

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2023

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

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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. Our Worship & Music team is continually listening and adapting our worship practices to reflect our desire to welcome ALL of GOD's children.

Hospitality Details

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.

Those participating in worship who find standing for long periods of time difficult are encouraged to take care of themselves and adapt the "Lutheran Aerobics" of frequent standing and sitting to meet their needs. Traditions of standing at certain times during the liturgy are not meant to cause pain or discomfort. Please sit or stand in ways that make your time with us comfortable.

If you need a restroom, you have options:

In the main building, one is located through the side door near the piano. It can also be accessed by going outside through the main door and re-entering the building using the door located under the bell tower. The restroom will be to your left.

A larger, wheelchair accessible restroom with a baby changing table, is located in our back building. Go through the iron gate to the left of the sanctuary. As you enter the back building the restroom is immediately to your left. Feel free to ask the usher for directions as well.



Today we're celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and the joy our pets bring to us. Please be patient with our furry guests this morning.

If you brought your pets, please keep them on their leashes or in their carriers to avoid any issues between animals. Also, be prepared to clean up after your pets ☺

Prayer Requests

Yellow 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 worshipping in the sanctuary and on online to hear the prayers.



(following worship)

Pastor Carolyn will meet with the adults. They will be using the book, *The Forty Parables of Jesus*.

Children & parents will have a special class with Lisa.

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)

Introduction to the day: In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

The congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit and turn to face the baptismal font.

WELCOME & OPENING DIALOGUE

Jesus Christ, we assemble with all your creatures in this circle of life. We ask you to join our circle and celebrate with us.

Jesus Christ, as we join in celebration with you and all creation, We ask for your blessing, your shalom, on the creatures present here that we love, and all creatures celebrating in the wild.

In the name of God, who creates all life, In the name of Jesus Christ, who redeems all life, and the name of the Spirit, who renews all life, we cry with all in the circle of life: Shalom! Shalom! Shalom! May your blessing come!

LITANY OF REPENTANCE AND LONGING

In the beginning, the Spirit over the deep; new life daily unfolding at God's call. Darkness and light: Good. Skies, lands, and seas: Good. The earth and all that fills it - plants and rocks, the finned, the feathered, the furry: Good. At the last, humankind in God's image: Very good.

Yet we have failed to draw from that goodness in care for God's creation. Forgive us, God, for the ways we have exploited earth and its creatures.

We have misunderstood our calling to be protectors of God's creation. Forgive us, God, for the ways we have exploited earth and its creatures.

We long for new relationships with God's creation that has been entrusted to us. Help us, God, to make a new community with all that lives alongside us.

May the merciful God who calls us to tend earth and all its creatures, deepen our knowledge of creation's interweaving, so that our lives are shaped in wholeness and peace with all living things; in Jesus name.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG All Things Bright and Beautiful (WOV 767)



GREETING

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

(Lisa Kaufman-Chan/Andrew Chan)

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vinevard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,

and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

PSALM: Psalm 80:7-15 (Lisa Kaufman-Chan/Andrew Chan)

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁸You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it. ⁹You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs. ¹¹You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

¹²Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

¹³The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

¹⁴Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;

¹⁵behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14 (Lisa Kaufman-Chan/Andrew Chan)

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

A reading from Philippians.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

KIDS' MESSAGE (Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

The congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46 (Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes'?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Please be seated

SERMON (Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

The congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit for the Creed.



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 (Lisa Kaufman-Chan/Andrew Chan)

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of all grace, you are the source of life and joy. Strengthen the resolve of your church throughout the world, including out sister parish, in Kirehe, Rwanda, that together we press on toward the goal of your heavenly call in Jesus Christ. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of all creation, you plant and nourish the earth as your own precious vineyard. Bless fields and orchards and the hands of those who labor in them, that your people are fed with an abundant harvest of good fruit. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of all the earth, you desire peace and justice between nations and peoples. Guide leaders of nations, states, provinces, and cities, that they faithfully govern your people with wisdom, integrity, and compassion. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of all compassion, in Christ, you lovingly poured yourself out like wine for your people. Have mercy on all who mourn, who struggle with their mental health, who cry out for justice, who hunger, and all in any need. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of all steadfastness, you set Christ as the cornerstone and foundation of the church. Build up this congregation as living stones, that it stands in the community as a witness to your enduring faithfulness and love. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of all hope, the saints who came before us lived and died with their hearts fixed on you. We give you thanks for their faithful witness, and we wait with hope for the great day when we join their voices in praise. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

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.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Those who have brought pets (or a picture or toy, in the case of those animals who would not find it a blessing to be present) come forward for a prayer of blessing.

Holy God, we thank you for the gift of <u>animal's name</u>. Through this animal you have brought many blessings. Bless this animal's life in our care; may *they* know love through all *their* days. **Amen.**

When all have returned to their places, a wider blessing may be offered in these or similar words.

Gracious and loving God, you place all living things into the care of humankind. We pray that companionship with household pets will deepen our care for animals everywhere. Help us to balance our needs with theirs, and lead us in ways of life together that will be sustainable for all. We pray in Jesus 'name. **Amen**.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world. In the night in which he was betraved. 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 life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast. By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of 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

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

> All are welcome to join in our communion celebration. Please follow the directions of Pastor Carolyn and the ushers.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

The congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit for the Blessing.

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things, bless us in our care for our pets and all of creation. May the Holy Trinity, + One God, guide you in protecting all creatures and the earth guarding them from evil, now and forever.

Amen

SENDING SONG

All Creatures of Our God and King

(LBW 527)

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice with us and sing: Alleluia! Alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam And silver moon with softer gleam: Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 O rushing wind and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride the winds aloft:
Oh . . . praise him! Alleluia!
O rising morn in praise rejoice,
O lights of evening, find a voice.
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

³ O flowing waters, pure and clear, Make music for your Lord to hear.
Oh . . . praise him! Alleluia!
O fire so masterful and bright, Providing us with warmth and light,
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

⁴ Dear mother earth, who day by day, Unfolds rich blessings on our way, Oh... praise him! Alleluia! The fruits and flow'rs that verdant grow, Let them his praise abundant show.
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After **brief announcements** related to the ministry of Bethel are shared from the podium **microphone**, the congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit and face the font.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serving Christ and loving all of creation! Thanks be to God, and we will.



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

Giving in October

10/1	=	\$3984
10/8	=	\$
10/15	=	\$
10/22	=	\$
10/29	=	\$

Total for Month = \$3984

TOTAL for September = \$4834

Thanks for your ongoing support of



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.

Today's Worship Team

Usher: Mavis Hotchkiss Reader: Lisa & Andrew Chan Sound: Rick Mendonsa Zoom: Jeff Dodge/Scott Larson Altar Guild: OPEN Kids Message: Pr. Carolyn Brodt Musician: Audrey Woods

Next Week's Worship Team

Usher: Kelly Mendonsa Reader: OPEN Sound: Rick Mendonsa Zoom: Jeff Dodge/Scott Larson Altar Guild: OPEN Kids Message: Pr. Carolyn Brodt Musician: Wing and a Prayer

Upcoming Scripture Readings

Next Sunday, October 15th, the 20th Sunday after Pentecost

- Isaiah 5:1-7
- Psalm 80:7-15
- Philippians 3:4b-14
- Matthew 21:33-46



October 8 – Hadley Gale October 10 – Lisa Kaufman-Chan October 14 – Cheryle Sorenson October 16 – Lan Dodge

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October 22 - Jeff Dodge

October 24 - Mike Anderson

Blessings to all of our October Birthdays; please let us know if we accidently left you off this list!



A PLACE FOR YOU

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Families are invited to a special Sunday School session TODAY to learn more about our weekly Communion celebration.

Kids and parents will be reminded about why this sacrament is important in Lutheran worship as well as some practical details of how it all comes together during worship.

Join Lisa Herlocker in the main room of Lentz Hall.

(If you are unable to attend, talk to Lisa about resources you may use at home as a family to cover the ideas talked about today.)



A big thanks to all who helped make last weekend a success! Our benefit concert for Lutheran Social Services raised close to \$1700 for their Connections program! This program helps formerly homeless young adults find housing and jobs right here in the Sacramento area. Thanks once again to the Lutheran Development Society of Sacramento for their grant which enabled us to bring two talented headliners for the concert - and to Thrivent for the grant to buy the ice cream we all enjoyed. Finally, Joe & Tyra wanted to again thank Bethel for the warm welcome both Saturday night and Sunday morning. They enjoyed their time with us and hope to come back again someday. 😳



Save these Dates!

As part of our annual budget process, the Finance and Administration Team will host a **Budget Forum** to preview the proposed 2024 congregation budget following worship **NEXT Sunday, October 15th**.

Bring your questions and discernment.

We will have a **Congregation Meeting** on Sunday, **October 22nd** after worship to give members the opportunity to ask final questions and to vote on the budget.

Please plan to attend both of these important meetings. Questions? Contact Scott Larson or Rick Mendonsa

Special Opportunity!

Support Bethel's Youth!

Something new from our Christmas Wreath Company, – Autumn Wreaths!

Go <u>https://giftitforward.com/</u> and check out the options. If you like what you see – order using the code BETHELCA002 – and Bethel will earn \$8 per product you order. This money will go to help Bethel kids attend camp at Mt. Cross or the ELCA Youth Gathering.

Christmas wreath sales are coming soon – you can see new options and even pre-order at the same website, GiftItForward.com



POLICY UPDATE

Bethel members are welcome to use Lentz Hall or to borrow chairs and folding tables when they are not being used by for congregational activities. In order to be good stewards of our property, we ask that you check with either Terri or Scott Larson to coordinate. Use of Lentz Hall will be put on the calendar and table/chair usage with be listed in a rental binder. When returning items, we ask that you please coordinate drop off with Terri or Scott so that the students in the preschool aren't disturbed and to assure items are put back into storage appropriately. Thank you for understanding.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING IN NEW ORLEANS JULY 16-20, 2024



Would you like to volunteer at the Gathering and help our young people grow in faith and encounter Christ? Serving the youth of this church is a vocational calling that requires careful discernment.

Serving as a volunteer requires no application fee, but applicants offered a volunteer role will be asked to pay a \$50 processing fee to cover the cost of running a background check and ensuring your attendance at the Gathering.

Application Deadline extended until November 1st

Applications and more info available here: https://www.elca.church/gathering/attend/volunteers

Or ask Lisa Herlocker for more information

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.

