Introduction to the day: In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the diverse people of God.

OPENING SONG/PRELUDE

Immortal, Invisible

(sung by Wing & A Prayer only)

WELCOME

The congregation is invited to stand as they are able and to face the baptismal font.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God.

we confess that we have sinned.
We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings.
We have hoarded your bounty.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned.
We have failed to be honest.
We have lacked the courage to speak.
We have spoken falsely.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Please remain standing and turn to face the altar as you are able.



GREETING (ELW p. 138)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE Kyrie

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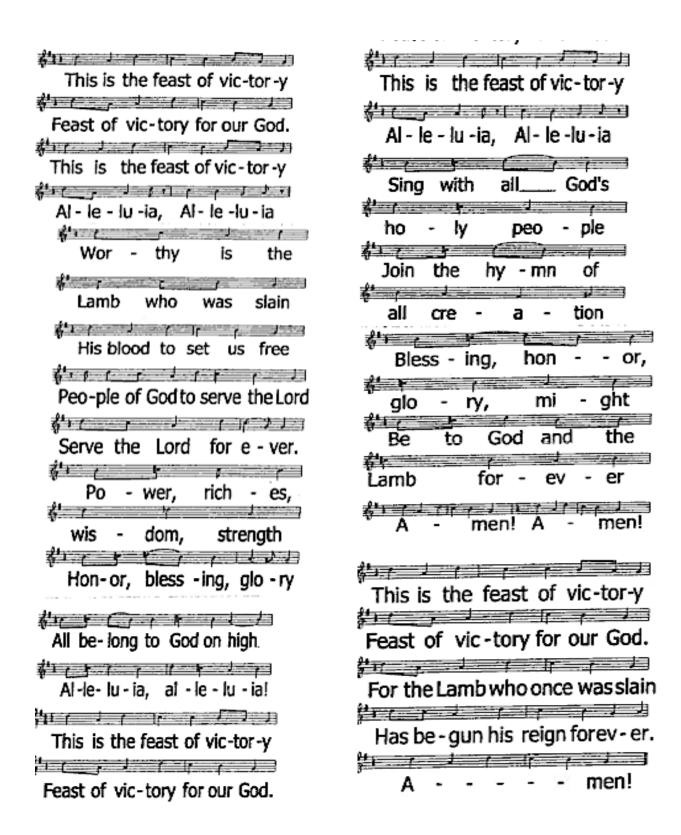


HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast

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PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 142)

Let us pray.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 (Bruce Seiler & Nancy Garman)

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

A reading from Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,

for soon my salvation will come,

and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—

7these I will bring to my holy mountain,

and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices

will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord GoD,

who gathers the outcasts of Israel,

I will gather others to them

besides those already gathered.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 67 (Bruce Seiler & Nancy Garman)

May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth its increase;

God, our own God, has blessed us.

⁷May God give us blessing,

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (Bruce Seiler & Nancy Garman)

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

A reading from Romans.

[Paul writes:] ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

KIDS' MESSAGE

(Lisa Herlocker)

The congregation is invited to stand as they are able to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:10-28 (Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

The congregation is invited to stand as they are able for the Hymn of the Day

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name And blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name

Pre-chorus

Ev'ry blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be your name Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be your glorious name

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me When the world's all as it should be, blessed be your name And blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering Though there's pain in the offering blessed be your name

Bridge

You give and take away You give and take away My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be your name

CREED

Let us join with Christians throughout the world this Pentecost Season and confess our shared faith using the words of the Apostles' 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.

Please be seated

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Bruce Seiler & Nancy Garman)

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

O God, your Spirit gathers the church. Shepherd those who are newly baptized and newly ordained in the proclamation of the gospel, breathe life into ecumenical and inter-religious endeavors, and support missionaries throughout the globe. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You created the earth and all its inhabitants and declared it good. Clean polluted skies, seas, and soil, provide nourishment to plants and animals, and make us aware of our impact on the environment. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call leaders to bridge differences and practice generosity. Inspire all in authority to protect people in harm's way, deliver those in bondage, support fair elections, provide care for military personnel and veterans, and show mercy to those for whom they have responsibility. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You provide for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Embrace people who have been rejected because of difference, heal trauma caused by racism or prejudice, shield any who are persecuted, console the dying, and heal the sick. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, you journey with us in all of life's transitions. Guide those preparing for baptism, marriage, and retirement. Guide our church council and committees in their visioning and ministry. Safeguard those who travel. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for those who now rest from their labors. Motivate us by their lives of dedication to the gospel, until that day when we join with them in our eternal home. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Prayer requests provided by congregation members to be added here by reader.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE (ELW p. 143)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

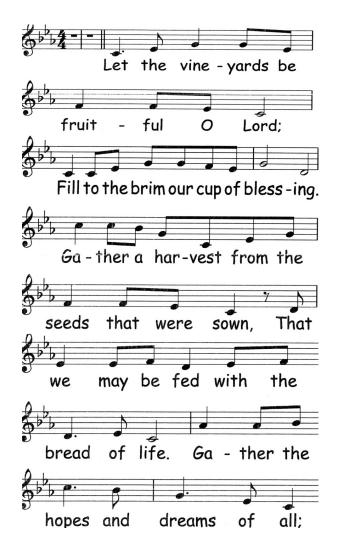
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

We acknowledge that all we have is a gift from God and in gratefulness we return to God a portion of the time, finances, and gifts that God has given us. Thank you so much for your continued support.





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OFFERING PRAYER

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us using the language of our hearts. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

All are welcome to join in our communion celebration. Please have a seat and follow the directions of Pastor Carolyn and the usher.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

The congregation is invited to stand as they are able

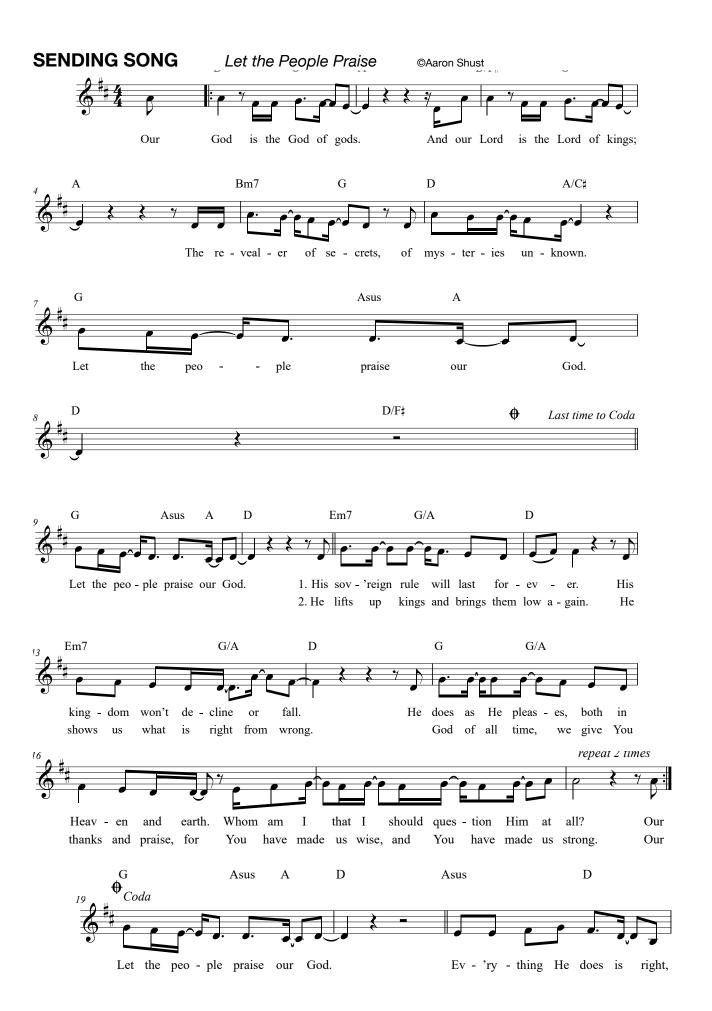
SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

Amen.





Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After **brief announcements** related to the ministry of Bethel are shared from the podium **microphone**, the congregation is invited to stand and face the font.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God and we will.

Welcome to Bethel! We're glad you're here!

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • AUGUST 20TH, 2023



All Are Welcome

We mean it when we say "all are welcome" – no matter where you are on your faith journey or how you identify. Your presence is important to us – we are not complete without you.

We firmly believe that there is no age limit in GoD's house. Young or old, you are an essential part of our worship community.

Families with young children are encouraged to sit near the front of the sanctuary so children can see what is happening. If a young child gets antsy during long periods of inaction like the sermon, they are welcome to quietly play in front of the sound table near the door.

Parents and other near-by adults are encouraged to help developing readers follow along with the congregation and the printed Order of Worship.

Be patient with our children as they learn to participate in the rituals of worship. Celebrate as they learn to help with various aspects of worship leadership. Small gestures can go a long way.

Some Practical Visitor Info

If you need a restroom, you have two options. In the sanctuary building, you will find the restroom through the side door near the piano. You can also access it by going outside through the main entrance and re-entering the building near the offices by using the door located under the bell tower. The restroom will be to your left.

If you need an accessible restroom or a baby changing table, you can find that in our back building. Go through the iron gate at the rear of our patio on the left of the sanctuary. As you enter that back building the restroom is immediately to your left.

Prayer Requests

Paper is available as you enter for you to write prayer requests on. Return the paper to an usher no later than during the Hymn of the Day. The reader will include it during the Prayers of the People. It is our hope that this will help all those in worship both in the sanctuary and online to hear the prayers.



September 10 is God's Work Our Hands Sunday, an intentional day for ELCA Congregations to serve in their communities.

This year we are joining forces with Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Granite Bay to assemble lunches and collect food for local organizations. We'll meet at Resurrection after worship. Exact details coming soon.

We will need grocery bags to put the lunches in. If you could donate some heavy-duty plastic or paper grocery bags that would be great! Kelly Mendonsa will be collecting them up until September 10th.

Contact Pastor Carolyn

Contact Pr. Carolyn first to double-check her office hours. She is available Tuesday – Thursday most weeks.

pastor@bethelroseville.org 916-781-3333 (office)



To meet our **2023** Operating Expenses each month, Bethel needs \$6968

Giving in August

8/6 = \$1268 8/13 = \$1938 8/20 = \$ 8/27 = \$

Total for Month = \$3206 TOTAL for July = \$7393.92

Thanks for your ongoing support of Bethel's Ministries!

Consider Online Giving

Sign up for Online Giving at our website, bethelroseville.org

If you prefer to give by traditional check, please mail it into the church office at 1050 Douglas Blvd., Roseville CA 95678 or drop it into the basket during worship.

Use the QR code below to access e-giving from your phone



"Noisy Offering!"

Encouraging the participation of our youngest members in worship is important to us. When they help collect the offering each week, they may be confused when folks don't drop something in the basket. So, please consider dropping a little spare change into the basket when it comes your way as a "noisy offering." The "noisy offering" will be periodically donated to a local charity. The total collected from January through June was \$156.50. It was donated to St. Vincent de Paul's feeding program here in Roseville. ©

Today's Worship Team

Usher: John & Olivia D'Antonio

Reader: Nancy Garman & Bruce Seiler

Sound: Rick Mendonsa

Zoom: Jeff Dodge/Scott Larson Altar Guild: Loraine Anderson Kids Message: Lisa Herlocker Musician: Wing and a Prayer

Next Week's Worship Team

Usher: Terri Larson **Reader:** Patrick Gale **Sound:** Rick Mendonsa

Zoom: Jeff Dodge/Scott Larson **Altar Guild:** Loraine Anderson **Kids Message:** Pr. Carolyn Brodt

Musician: Audrey Gale



August 6 – Audrey Gale

August 18 – Rick Mendonsa

August 22 – Anthony Bellisario

August 24 – Susan Woods

August 25 – William McBain

August 25 – Bennett Gish

August 27 – Rachel Linn Gish

Blessings to all of our August Birthdays. Please let us know if we've accidently left anyone off this list!

Upcoming Scripture Readings

Next Sunday, August 27th 13th Sunday after Pentecost

- Isaiah 51:1-6
- Psalm 138
- Romans 12:1-8
- Matthew 16:13-20

As your Fall calendars start to fill up, be sure to include these Bethel activities ©



Special Concert & Poetry Night September 30th @6:30pm

Tyra Dennis & Joe Davis - Lyrical Avenue

All Ages Event – Bring Friends! Ice Cream Social to follow

Free Admission thanks to a generous grant from the Lutheran Development Society of Sacramento.

An **offering** will be **gathered** for **Lutheran Social Services** and its **Connections program** which provides housing and services to keep formerly homeless young people ages 18-24 from returning to homelessness.

(Tyra & Joe will join us for worship on Sunday October 1st too!)

Swanson Family Update

Please continue to keep Bob & Diane, Ryan & Katie, and their family in your prayers as they grieve the unexpected loss of their grandson/son. Plans have changed and a memorial for Baby Sawyer will not be happening at Bethel. We'll keep you up to date on where one might take place locally. Meanwhile, consider donating to the Go Fund Me page linked below to help Ryan & Katie with expenses related to the loss of their beloved baby.

https://gofund.me/83d0aa4f

Leadership Team Meeting

Sept. 14th @6:00pm

All Ministry Team Leaders and Servant Team Members should plan to attend this important conversation. Meeting will be held on Zoom and followed by Servant Team meeting.

See Terri Larson for details.



September 24th following worship Opportunities for all ages!



Saturday, October 7th at 4:00pm Herlockers' backyard "Biergarten" Fun & Food for all Ages!

Also coming in October:

Sunday, Oct 8th – *Blessing of the Pets* Worship Gathering

Congregation Budget Forum & Congregation Meeting – TBD

Reformation Sunday, Oct 29th, including Affirmation of Baptism (confirmation) for Andrew Chan

Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church

Following the example set by Jesus Christ and being mindful of our Lutheran heritage of acceptance through God's grace, we welcome all to God's table. We invite all who are seeking God's love and grace to join us in worship and fellowship. We welcome all because God welcomes all, knowing that God's love is all-inclusive and stronger than any pressure to conform to the labels this world gives us.

We commit to providing a safe and welcoming place for people of any age, ethnic or national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome and love all no matter their socio-economic circumstances, outward appearance, immigration status, political affiliation, or anything that could seemingly divide us. The nature and extent of one's addictions, physical and mental health, or criminal history have no bearing on our commitment to welcome all.

We affirm today, tomorrow, and for all of our days, that we will intentionally strive to live as people of faith, people of compassion, people of love, and people of grace.

We invite you to come as you are to Meet, Pray, & Love together.

In the Season of Pentecost, we celebrate that the Holy Spirit abides in and among us.

We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit, we go out from worship to share God's love and grace among the vulnerable of our world.

No matter where you are on your faith journey, we invite you to explore with us. Welcome.

Worship Gathering at 9:00am each Sunday Sunday School for All Ages at 10:15am (Sept - May)



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Bethel is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Nisenan people, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.





12th Sunday after Pentecost August 20, 2023