 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

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Please stand in body or spirit

## 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

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.

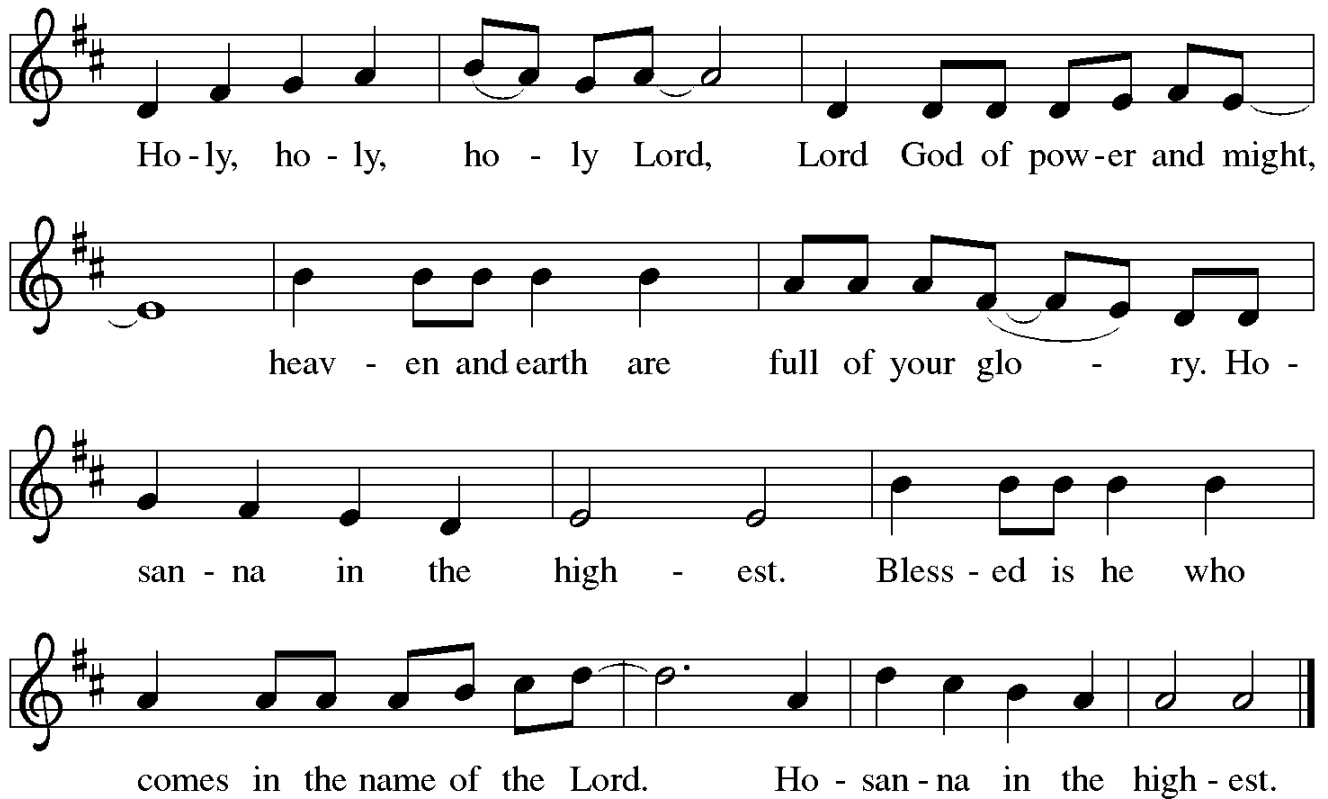
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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**

### ***I Worship You, Almighty God***

*By Sandra Corbett-Wood*



# 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

**Swing Low, Sweet Chariot**  
*Spiritual*

### The Sending.

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



<b>Stewardship of Service</b>	<b>This week – Aug. 4, 2024</b>	<b>Next week – Aug. 11, 2024</b>
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Pastor Leon LaCross	Pastor Leon LaCross
Guest Musician	Shlomo Farber	Shlomo Farber
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 comes to a close.** Continue to pray in thanksgiving for excellent Staff and for our Director, Marie Houk and for the kids as they wrap up another summer program.

**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 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.
- **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, for healing of medical issues.
- **Rick Van Dyke,** brother to Jim Van Dyke, as Rick lives with the uncertainty of his illness and works with his medical team to prepare for treatment.
- **Steve Cleveland** as he recovers from a stroke
- **Deb Gingrich, RN,** life long friend of Mary Rix, who is on a ventilator in ICU due to abdominal hemorrhage and now septic.

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

**Doris Jane Bishop**, mother of Tana Bishop and grandmother of Jared Burdick, as Doris has moved from this life to the next. Pray for the Bishop family as they gather to share love, laughter, tears, and stories about a mother who had both foresight and fortitude. Service will be held today at 1:00 Pacific time. You can join the memorial service on Facebook. ([facebook.com/BethanyLutheranDutton](https://facebook.com/BethanyLutheranDutton))

**Michelle Greenfield**, wife of Pastor Terry Moe and his family as they grieve her passing. Service will be held on August 18. Information will be in the bulletin next week.

**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.**

**In thanksgiving to the Bethel community from JulieAnn and Marlo.** It is with great appreciation to Bethel for all the support, love and prayers as we've been going through these difficult changes. We feel surrounded by God's love so clearly passed on to us from His Bethel community. Thank you all.

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

Mark Your Calendar....Here's What's Happening at Bethel this Week

- 08/04 9:00 AM Sunday Coffee Hour on Zoom
- 08/04 10:00 AM Sunday Worship: in person or on Zoom
- 08/05-08/09 8:30 AM-5:30 PM Last week of YDIC Summer Program
- 08/07 5:30 PM Drop In Center Talent Show\*
- 08/08 4:30-5:30 PM Happy Hour on Zoom
- 08/08 7:00 PM YDIC Board Meeting on Zoom
- 08/11 9:00 AM Sunday Coffee Hour on Zoom
- 08/11 10:00 AM Sunday Worship: in person or on Zoom
- 08/11 11:15 AM Crafternoon with Pr. Leon

\*See page 12 for more information



Crafternoon with Pr. Leon

August 11 at 11:15

in the Library

Do you have a project that's been sitting around or maybe you want to start a new craft but haven't had the time to start? Come and join Pr. Leon on Aug. 11 after service for crafting. Bring whatever craft is sitting around and let's work on it.



## Calling Women at Bethel

You are invited to gather in prayer. We are planning on meeting for conversation, contemplation, prayer, and to draw us closer.

The plan so far is to meet beginning in mid to late September, every other Saturday morning at 8:30 AM at Carol Knight's home.

We would love a number of who are interest so please contact Bethel (503) 285-4919 OR email at [bethellutheran@bethelpdx.org](mailto:bethellutheran@bethelpdx.org). Thank you!

# DROP-IN CENTER TALENT SHOW

JOIN US AT 5:30 PM

FREE FOOD AND FUN!

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# AUGUST 2024

Join us for the Bethel Drop-In Center Talent Show at 5:30! Enjoy a lovely show performed by the camp kids followed by a free meal. All are welcome! Contact Marie Houk for questions!

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## NEWS ALERT:

Even though our fundraiser has just kicked off, donations are already pouring in, AND we have an anonymous donor willing to match our first \$5000 that we raise!!! Add your clothes to the washer! Any amount helps us get closer to our goal. Feel free to use our Venmo account @BethelLutheran-Church (6064)

We have a washer and dryer and a quote from a construction contractor, an electrical contractor and a plumbing contractor and only need to raise around \$12,000. As a bonus, this fabulous project will also provide us with 2 updated electrical panels (which desperately need to be updated) for the basement and the upstairs.

We are so close to our goal. Consider donating today!

