



## BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

VASHTI  
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JULY 20TH, 2025  
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

*+ indicates to stand in body or spirit;  
**bold print** indicates congregational responses*

### ✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE “Joy” Thomas Keesecker

WORDS OF WELCOME

+ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation,  
come to the help of your people,  
turning us from our sin  
to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit  
that we may confess our sin,  
receive your forgiveness,  
and grow into the fullness  
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

*(a brief silence for reflection)*

Gracious God,  
have mercy on us.

We confess that we have turned from you  
and given ourselves into the power of sin.

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,  
things we have done and things we have failed to do.

Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,  
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

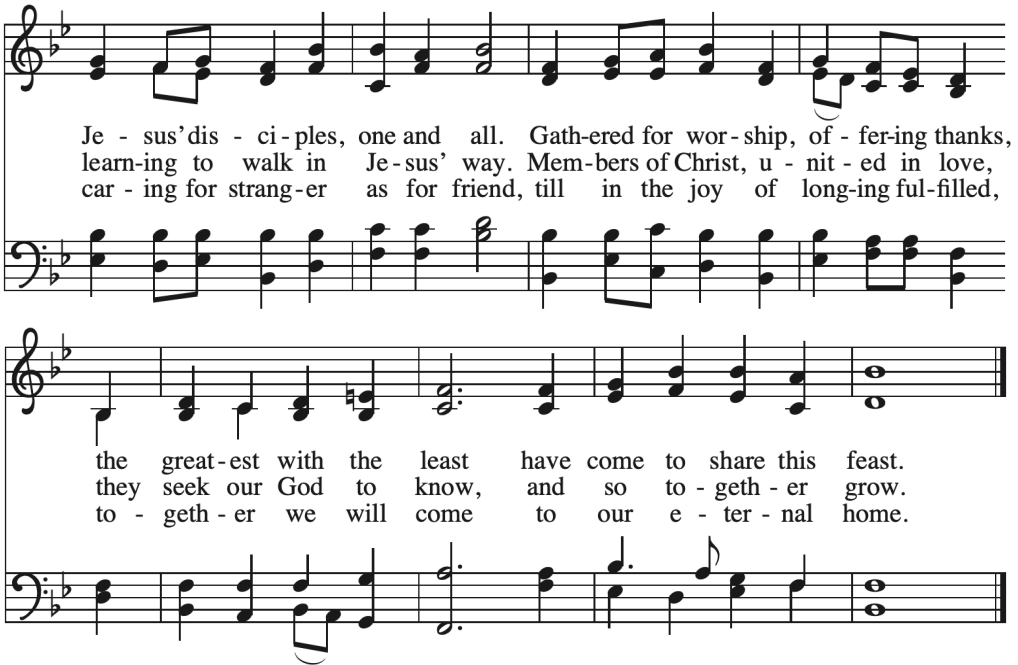
In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

+ GATHERING HYMN "Making Their Way" ACS #979

1 Mak-ing their way down through the a-ges, sin-ners and saints have  
2 Mak-ing their way all the world o-ver, Chris-tians as-sen-ble  
3 Mak-ing our way sea-son by sea-son, pil-grims, we jour-ney

heard God's call: wealth-y and poor, pow-er-ful, low-ly,  
on this day, hear-ing the Word, shar-ing the Ban-quet,  
till life's end, trav-el-ing light, shar-ing the rich-es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath-ered for wor - ship, of - fer-ing thanks,  
learn-ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem-bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,  
car - ing for strang-er as for friend, till in the joy of long-ing ful-filled,

the great-est with the least have come to share this feast.  
they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.  
to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

#### + APOSTOLIC 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

**God of perseverance, you gave Vashti the courage to resist the power flexing  
of sinful human authority. Help us to dismiss the demands that undermine dignity,  
and come what may, to speak with boldness and trust in your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

### ✠ WORD ✠

#### READING *ESTHER 1:1-13, 15-22*

A reading from Esther.

<sup>1</sup>This happened in the days of Ahasuerus, the same Ahasuerus who ruled over one hundred twenty-seven provinces from India to Ethiopia. <sup>2</sup>In those days when King Ahasuerus sat on his royal throne in the citadel of Susa, <sup>3</sup>in the third year of his reign, he gave a banquet for all his officials and ministers. The army of Persia and Media and the nobles and governors of the provinces were present, <sup>4</sup>while he displayed the great wealth of his kingdom and the splendor and pomp of his majesty for many days, one hundred eighty days in all.

<sup>5</sup>When these days were completed, the king gave for all the people present in the citadel of Susa, both great and small, a banquet lasting for seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace. <sup>6</sup>There were white cotton curtains and blue hangings tied with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and marble pillars. There were couches of gold and silver on a mosaic pavement of porphyry, marble, mother-of-pearl, and colored stones. <sup>7</sup>Drinks were served in golden goblets, goblets of different kinds, and the royal wine was lavished according to the bounty of the king. <sup>8</sup>Drinking was by flagons, without restraint; for the king had given orders to all the officials of his palace to do as each one desired. <sup>9</sup>Furthermore, Queen Vashti gave a banquet for the women in the palace of King Ahasuerus.

<sup>10</sup>On the seventh day, when the king was merry with wine, he commanded ... the seven eunuchs who attended him, <sup>11</sup>to bring Queen Vashti before the king, wearing the royal crown, in order to show the peoples and the officials her beauty; for she was fair to behold. <sup>12</sup>But Queen Vashti refused to come at the king's command conveyed by the eunuchs. At this the king was enraged, and his anger burned within him.

<sup>13</sup>Then the king consulted the sages who knew the laws (for this was the king's procedure toward all who were versed in law and custom) ... <sup>15</sup>"According to the law, what is to be done to Queen Vashti because she has not performed the command of King Ahasuerus conveyed by the eunuchs?"

<sup>16</sup>Then Memucan said in the presence of the king and the officials, "Not only has Queen Vashti done wrong to the king, but also to all the officials and all the peoples who are in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus. <sup>17</sup>For this deed of the queen will be made known to all women, causing them to look with contempt on their husbands, since they will say, 'King Ahasuerus commanded Queen Vashti to be brought before him, and she did not come.' <sup>18</sup>This very day the noble ladies of Persia and Media who have heard of the queen's behavior will rebel against the king's officials, and there will be no end of contempt and wrath! <sup>19</sup>If it pleases the king, let a royal order go out from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes so that it may not be altered, that Vashti is never again to come before King Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal position to another who is better than she. <sup>20</sup>So when the decree made by the king is proclaimed throughout all his kingdom, vast as it is, all women will give honor to their husbands, high and low alike."

<sup>21</sup>This advice pleased the king and the officials, and the king did as Memucan proposed; <sup>22</sup>he sent letters to all the royal provinces, to every province in its own script and to every people in its own language, declaring that every man should be master in his own house.

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

## HOMILY

**+ HYMN OF THE DAY** “Come What May/Pase lo que pase, ¡ven!” VT #768

The phrase, “Pase lo que pase”, translates to “Whatever happens” or “come what may” in English. It expresses a sense of resignation or determination to face whatever circumstances arise.



1. We ask you for your pow - er, —
2. We're serv - ing you with glad - ness, pa-se lo que pa - se, ¡ven!
3. The threats will cir - cle round us, —



strength for ev - 'ry hour, —  
chal - leng - ing the mad - ness, pa - se lo que pa - se, ¡ven!  
your peace will sur - round us, —



Though the path be lone - ly, — we  
Just for Je - sus' glo - ry, — pa - se lo que pa - se, ¡ven! we're  
We will spread your bless - ing, — your



will o-bey you on - ly, —  
liv - ing out his sto - ry, — pa - se lo que pa - se, ¡ven!  
might - y word pro - fess - ing, —

*Refrain*



Come what may, let us speak with bold - ness, preach the things you



told us, while your love en - folds us, come what may.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**+ SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

## OFFERING



Guests

Generosity is part of who we are as God's people. Guests can use their QR code to give via Breeze, Bethel's trusted online giving platform. Select "Member Faith Giving" to give to the general budget. Members can use their QR code to sign into Breeze to give a one-time gift or to schedule an automated donation. Online giving cards (at the name tag stations), checks, or cash may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed.



Members

**ANTHEM** *"Invention No. 4 in D Minor, BWV 775"* J.S. Bach

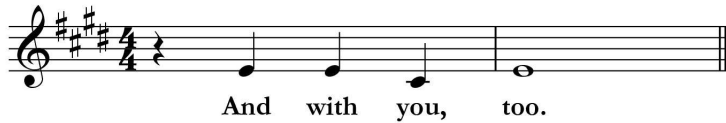
## + OFFERTORY

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

## ✠ MEAL ✠

### + GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



Give thanks to the Lord.



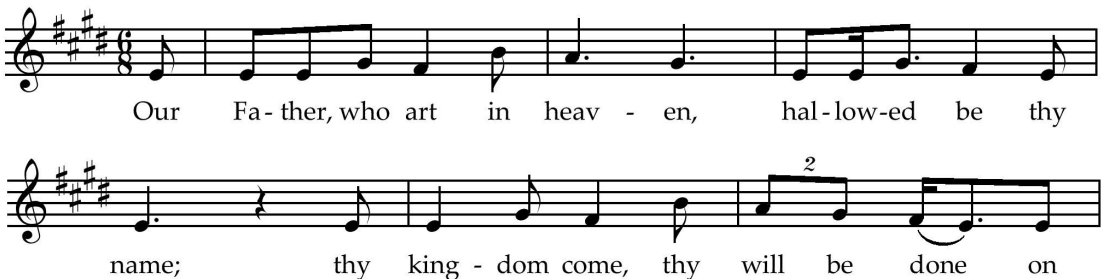
### + EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

It is truly right and proper at all times and places to give our thanks to you, Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Ever-living God. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

*The Words of Institution / Las Palabras de la Institución*

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever. **Amen.**

### + THE LORD'S PRAYER



earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our

dai - ly bread, and for - give us our tres - pass - es,

as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us;

and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er

us from e - vil. For the

king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours

now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## LAMB OF GOD

Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on

us. Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes a-way the sin of the world,



have mer-cy on us. Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes a-way the  
sin of the world, give us your peace.

**HOLY COMMUNION HYMN** *"Come, Let Us Eat"* ELW #491

1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

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## + TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## + PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Mothering God,**  
you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

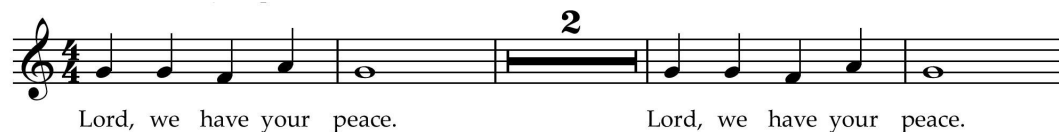
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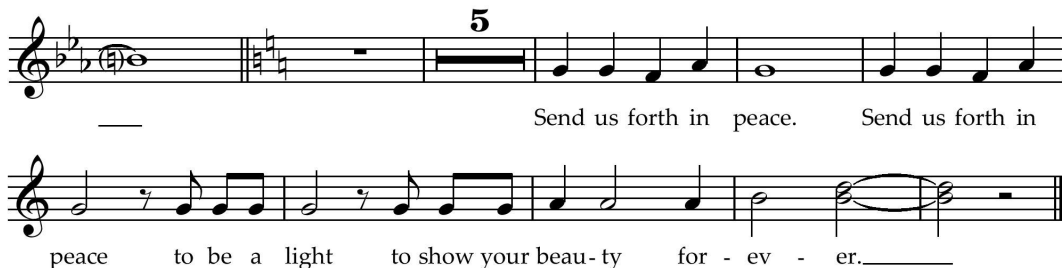
## + BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

## + SENDING HYMN "Send Us Forth In Peace"

Lord, we have your peace.





## + DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE *"Jesus Shall Reign"* arr. Victor Labenske

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Ben Schori

Assisting Minister: (8:30) Marci Groenewold (10:30) Noa Marohl

Ushers: (8:30) Craig Grunzke, Harley Foster, Lee Runzheimer, Dale Turnaclyff  
(10:30) Kaethe Schwehn, Jeff Kreis

Readers: (8:30) Janice Lehmkuhl (10:30) Megan Pratola

Sacramental Ministers: (8:30) Kitty Runzheimer, Rose Turnaclyff, Carol Cole, Barb Holm,  
Maryann Kaul, Phil Ruud

(10:30) Cindy Kreis, Jason Pollington

Altar Care: (set) Linda Zolnosky (clean) Linda Zolnosky

Flute: Krista Middlebrooks      Keyboards: Megan Engel

A/V Technicians: Sam Dwyer, Asher Engle, Nathan Hoekstra

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**THIS WEEK**  
**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**  
**MONDAY—THURSDAY 9 AM - 3 PM**

**MONDAY**

12:00 pm  Bible Study @ the Vault

**TUESDAY**

9:00 am  Quilting  
9:45 am Staff Meeting

**CHRISTIKON ON SITE TRIP**

Keep our 8th graders in your  
prayers this week!

**WEDNESDAY**

12:15 pm Pray Without Ceasing  
2:00 pm Monthly Movie: *Carmen*—2021  
6:00 pm Summer English Class (ESL)

**THURSDAY**

9:30 am FAB (Faith & Books) (Youth Room)  
2:00 pm Visitation for Dawn Knutson  
3:00 pm Celebration of Life Service for Dawn Knutson (with reception to follow)

**FRIDAY**

9:30 am  WoW (Women of the Word) via zoom

**SUNDAY ATTENDANCE**

July 13	in person attendance
8:30 am	
10:30 am	
Total	

**NEXT SUNDAY...**

The text of the day will be **Esther 3:1-11;**  
**4:10-14; 7:1-10**



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