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In gratitude, Bethel Lutheran Church amplifies God's grace, nourishes all creation, reaches out, and builds community.

- *We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.*
- *Bethel Children, Youth & Family Ministry bridges generations to model, equip, and encourage a foundation of trust in God's story.*



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 14, 2022 10:00 AM

In person and online

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We welcome to the Lord's Table all people, without exception, who desire to receive the blessings of Christ's body and blood in this sacramental meal of bread and wine. If you are online, please prepare your own table with bread, wine and/or a treat for anyone not receiving communion.

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Announcements & Welcome

Confession & Forgiveness

We gather before God with humility, **to confess our sins and turn back to our loving Savior.**

Time for silent reflection

Holy and loving One, **we make mistakes, sin, and mess up with your love all the time. We are truly sorry and ask that you empower us to live our lives in ways that better reflect your life, love, mercy, and grace. Forgive us and help us each day we live. Amen**

Friends, you are loved by God, blessed by the Savior, and accompanied by the Spirit. Your sins are forgiven. Your life is renewed. Together we celebrate God's unconditional love and grace! **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn of the Day ELW 359 "Where Charity and Love Prevail"



- 1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
- 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
- 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
- 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
- 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,

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brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

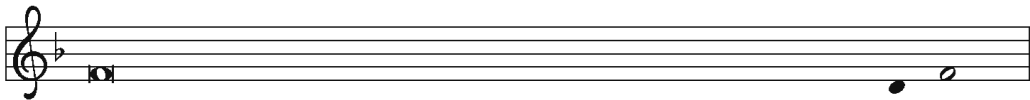
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Greeting

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe that God meets you here. We gather in the name of the Parent, and of the Child, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



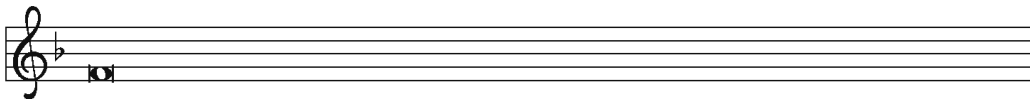
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



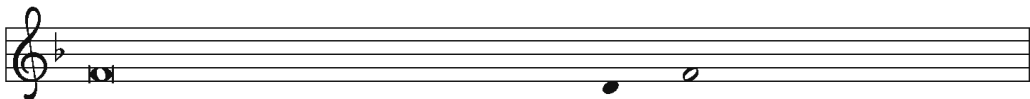
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

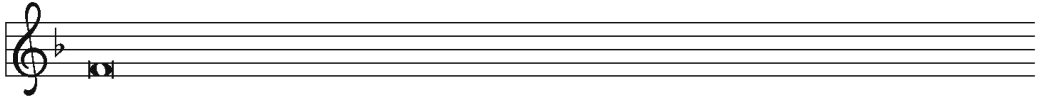


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

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Lord, have mer - cy.

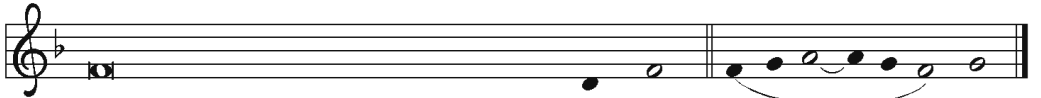


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, judge eternal, **you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us humility to admit when we are wrong, and empower us to forgive as we are forgiven by you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

WORD

Lesson

Matthew 18:21-22

(NRSV)

Peter came and said, "Lord, if my sibling sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

Word of God. **Word of Life.**

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

Matthew 18:23-35

(NRSV)

The gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with the workers. When the king began reckoning, one who owed ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered the worker to be sold, together with his wife and children and all their possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before the king, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity, the lord released him and forgave the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then the fellow fell down and pleaded, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But the fellow was refused; and was thrown into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then the lord summoned him and said, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay the entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your sibling from your heart.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 188 “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

Prayer Updates

Prayers of the People

Trusting in God’s extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

(Brief silence) Each petition ends with this response:

Lord, receive our prayer, **and in your love answer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Jesus be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of abundance: **you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

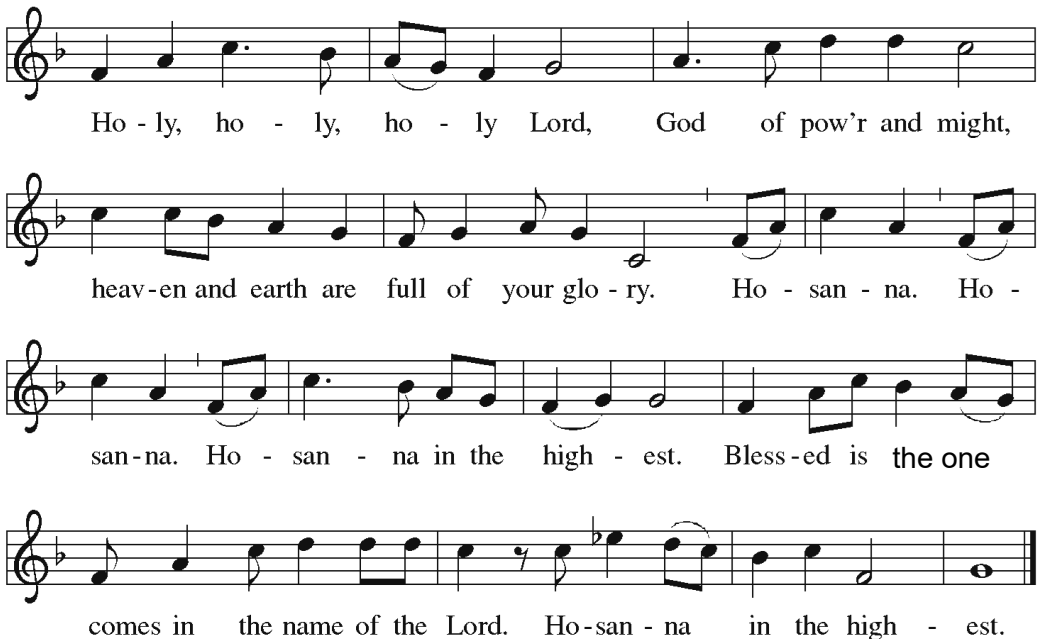
MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to our God.

**And also with you.
We lift them to God.
It is right to give God thanks and
praise.**

Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is the one
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Let us pray together the Lord's Prayer:

Protective Spirit around us,

Holy is your being

And promised are your plans

Performed in, around, and far from us.

Make sure our souls and bodies are fed.

Allow us to grow from our mistakes without judgment

And help us not to judge others when they make mistakes.

Guide us through our trials and evils safely to you.

The truth, the judgment, and the justice lie with you. Amen

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn WOV 703 "Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether"



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

(continues)



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.

Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905–1958

Post Communion Prayer

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthens you in faith, holds you in God's grace, forgives your sins, and empowers you to love all others.

Let us pray. Life-giving God, **through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

SENDING

Benediction

Jesus dwells in our hearts through faith, as you are rooted and grounded in love, strengthened by the Spirit, and filled with all the fullness of God. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn LS 125

“Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive”



1 “For - give our sins as we for-give,” you taught us, Lord, to pray;
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent-ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
 that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!
 then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1905–1987, alt.

Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

Ministers:	All Believers
Presiding Minister:	Pr Brenda Froisland
Assisting Minister:	Kristin Cleary
Lector:	Libby Krogh
Cantor:	Noah Wright
Musician:	Elena Dant
Music Coordinator:	Noah Wright
Live Streaming	Ted Allison & Gene Rodi

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School Kits

Education is one of the strongest tools a community has to break the cycle of poverty. In addition to children, especially girls, adults also benefit from the kits. Currently, thirty backpacks are sewn. With stores featuring school supplies on sale, now is a good to purchase them.

SUPPLIES TO FILL THE BACKPACKS ARE:

70 sheet notebooks of wide-ruled paper	Unsharpened pencils with erasers
30-centimeter wood ruler	Box of 16 or 24 crayons
Pencil sharpener	2 ½ inch eraser
Blunt scissors	Blue or black stick ballpoint pens

Items with any religious, military, flags, group emblems and names cannot be accepted.

Please bring your items to the church or office by Sunday, September 5th.



PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Marilyn Romsaas	Gert Carlson
Mike & Grace Simons	Laurel Jorgensen
Tom Keating	Sue Dorumsgaard
Marge Hauge	Ayers
Warwick Family	Kevin Hoover
Pikkarainen Family	Gloria Condon
Darrell Dahl	Hundt Family
Lynn Vaughn	Bresina Family
Crystal Vaughn	Teondre Martinez
Jan Walker	Jeff Fossum
Sheila Nelson	Puckett Family
Karen McBride & Jon	Andy Martinson
Sharon Phillips	Doris Christianson

RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Allison Halvorson (Ann Allison's sister)
Della, Drew & Junior (Roberta Horning's family)
Laura Chovan (Lisa's sister)
Wayne (Karen Warwick's dad)
Ian Cook (Pr B's friend)
Cherril (Candy Hickenbotham's friend)
Rev. Ron Schuette (Dave's father)
Trent & Michelle Halvorson (Norma's family)
Bill Shy (Assistant Custodian)
Bob (Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers' uncle)
Ray (AnnE Keating's brother)
Darlene (Jeff Alberts' mom)
Susan (Mike Condon's sister)
Rhonda (Sheila Nelson's friend)
Gabe Ness (Julie Hundt's husband)
John Hundt (Kathy Hundt's brother-in-law)
Andrea (Mona Falk's daughter)

MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

People of Ukraine
All of us regarding COVID-19
Victims of natural and human disasters
Black and Brown Lives
Indigenous Lives
Asian Lives
Refugees, Migrants & Asylum Seekers
Palestinians in Gaza

MEMBERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS IN THE SERVICE

Robert Hundt
Katrell Bishop (Pr Brenda's nephew)
Adam Froisland (Pr Brenda's nephew)
Dwana Froisland (Pr Brenda's niece)
Brian Hansen (Kaka Day's husband)
Sean Young (Pr Brenda's godson)

OUR MISSION PARTNERS

- ❖ Bancroft Neighborhood Association
- ❖ Casa de Oracion - MN
- ❖ Every Meal
- ❖ Mpls Area Synod
- ❖ Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church BOLD
- ❖ Casa de Oracion - Pentecostal
- ❖ Nokomis Healthy Seniors
- ❖ ReconcilingWorks

Noah & Elena want YOU to join



Music Making

Bethel Choirs

Starting up again! And we want / need YOU!

Look for and complete the survey included in this bulletin.

Return it to an usher or give it to Noah.

Story Sermon Series

Shared experiences from a sabbatical

Sunday, Aug 14 - The depth of forgiveness
Sunday, Aug 21 - Reconciliation
Sunday, Aug 28 - Humility
Sunday, Sept 4 - Systemic oppression
Sunday, Sept 11 - Beloved community
Sunday, Sept 18 - Reparations
Sunday, Sept 25 - Who are our neighbors?

Sundays, 10 AM

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Pr Brenda has returned from her 3-month sabbatical and would like to share some stories from her time away. The sabbatical was based around "finding where communities collide and collaborate," so let's explore her experiences.

**All are welcome,
without exception!**