



17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2023

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

17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

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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.

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.

## 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.

## 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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL GETS  
UNDERWAY

**TODAY** following worship  
Opportunities for all ages!

Our two “Lisas” will have the kids in Lentz Hall for Bible Stories and crafts.

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

## A Bethel Tradition!

A long-standing Fall tradition for our congregation is the **gift of a Bible to our children in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade**. This year, **Gwen Boswell** will receive a Bible which has been personalized with highlighted favorite verses of their friends and relatives.

We hope that this will be the start of a lifetime of discovery as they use their Bibles to sustain their faith journeys.

Feel free to ask them after worship if you can mark their Bibles with your favorite verse before they head off to Sunday School where they'll use them for the first time.

## Contact Pastor Carolyn

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

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916-781-3333 (office)

*Introduction to the day: Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.*

## **GATHERING**

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

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### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME**

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

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be God,  
the one who forms us,  
✠ Jesus who bears the cross,  
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.  
**Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.  
Steadfast and faithful God,  
**you have revealed the ways of justice,  
yet we fail to follow you.**  
**We are overwhelmed  
by the world's violence and suffering.  
We are afraid to risk what we have  
for the sake of others.  
For the harm we have caused,  
known and unknown, forgive us.  
For the unjust demands we place on others  
and your creation, forgive us.  
For the ways we turn away  
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.  
Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**  
**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.  
God's compassion is beyond compare.  
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.  
In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.  
**Amen.**

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

# GATHERING SONG *Take My Life, That I May Be*

(ELW 583)

*Refrain/Estrillo*



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -  
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón  
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.  
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té  
1 Take my hands and let them move  
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,  
3 Take my voice and let me sing  
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;  
at the im - pulse of thy love;  
not a mite would I with - hold;  
al - ways, on - ly for my King;  
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -  
take my feet and let them be swift and  
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry  
take my lips and let them be filled with  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



*Refrain/Estrillo*

pul - so de tu a - mor.  
beau - ti - ful for thee.  
pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
mes - sag - es from thee.  
be thy roy - al throne.

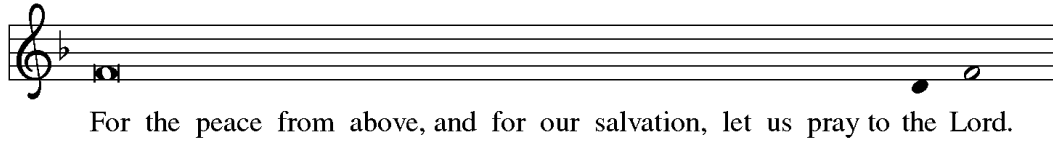
## GREETING (ELW p. 138)

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.**

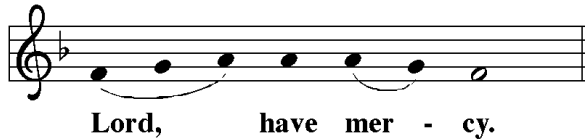
## KYRIE (ELW p. 138)



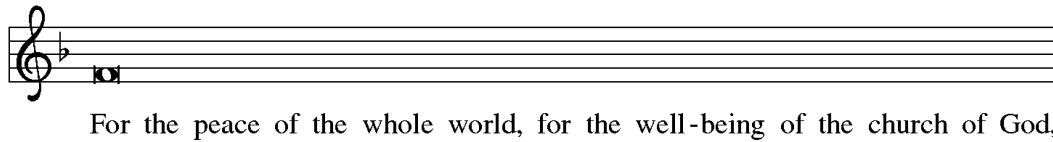
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



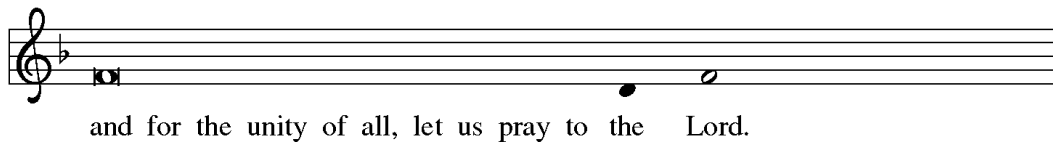
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



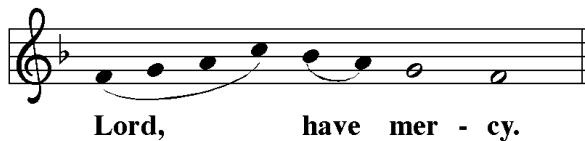
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



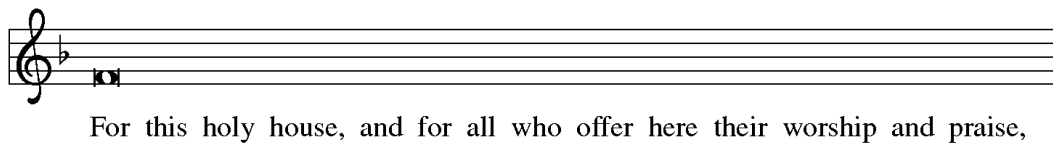
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



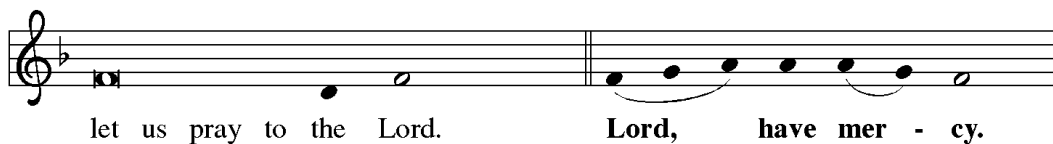
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



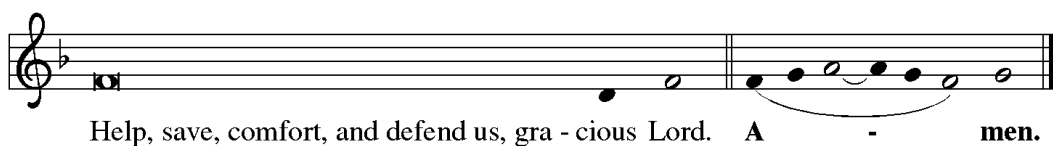
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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.**

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 139)

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

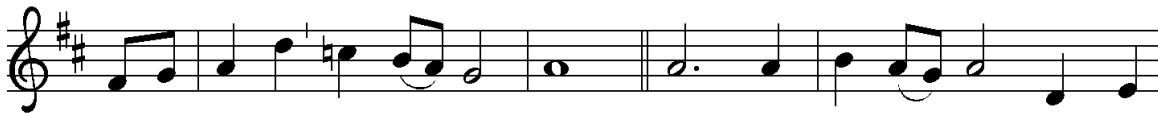


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.


*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,




al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 142)

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10--4:11 (Linda Dunn)

*After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?*

*A reading from Jonah.*

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

<sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:** Psalm 145:1-8 (Linda Dunn)

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.

<sup>2</sup>**Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

<sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.

<sup>4</sup>**One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.**

<sup>5</sup>I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

<sup>6</sup>**They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.**

<sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;  
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**SECOND READING:** Philippians 1:21-30 (Linda Dunn)

*Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.*

*A reading from Philippians.*

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy



in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—<sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 ACCLAMATION

(ELW p. 142)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

(Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

*Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day

and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

*Please be seated*

**SERMON** (Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Lord of All Hopefulness* (ELW 765)



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:  
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## 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 (Linda Dunn)

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

God who is gracious and merciful, teach your church to invite and welcome all. Lead us to be grateful for the blessing of community. Challenge your church to choose equity and compassion over judgment. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who sends the wind and the sun, you know every worm and bush by name. Help us remember that even the humblest parts of creation are precious to you. Show us how best to care for the earth and its creatures. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who is ready to relent from punishing, impart your compassionate wisdom to legislators, judges, members of the military, and law enforcement. Give them courage to serve their communities in times of uncertainty, stress, or exhaustion. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who saves, direct your people who are tempted by evil ways. Protect your children from calamity and disaster. Strengthen all who are incarcerated. Encourage all who are in despair or pain of any kind. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who is slow to anger, may we boast about the goodness of Jesus with the confidence of Paul in prison. Inspire us to find abundance in whatever vocation we are called to in the world and in service to our congregation. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who abounds in steadfast love, we give thanks for the saints called to the kingdom of heaven. United with them in spirit, hold us firm as we labor in this life and look to the life to come. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

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

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.  
**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.*

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## 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.*

*The congregation is invited to stand for the song as offerings are brought to altar.*

## OFFERING SONG

### *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful*

(ELW 184)



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## 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.**

## 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 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 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 have a seat and follow the directions of Pastor Carolyn and the usher.*

## COMMUNION (ELW p. 146)

*The congregation is invited to stand as they are able for the song.*

## SONG AFTER COMMUNION *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise (Nelson)*

(ELW 207)



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

## 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.

## BLESSING

The God of glory,

✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names,  
and the Spirit who lives in you,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*Rise Up, O Saints of God!* (ELW 669)



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

*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. God is at work in you.

**Thanks be to God.**



## Finance Update

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

### Giving in September

9/3 = \$2299

9/10 = \$862

9/17 = \$

9/24 = \$

Total for Month = \$3161

**TOTAL for August = \$5345**

Thanks for your ongoing support of  
Bethel's Ministries!



### Consider Online Giving

Sign up for Online Giving at our website, [bethelroseville.org](http://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.

## Today's Worship Team

**Usher:** Mavis Hotchkiss

**Reader:** Linda Dunn

**Sound:** Rick Mendonsa

**Zoom:** Jeff Dodge/Scott Larson

**Altar Guild:** Loraine Anderson

**Kids Message:** Lisa Herlocker

**Musician:** Audrey Gale

## Next Week's Worship Team

**Usher:** Terri Larson

**Reader:** Barbara Morris

**Sound:** Rick Mendonsa

**Zoom:** Jeff Dodge/Scott Larson

**Altar Guild:** Loraine Anderson

**Kids Message:** Jeri Wartena

**Musician:** Lyrical Avenue

## Upcoming Scripture Readings

Next Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>  
the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

- Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
- Psalm 25:1-9
- Philippians 12:1-13
- Matthew 21:23-32



September 4 – John D'Antonio

September 4 – Kelly Mendonsa

September 8 – Gwen Boswell

September 12 – Robert Edmonds

September 16 – Tessa Boswell

September 28 – Jacob Chan

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



## 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 will 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.



Join us next Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and the joy our pets bring to us.

Our Worship Gathering will be outdoors on our patio so you can bring your pets can attend with you and receive a special blessing.

Pets must be on leashes, in carriers, or joining us virtually via photos.

(Be prepared to clean up after your pets ☺)

*We could use a few volunteers to arrive a little early to help set up chairs for worship; let Rick know if you're available.*



## OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm  
Herlockers' backyard "Biergarten" – including the debut of Scott & Vincent's homebrewed beer!

*Fun & Food for all Ages!*

Sausages and drinks provided by Congregational Life Team, please sign up to share sides or desserts.



A PLACE FOR YOU

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**Families are invited to a special Sunday School session on October 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 on **October 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Bring your questions and discernment.

We will have a **Congregation Meeting** on Sunday, **October 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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.*

# Lyrical Avenue

TYRALUCIA X JOE DAVIS



## Special Concert & Poetry Night

**THIS SATURDAY,  
September 30<sup>th</sup> @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.

**Ice Cream** provided thanks to a Thrivent Action Team grant.

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 1<sup>st</sup> too!)*

## Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly

### “The Results”

Last weekend, Terri Larson, Kary Pfennig, and Pastor Carolyn attended our Synod Assembly as voting members. The most important item of business was the election of a new bishop. After several rounds of voting and praying, the Rev. Jeff Johnson was elected. Biographical detail for him, as well as the newly approved budget are available in the of the sanctuary. Please continue to pray for our synod leaders during the coming weeks of transition, and especially keep our bishop-elect in your prayers.

## Special Opportunity!

### Support Bethel's Youth!

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

Go <https://giftitforward.com/> 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 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](https://giftitforward.com)*



## ELCA YOUTH GATHERING IN NEW ORLEANS

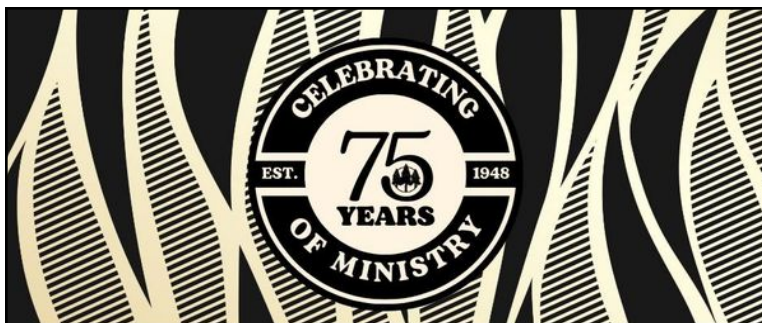
**JULY 16–20, 2024**

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.

Applications close October 4<sup>th</sup>

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



### MT. CROSS MINISTRIES' 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Start At  
**1 PM**  
Through  
**6 PM**

**OCTOBER 28, 2023**  
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MT. CROSS MINISTRIES

# 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.*

