

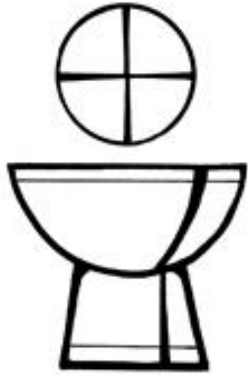


13th Sunday After Pentecost

Worship with Holy Communion

August 18, 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



Come Again
By John Dowland

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.

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.





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:

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 9:1-6

A reading from Proverbs.

- ¹Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!”
To those without sense she says,
⁵“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

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

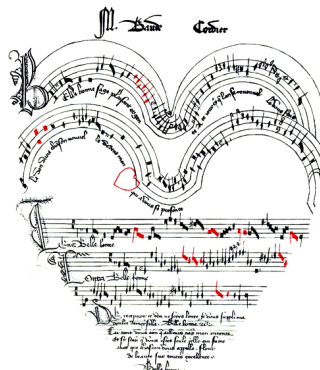
Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

A reading from Ephesians.

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

John 6:51-58

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

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹"I 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."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of God and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living God sent me, and I live because of God, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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

Please be seated

Children's Time

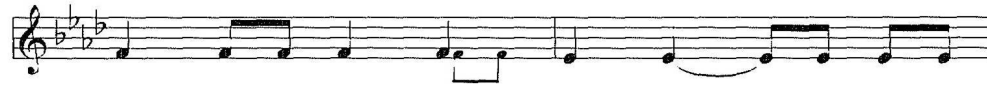
Sermon

Hymn of the Day

I am the Bread of Life



1. _____ I am the Bread of life. You who
2. The bread that _____ I will give is my
3. Un - less _____ you _____ eat of the
4. _____ I am the Res - ur - rec - tion, _____
5. Yes, Lord, _____ I be - lieve _____ that _____



come to me shall not hun - ger; and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, _____ and if you
flesh of the Son of Man _____ and _____
I _____ am the life. _____ If you be -
you _____ are the Christ, _____ the _____



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat _____ of this bread, you shall _____ live for
drink _____ of his blood, and drink _____ of his
lieve _____ in _____ me, e - ven _____ though you
Son _____ of _____ God, Who _____ have _____



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons.
ev - er, _____ you shall live for ev - er.
blood, you shall not have life with - in you.
die, _____ you shall live for ev - er.
come in - to _____ the _____ world. _____

Harmony:



And I will raise you up, and I will raise you



up, and I will raise you up on the last day.

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 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.

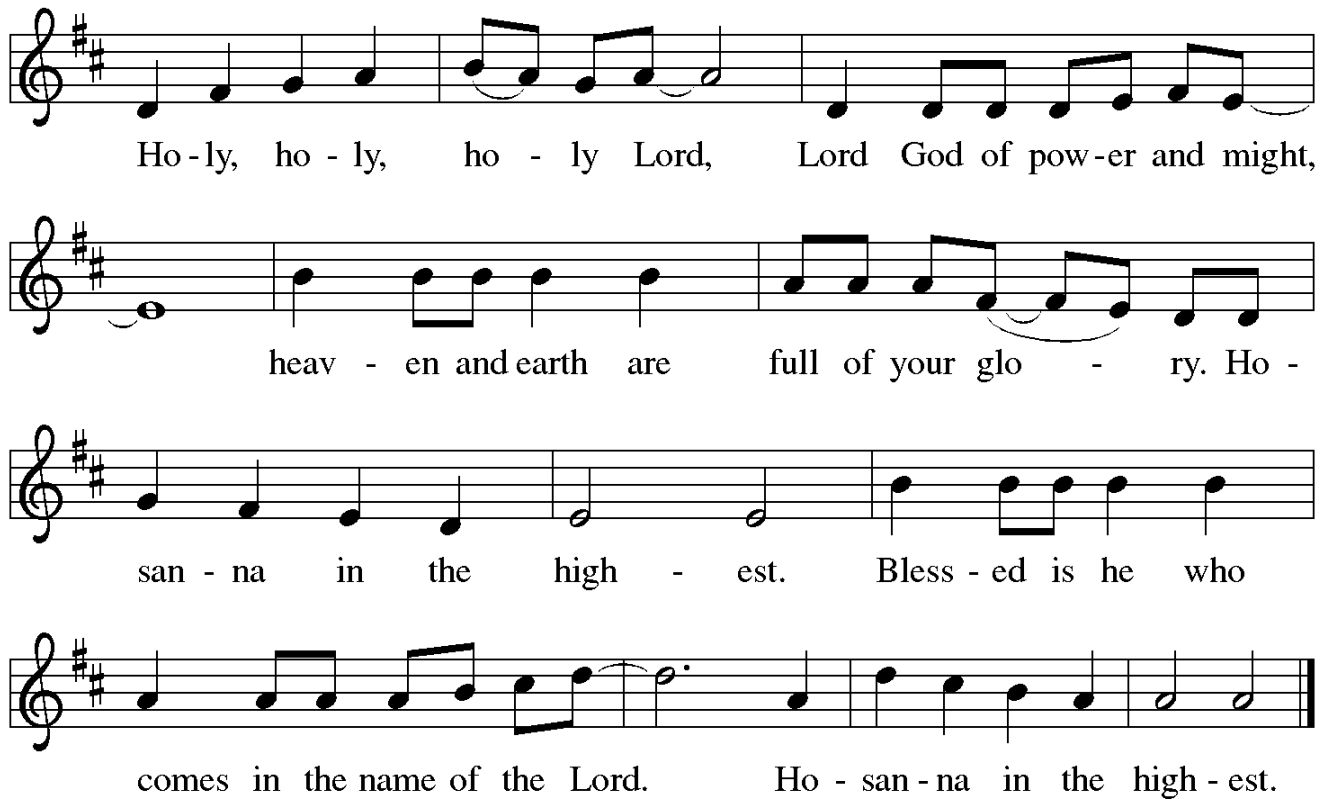
We lift them to the Lord.

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

Invention No. 12

By J.S. Bach

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

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

Amen.

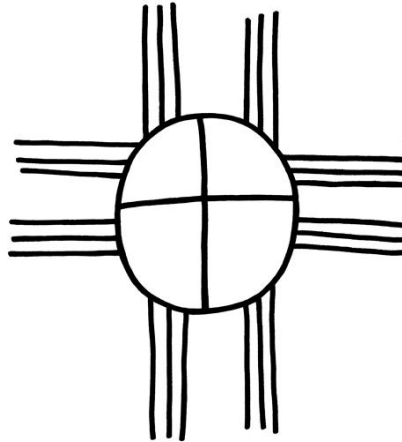
Sending Song

Thank You For the Music

By ABBA

The Sending.

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



Stewardship of Service	This week – Aug. 18, 2024	Next week – Aug. 25, 2024
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Preacher	Pastor Leon LaCross	Julia Rankin
Musical Director	Shlomo Farber	Shlomo Farber
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 we now look to a new year. Continue to pray in thanksgiving for our excellent staff and for our Director, Marie Houk, and for the families as they begin the school year.

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

Pray for our children, as they get ready for the school year to begin.

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) and his friends and family as he nears the end of life after a long struggle with cancer.
- **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.
- **Pat Greene,** friend of Lisa Siems, who is in hospital due to a bike accident.
- **Darin Schmidt,** a former Bethelite, was recently hospitalized for several tests, waiting for results.

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

08/18 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 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Rummage Sale at the Parsonage

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

08/22 2:00 PM Bethel Bees prep & serve for Renaissance Commons

08/22 4:30-5:30 PM Happy Hour on Zoom

08/25 9:00 AM Sunday Coffee Hour on Zoom

08/25 10:00 AM Sunday Worship: in person or on Zoom

08/25 4:00 PM Jazz Concert



RUMMAGE SALE

Sunday, Aug. 18
11am-1pm

All Proceeds will help with refreshing the parsonage.

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The poster features a stylized illustration of a brown chest of drawers with a red vase on top, a potted plant with yellow flowers, and a brown box. A dollar sign is visible on the chest of drawers and the box.



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.

Bethel Lutheran Church presents

Sunday
 Aug. 25
 at
 4:00 PM

Jazz Concert with Northwest Tempo



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BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

September 1
 at Bethel
 During 10 AM
 Sunday Worship

As another school year starts, go back to school with God's blessing. If you're a student of any kind, or support the education of students, please bring a backpack or work bag to be blessed during worship.