

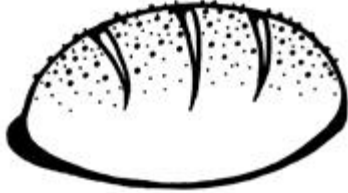


12th Sunday After Pentecost

Worship with Holy Communion

August 11, 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

Cello Suite No. 1 in G major

By J. S. Bach



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:

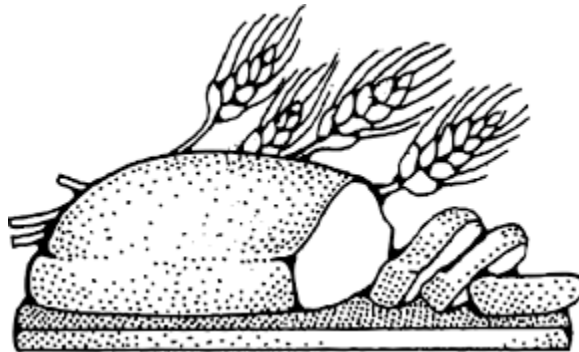
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:

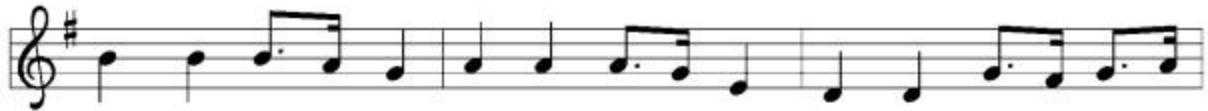
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

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:

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

Scripture Reading

1Kings 19:4-8

A reading from Kings.

⁴[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

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

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

A reading from Ephesians.

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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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

John 6:35, 41-51

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

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the God who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from God comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen God except the one who is from God; he has seen God. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

Please be seated

Children's Time

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

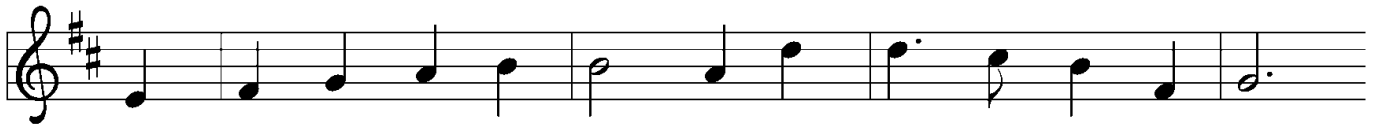
O Living Bread of Heaven



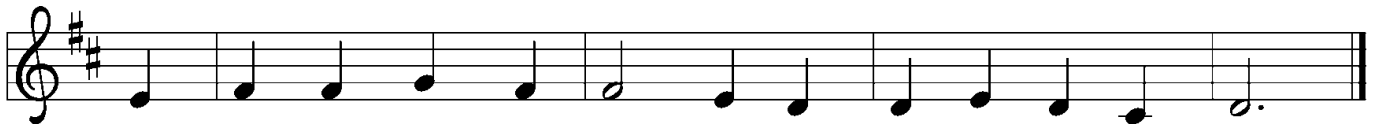
- 1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
- 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
- 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
- 4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

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 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

Please stand in body or spirit

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

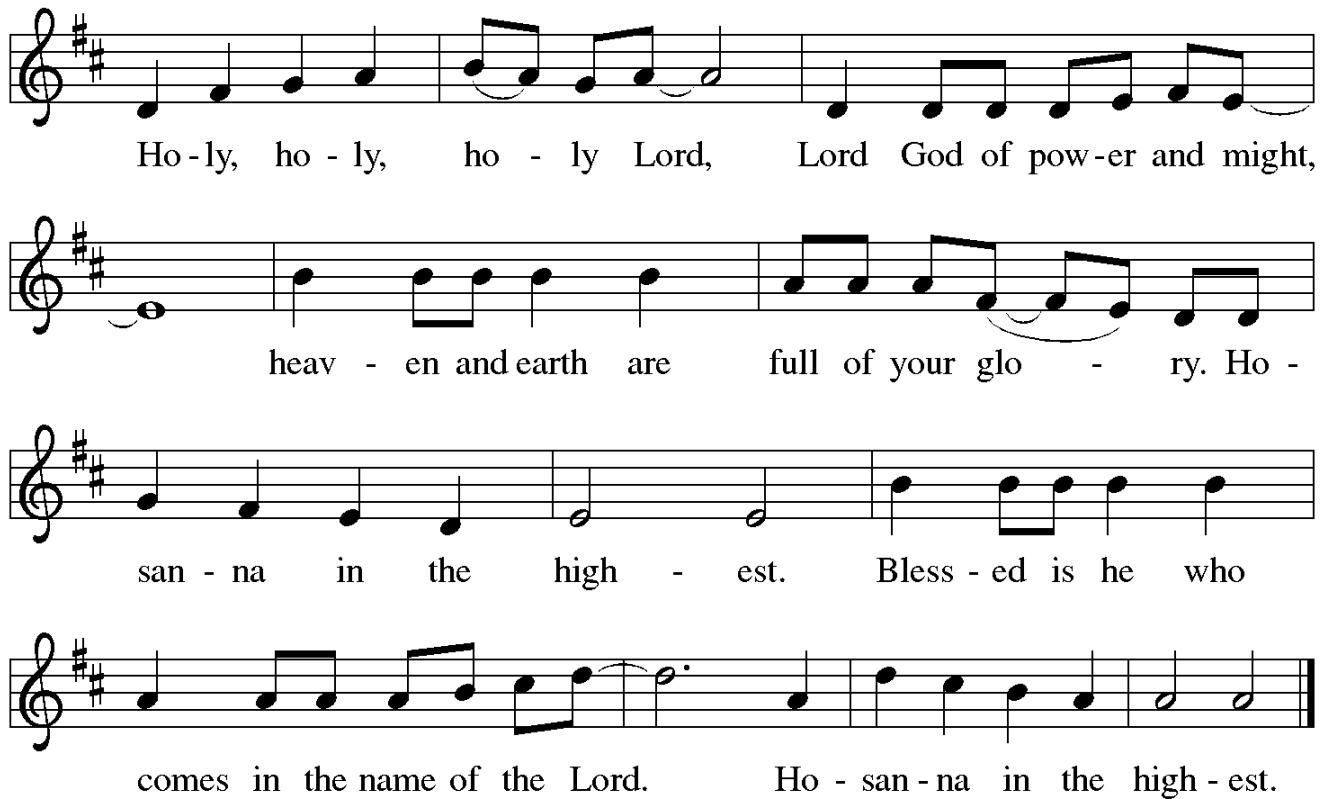
We lift them to the Lord.

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

No One is Alone, from Into the Woods
By Stephen Sondheim

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

Prelude from “Suite Bergamasque”

By Claude Debussy

The Sending.

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.



Stewardship of Service	This week – Aug. 11, 2024	Next week – Aug. 18, 2024
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Pastor Leon LaCross	Pastor Leon LaCross
Guest Musician	Colin Shepard	Shlomo Farber
Reader	TBA	TBA
Zoom Host	Joann Noll	Volunteer needed!

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Answers to Kids bulletin: Coop, loop, loot, foot, food, next: dated, hated, hater, water

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 is done for another season. Continue to pray in thanksgiving for excellent staff and for our Director, Marie Houk and for the kids who attended this summer.

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.
- **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.

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

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 after worship

08/14 5:30 - 7:30 PM Bethel Bees BBQ

08/14 6:00 PM St. John's Fund Team Meeting

08/15 4:30 - 5:30 PM Happy Hour on Zoom

08/18 9:00 AM Sunday Coffee Hour on Zoom

08/18 10:00 AM Sunday Worship: in person or on Zoom

08/18 11:15 AM Council Meeting

08/18 3:00 PM Memorial Service for Michelle Greenfield (Wife of Pr. Terry Moe)



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.

Come and eat.
Play games
Bring your favorite
game!

Meet the neighbors
Bring friends
and family

**Bethel Bees
BarBeeQ
Fun Night**

**Wednesday
August 14
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.



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. Thank you!



Memorial Service for Pr. Terry Moe's wife,
Michelle Greenfield
Remembering and Celebrating the Life of Michelle
Susan Greenfield

April 9, 1952 - May 28, 2024
(Spouse of Pastor Terry Moe)

Memorial Service
August 18, 2024

3:00 pm at Resurrection Lutheran Church
1700 NE 132nd Ave, Portland

Followed by a Celebration of Life on the same day at Kennedy School McMenamins, 6pm-10pm. Bethel members and friends are invited to attend either or both events.

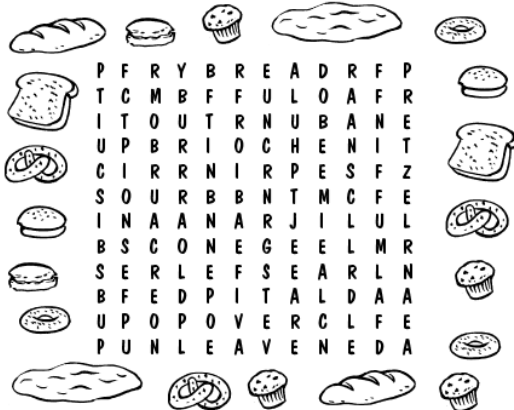
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Bread for all

Jesus is the bread of life for ALL people wherever they live.

Find bread words from around the world in this puzzle.

Put stars on the list beside the breads that you have eaten.



Pita Bagel Muffin Loaf Frybread Tortilla
Scone Biscuit Lefse Popover Brioche Bun
Cornbread Pretzel Unleavened Injera Naan

Our Father in heaven, give us today our daily bread. Amen

This week

Try a "no bread" day. Every time you miss it, pray, "Thank you Jesus for being with me everyday. You are the bread of life." Amen

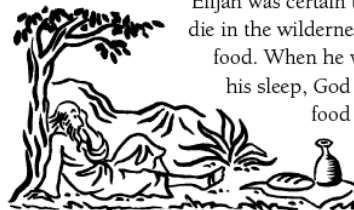
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gather

Welcome to worship. Bread is a common food. Many people eat bread daily. Jesus said, "I am the bread of life." We need Jesus in our lives every day, just like we need food in our bodies every day, to live.

Elijah was certain that he would die in the wilderness. He had no food. When he woke up from his sleep, God had provided food and water for him. God changed his life!



Change this funny pair of words into the needed things God gave to Elijah. Change one letter of the word each line (still making a real word), until you get to the word at the bottom. An example has been done for you. (Answers to the word chains are on the inside of this bulletin.)

HATE	COOP	DATED
DATE	_____	_____
NOTE	_____	_____
DOVE	_____	_____
LOVE	FOOD	WATER