



12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2024

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 squirmy during long periods of inaction like the sermon, they are welcome to quietly play in front of the sound table near the main 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 is 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.

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 Intersession.

It is our hope that this will help all those worshipping in the sanctuary and on online to hear the prayers.

TODAY and August 25th

Join Pastor Carolyn @10:25 for continued discussion of the draft ELCA social statement, *Civic Life & Faith*.

ELCA social statements are documents that provide broad frameworks to assist us in thinking about and discussing social issues in the context of faith and life. They are meant to help communities and individuals with discernment and thoughtful engagement as we participate in God’s work in the world. Social statements also set policy for the ELCA and guide its advocacy and work as a publicly engaged church.

Contact Pastor Carolyn

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

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Introduction to the day

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

GATHERING

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

OPENING SONG/PRELUDE *How Can I Keep from Singing* ©Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Matt Redman
(Sung by Wing and a Prayer only)

WELCOME

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.
God, our provider,
help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

Please turn and face the altar for the Gathering Song.

GATHERING SONG *Baptized in Water* (WOV 693)



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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

©Kent Alleluia Liturgy

Music & Lyrics on Following Page

Leader

In peace, let us pray
to the Lord

CONGREGATION

1
Lord have mer cy,
2
Christ have mer - cy,
3
Lord have mer - cy.

Leader

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

CONGREGATION

5
Lord have mer-cy,
6
Christ have mer-cy,
7
Lord have mer - cy.

Leader

For peace in the world,
for the health of God's church,
and for all unity, let us pray
to the Lord



CONGREGATION

9
Lord have mer-cy,
10
Christ have mer - cy,
11
Lord have mer - cy.

Leader

For this holy house,
and we who offer praise, let us pray
to the Lord

CONGREGATION

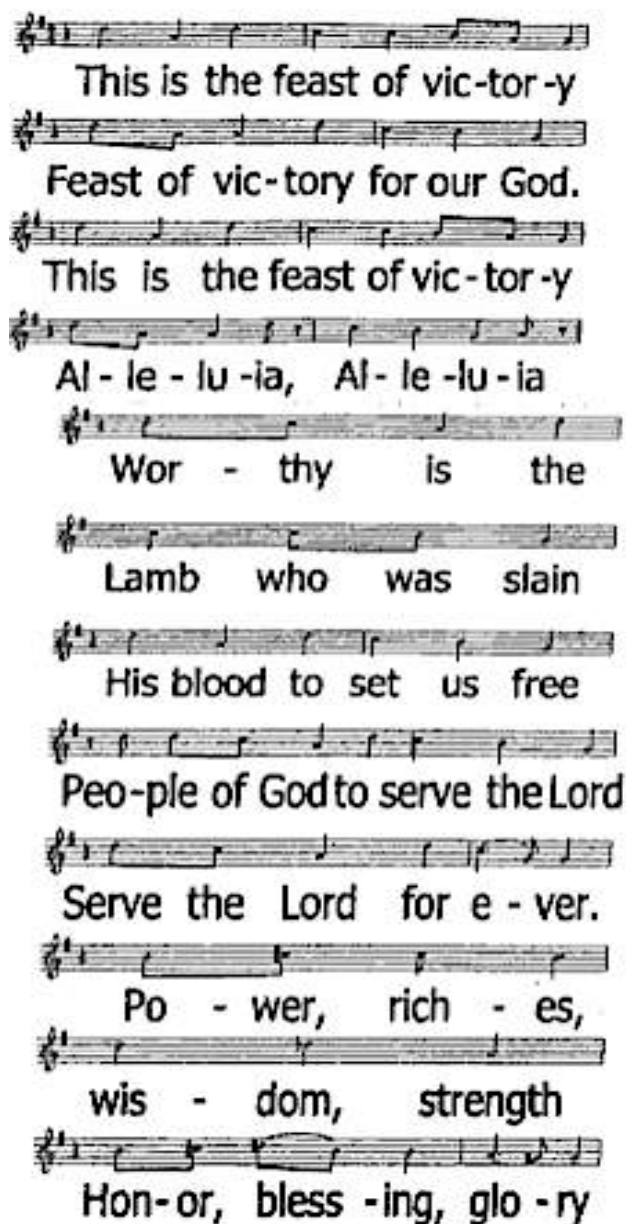
13
Lord have mer cy,
14
Christ have mer - cy,
15
Lord have mer - cy.

Leader

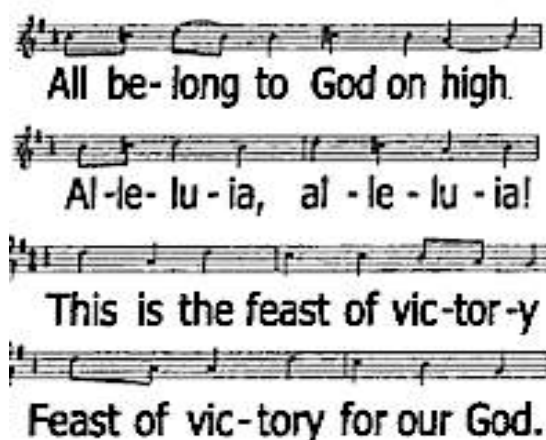
Help, save, comfort and defend us,
gracious Lord

CONGREGATION

17
Lord have mer-cy,
18
Christ have mer - cy,
19
A - - - - men



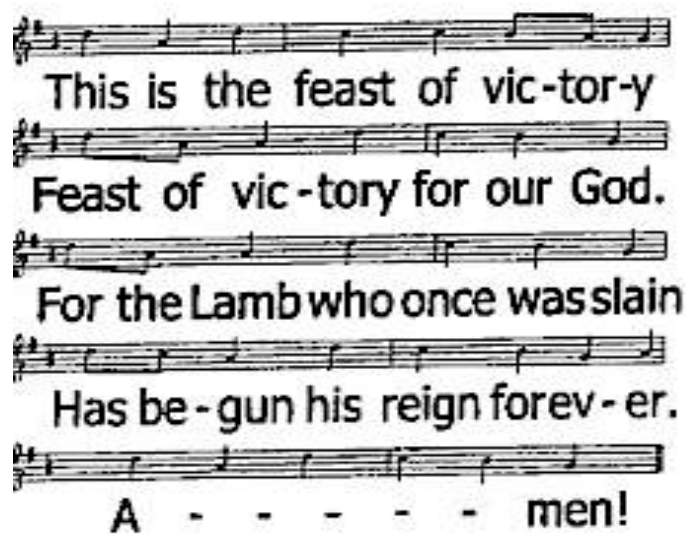
This is the feast of vic-tor-y
Feast of vic-tory for our God.
This is the feast of vic-tor-y
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia
Wor-thy is the
Lamb who was slain
His blood to set us free
Peo-ple of God to serve the Lord
Serve the Lord for e-ver.
Po-wer, rich-es,
wis-dom, strength
Hon-or, bless-ing, glo-ry



All be-long to God on high.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
This is the feast of vic-tor-y
Feast of vic-tory for our God.



This is the feast of vic-tor-y
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia
Sing with all God's
ho-ly peo-ple
Join the hy-mn of
all cre-a-tion
Bless-ing, hon-or,
glo-ry, mi-ght
Be to God and the
Lamb for-ev-er
A-men! A-men!



This is the feast of vic-tor-y
Feast of vic-tory for our God.
For the Lamb who once was slain
Has be-gun his reign forev-er.
A - - - - men!

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 142)

Let us pray. Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8 (Loraine Anderson)

First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the LORD is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.

A reading from 1 Kings.

⁴[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-8 (Loraine Anderson)

¹I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

⁴I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25—5:2 (Loraine Anderson)

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

A reading from Ephesians.

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room

for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

KIDS' MESSAGE & BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS (Lisa Herlocker/Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

The Kids' Message will conclude with these words from Pr. Carolyn:

Children of God and curious thinkers,
be filled with questions about yourself and the world around you.
Be blessed as you ask your many questions.
And when there is no answer to be found, or none that satisfy,
cling to the greatest promise of all: God loves you and will never leave you.
Amen.

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

GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51 (Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” ⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

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 Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* (ELW 618)



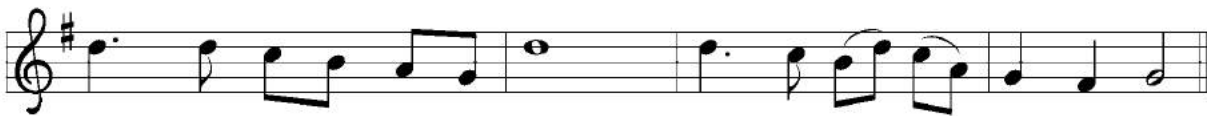
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

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

(Loraine Anderson)

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Reignite the prayer of the church. By your Spirit, root your church around the globe in prayer and spiritual practices. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Guide our leaders and nations with a spirit of justice and mercy. Let no evil come out of our mouths, but rather let us extend grace. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Sustain feeding ministries and organizations such as ELCA World Hunger and our local food pantries like St. Vincent de Paul's. We work and pray for a day when hunger is no more. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for this congregation and for all who are gathered. Be present among anyone who cannot be with us today. Be with all who are hurting, grieving, or ill. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We remember the saints who have gone before us in faith. Trusting in the promise of the resurrection, we find hope in your communion of saints of all times and all places. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Every transition and new start is a reminder of God's goodness, for God is always creating fresh, amazing things in us and through us. Though we are sad about the summer ending, we are grateful for this school year. We appreciate the opportunity to learn and grow, knowing it is one of the biggest privileges we have. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray as and for students of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. We pray for our hearts and all they hold—excitement and nervousness, disappointment and hope. We give you all our loves and fears. We pray for steady self-esteem and deepening resilience. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We say a special prayer for parents, as the start of a new school year is always another leap of faith. Wrap them with your reassuring love as they entrust their children and trust in you. When questions remain unanswered, and the realm of control is finite, bless them with peace and the promise you are right there with their child, whether heading to preschool or driving to college. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We also pray now for teachers and staff. Bless these faithful servants with courage and confidence, knowing you are in their classroom with a steady hand on their shoulder. Give them peace, patience, and balance in the pressures they face, and bravery to build structures and systems which justly serve all your children. Give them delight in the young ones before them, and recognition of the sweet ways children are also teachers. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

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

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.
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.

As offerings are brought to altar, the congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit for the song

OFFERING SONG

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be
fruit - ful O Lord;
Fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing.
Ga - ther a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, That
we may be fed with the
bread of life. Ga - ther the
hopes and dreams of all;

U - nite them with the prayers we
off - er. Grace our - ta - ble
with your pre - sence O Lord
And give us a taste of the
feast to come.



OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.
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 (ELW p. 145)

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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

*All are welcome to join our communion celebration.
Please have a seat and follow the directions of the pastor and the usher.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray.

Amen.

Please rise in body and/or spirit for the Blessing.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

The blessing of God,
who provides for us,
feeds us,
and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (ELW 631)

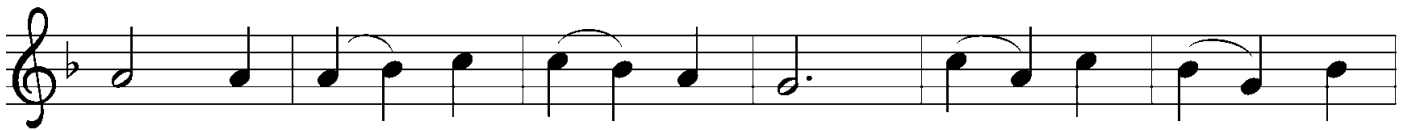
1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
 3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
 4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
 trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
 life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-
 let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
 find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
 more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
 ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
 Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
 its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
 with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
 crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (ELW p. 146)

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 turn to face the font.

DISMISSAL

Children, families, and all who love them,
go out into the beautiful world that God has made!

Go and play!

Go and learn!

Go and love others!

May you be filled with lovingkindness for yourself and everyone around you.

May the prayers of your faith community keep you safe, healthy, and full of joy.

Thanks be to God! Amen.



Finance Update

To meet our 2024 Operating Expenses each month, Bethel needs **\$9995**. Your generosity helps us to meet our ministry goals.

Giving in August

8/4	=	\$3385.35
8/11	=	\$
8/18	=	\$
8/25	=	\$
Current Month Total	=	\$

TOTAL for June = \$6475.89

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



Upcoming Scripture Readings

13th Sunday after Pentecost

- Proverbs 9:1-6
- Psalm 34:9-14
- Ephesians 5:15-20
- John 6:51-58

Today's Worship Team

Usher: Mike & Loraine Anderson
Reader: Loraine Anderson
Sound: Rick Mendonsa
Zoom: Scott Larson
Altar Guild: Loraine Anderson
Kids Message: Lisa Herlocker
Musician: Wing and a Prayer

Next Week's Worship Team

Usher: Cindy Roxworthy
Reader: Roger Linn
Sound: Rick Mendonsa
Zoom: Scott Larson
Altar Guild: Loraine Anderson
Kids Message: Pr. Trudy Franzen
Musician: Wing and a Prayer

"Noisy Offering!"

Please consider dropping your spare change into the basket when it comes your way as a "noisy offering." When our youngest members help collect the offering each week, they may be confused when folks don't drop something in the basket. We keep the loose change offering separate and donate it to a local charity every few months.



August BIRTHDAYS

August 6 - Audrey Gale
 August 10 - Maia Bellisario
 August 18 - Rick Mendonsa
 August 22 - Anthony Bellisario
 August 24 - Susan Woods
 August 25 - William McBain
 August 25 - Bennett Gish
 August 25 - Logan Peckham
 August 27 - Rachel Linn Gish

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



Finish up your Bethel Summer

with a

Game Night, Friday, August 23

@6:30pm in Lentz Hall

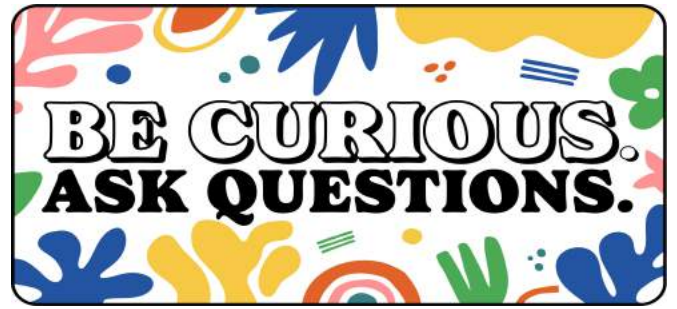
NEXTREX RECYCLING!

As part of our commitment to Creation Care, we will be collecting your clean, dry “soft” plastics such as grocery bags, bubble wrap, Ziploc bags, and shipping envelopes to be recycled into an all-weather bench. Please deposit your **clean** plastic in the barrel in the back of the sanctuary.



TODAY join us poolside at the **Herlockers' in Rocklin** for our annual **Congregation Pool Party** starting at **3:00pm**.

Chef Matt is cooking up pulled pork sliders – all you need to do is bring something to share like a salad, side dish, or dessert. Drinks to be provided by Congregation Life Team. (Sliders served around 4:30)



Blessing of the Backpacks 2024

Jesus asked a lot of questions, sometimes as a teacher and sometimes as a curious listener. The Bible records over 300 questions of Jesus!

Curious questions help us learn and investigate mysteries. Kids can be like Jesus by asking questions and showing curiosity. We encourage parents, teachers, and other caring adults to respond warmly to curiosity. Imagine you are responding to Jesus!

Students, teachers, classroom aides, or anyone involved in education, we want to send you into the August Back-to-School season with a special gift during the Kids' Message.

Didn't make it to worship today? We'll have your gift & blessing waiting for you next week ☺

God's Work Our Hands Sunday

The Community Action Team is looking for a couple Thrivent Members to apply for Action Team grants to help cover the costs of our project. Please **see Kelly Mendonsa for details** of the project to include in your request. The Action Team money will need to be requested **by next Sunday, August 18th**.

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 Maidu & 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.

