



# 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Worship with Holy Communion  
November 10, 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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# Thanksgiving for Baptism

*Please stand in body or spirit and face the Baptismal Font*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

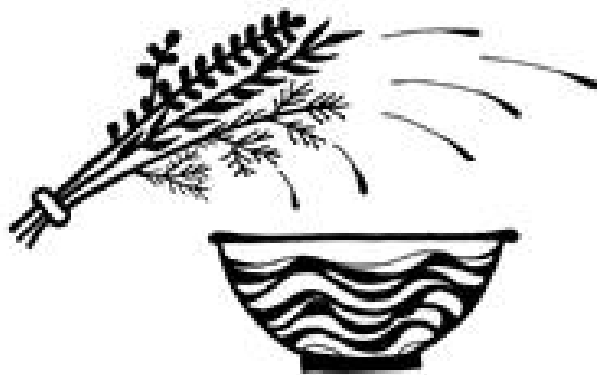
Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.  
We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**



# Gathering Song of Praise

# Listen, God Is Calling

*Refrain*  
Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,  
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

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ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.  
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.  
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news  
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.  
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.  
that he came to save us and set us free.  
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.  
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922  
Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune  
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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

**O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

# WORD

## Scripture Reading

**1 Kings 17:8-16**

A reading from 1 Kings.

<sup>8</sup>The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, <sup>9</sup>“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup>As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” <sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” <sup>15</sup>She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

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

## Scripture Reading

**Hebrews 9:24-28**

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>24</sup>Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup>Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; <sup>26</sup>for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup>so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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 12:38-44**

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

<sup>38</sup> As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup> and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup> They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

<sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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

*Please be seated*

## Children's Time

## Sermon

# Hymn of the Day

# Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood  
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,  
3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest  
4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood



as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -  
of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our  
char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have  
as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -



men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en  
thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,  
done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—  
men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,



bles - ings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful  
warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py  
in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your  
hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.  
and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.  
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."  
all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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

Blessed are you, O God,  
source of every gift of your creation.  
By these gifts and with our lives,  
help us to serve one another and all in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

Please stand in body or spirit

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

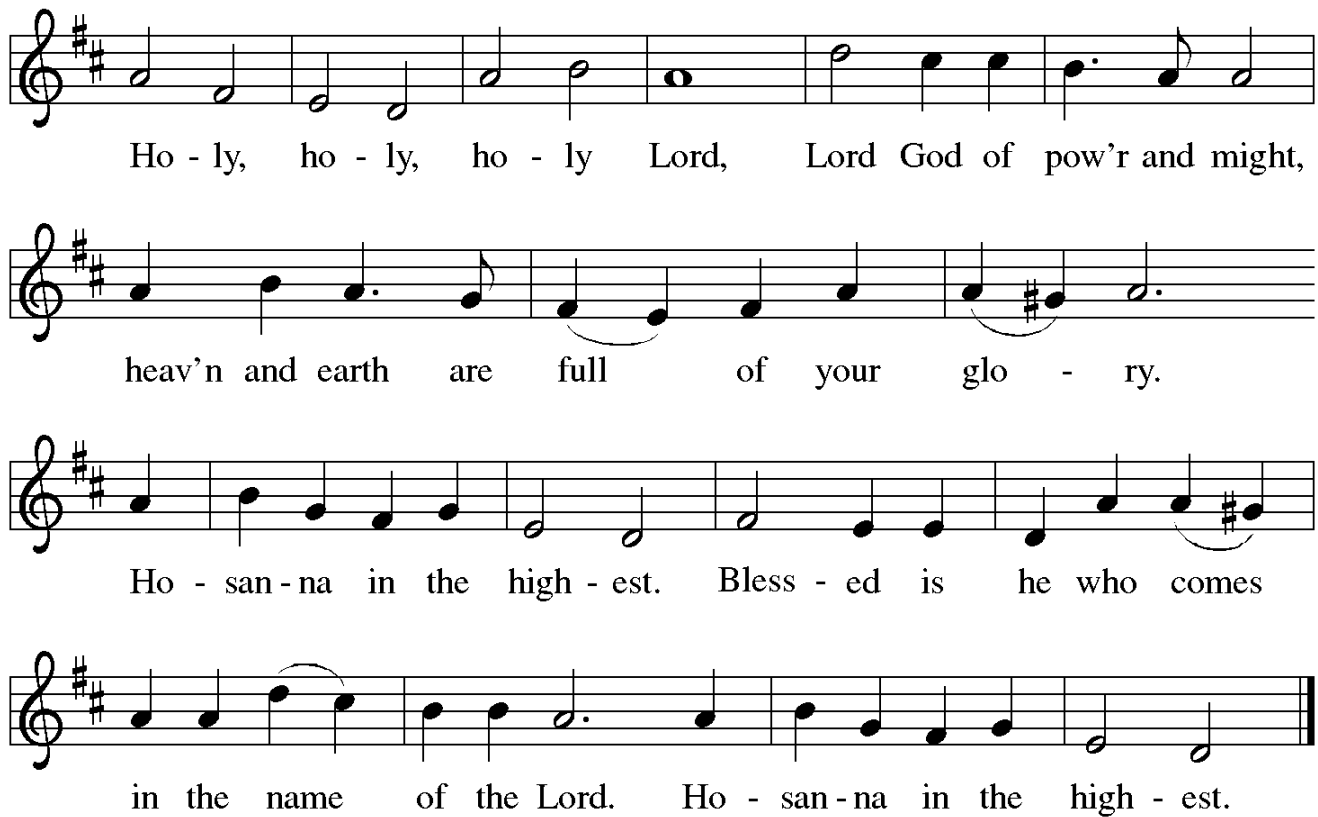
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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'r and might,  
heav'n 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

God all mighty,  
God most merciful  
‡ bless you, keep you,  
and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

### Sending Song

### The Sending.

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God.**



<b>Stewardship of Service</b>	<b>This week – Nov. 10, 2024</b>	<b>Next week – Nov. 17, 2024</b>
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Pastor Leon LaCross	Pastor Leon LaCross
Musician	Jamie Vandenberg	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 we now look to a new year and in need of a new director and staff as well as a robust group of children.

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

**Pray for Julia Rankin** as she readies for seminary that she is filled with the gifts of the spirit to follow her calling.

**Pray for Sean Fitzgerald** (Nikki Bucholz), Kim Bucholz's son-in-law who has been deployed to Iraq.

**Pray for our children,** as they continue the school year, that they nurture their curiosity and find joy in all they do.

**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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Darin Schmidt,** a former Bethelite, and his wife Jessica, as they navigate a diagnosis of liver cancer.
- **Matt LaCross** for an easy surgery and recovery.
- **Marlo Edman** for upcoming medical procedures.
- **Ronda Bard** to get to the root of her pain and get back to her healthy self.
- **Bob Enke,** cousin of JulieAnn Edman, for healing from a fall and for getting the care he needs.

- **Denny Hepp**, for treatment & care as he battles brain cancer.
- **Cathy Thayer**, mom of Diana Thayer, owner of Off the Wall Cleaning Services PNW, has been diagnosed with cancer.
- **Marjorie Strieff** that she recovers fully from a recent illness.
- **Miles Bard** for health and stamina.

**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.**

## **What's Happening at Bethel this week!**

11/09 8:30 AM Women's Prayer Group  
 11/09 2:00 PM Matinee Show "As the Butter Churns"  
 11/09 7:00 PM Dinner Show "As the Butter Churns"  
 11/10 9:00 AM Sunday Coffee Hour on Zoom  
 11/10 10:00 AM Sunday Worship: in person or on Zoom  
 11/10 3:00 PM Dessert Show "As the Butter Churns"  
 11/13 5:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting in Fellowship Hall  
 11/13 6:00 PM St. John's Fund Team Meeting: Zoom  
 11/14 7:00 PM YDIC Board Meeting: Zoom  
 11/17 9:00 AM Sunday Coffee Hour on Zoom  
 11/17 10:00 AM Sunday Worship: in person or on Zoom  
 11/17 11:15 AM Council Meeting



# 2024 Winter Makers Market & Gift Fair



December 7th from 12 to 5pm

Hosted by Bethel Lutheran - 5658 N. Denver Ave

Paintings + Pottery + Letterpress + Decorations  
& All Manner of Handmade and Vintage Gifts!



Women's Prayer Group will be meeting again on Nov. 23!

This is a space for women to come together to pray, have conversation, contemplation and to draw us closer together.

If you are interested in joining please call the office at 503.285.4919 or email at [bethellutheran@bethelpdx.org](mailto:bethellutheran@bethelpdx.org)



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for a

## Holiday Jazz Concert with Northwest Tempo

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When: Sunday,  
December 15, 2024  
at 4:00 PM



As an extra bonus and to celebrate the holiday season a cookie exchange will be after the concert. Bring your favorite cookies and swap to create a lovely plate of assorted cookies to share with your friends and family.

All are welcome!  
Donations accepted

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