



The Holy Trinity

Worship with Holy Communion

June 15, 2025

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

Air On G String from Orchestral Suite No. 3

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 Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✚ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✚ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.



Gathering Song of Praise

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.

Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

A reading from Proverbs.

- ¹ Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
² On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
³ beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
⁴ "To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.
- ²² The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
²³ Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
²⁸ when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race."

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

Scripture Reading

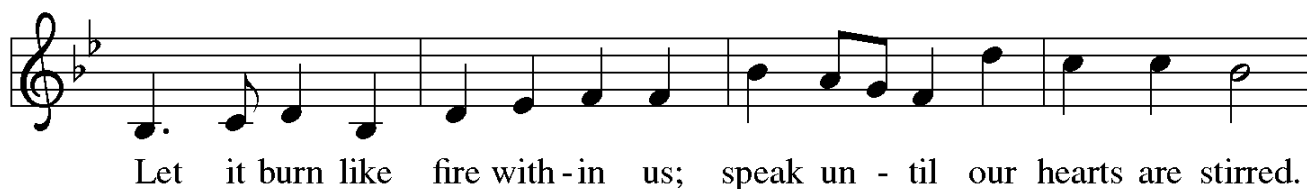
Romans 5:1-5

A reading from Romans.

¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading

John 16:12-15

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

Jesus said, ¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

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

Children's Time

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, de - scend
2 To you, the Com - fort - er, we cry; to you,
3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold, we God's
4 Your light to ev - 'ry sense im - part, and shed



up - on us from a - bove; with grac - es man - i -
the gift of God most high, true fount of life, the
al - might - y hand be - hold; while you with tongues of
your love in ev - 'ry heart; your own un - fail - ing



fold re - store your crea - tures as they were be - fore.
fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
fire pro - claim to all the world God's ho - ly name.
might sup - ply to strength - en our in - fir - mi - ty.

- 5 Keep far from us our cruel foe,
and peace from your own hand bestow;
upheld by you, our strength and guide,
no evil can our steps betide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and you, of both, to be but one;
that through the ages all along
your praise may be our endless song.

Text: Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. composite

Music: KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER, J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1543

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Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The response to each prayer is: God of grace, hear our prayer.

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

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

Let us pray.
Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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.

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;

and the life of the Spirit

✠ bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Song

Count On Me

By Bruno Mars

The Sending.

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Stewardship of Service	This week – June 15, 2025	Next week – June 22, 2025
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Pastor Leon LaCross	Pastor Leon LaCross
Musician	Shlomo Farber	Shlomo Farber
Reader	TBA	TBA
Zoom Host	Joann Noll	Volunteer needed!

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Pray For:

Pray for the people in all of the Middle East, Ukraine, Kashmir, 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 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 2025 Church Council members, and for all the members and friends of Bethel Lutheran Church.

Pray for the Bethel Youth Drop-In Center Board in thanksgiving for Elizabeth DeLozier as she begins as director of the Summer Youth Program and for the excellent counselors who will be working with Elizabeth!

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

Pray for Julia Rankin as she continues her education at seminary.

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

Pray for our children, that they blossom where ever they find themselves planted.

Pray for the teachers, school staff, parents, guardians, and grandparents who teach our children and keep them safe.

Pray for the following:

- **Faith Moser** (mother of Joann Noll) and her daughters as Faith's health diminishes.
- **David Giles** as he discontinues treatment for lung cancer.
- **Leo Lawrence** for recovery from neuropathy surgery.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Bob Enke**, cousin of JulieAnn Edman, for continued health and safety.
- **Miles Bard** for health and stamina.
- **Pam Coffman** as she navigates treatment for lung cancer.
- **Marlo Edman** who is recovering after surgery.
- **JulieAnn Edman** for continued healing of her back.
- **Dean Peterson** for conditions related to cerebral amyloid angiopathy.
- **Jon Roschke and family (Svea's brother-in-law)** as he undergoes cancer treatments.
- **Nash Ababu**, as he continues to heal and faces some new medical realities.

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

Prayers for Natalie Peterson and her family as they mourn the loss of Laura Day, Natalie's Mom.

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 calendars!

06/15 11:15 AM Parking Lot Parlay after service today.

06/15 11:15 AM Council Meeting

06/18 6:30 PM New Horizons Band Practice

06/19 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Bethel Happy Hour: Zoom

06/21 6:00 PM Shlomo hosts Student Recital and special concert w/Band

06/22 10:00 AM Sunday Worship: in person or on Zoom

06/22 11:15 AM Parking Lot Parlay (Please sign up)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4CABAC2CA4F49-56774407-parking#/>

06/22 4:00 PM Jazz Concert - Bring your friends and neighbors!



Saturday, June 21st at 6:00 PM

Shlomo Farber - Bethel's music director - is hosting a student recital and a special concert with his band - New Horizons Big Band!

Add this event to your calendar!
Evening begins at 6:00 PM with cocktails
6:15 PM Student Recital

6:45 PM New Horizons Big Band Concert & Reception

Please feel free to bring snacks to share.
RSVP - Link on Blast

A poster for a jazz concert. It features a large orange saxophone against a purple background with a halftone dot pattern. To the right, a light blue circle contains the text "JUNE 22, 2025 4:00 PM". Below the saxophone, the word "JAZZ" is written in large, outlined letters, followed by "WITH NORTHWEST TEMPO" in solid black letters. At the bottom, it says "AT BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 5658 N. DENVER AVE." and "bethelpdx.org". A pink circle in the bottom right corner says "Donations accepted". The bottom of the poster features a graphic of piano keys.

JUNE 22, 2025 4:00 PM

JAZZ WITH NORTHWEST TEMPO

AT BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Donations accepted



**2025 Summer Day Camp Program
@ Bethel Youth Drop-In Center**

Program Dates/Times: June 30 through August 8
MTWThF, 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM

Ages: entering 1st through 6th in Fall 2025

Register at www.bethelpdx.org/summer-program

Email: ydic@bethelpdx.org

Phone: 503-285-4919

Address: 5658 N. Denver Ave
Portland, OR 97217




AT BETHEL

**JULY 9
AUG. 13**

JOIN US IN THE PARKING LOT

HOT DOGS/VEGGIE DOGS PROVIDED
BRING SIDES TO SHARE

5:30 PM TO 7:00 PM

SET UP 5:00 PM TO 5:30 PM

TAKE DOWN 7:00 PM TO 7:30 PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

PARKING LOT PARLAY

Parking Lot Parlay this Sunday. This continues every Sunday at 11:15 AM. Use Signup Genius below and get to know the neighbors as they get to know Bethel.

A table will be set up in the parking lot to connect with our neighbors. There will be coffee and tea and treats.

Volunteers include a captain and 4 crew members. Use Sign-up Genius or sign-up in the back of church.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4CABAC2CA4F49-56774407-parking>



The Great Bethel Campout 2025 at Milo McIver State Park at the Chinook Group Tent Site September 19-21

A few items that might interest you...there is a river nearby the site that lots of people have had fun in including fishing, canoeing, paddle boarding and kayaking.

There is parking at the site. There is a disc golf site at Milo McIver.

There are picnic tables, but bring a chair for fire side sitting.

Come as soon as you can on Friday afternoon!!! Or come out for the day on Saturday!!!

This group site has partial shade, a nice fire pit and picnic tables.

This group tent area accommodates up to 50 people. There is water and flush toilets on the site. Shower facility is located nearby in the main campground.

Contact Scott Burris or Tana Bishop for more information

