



Aligning with God's Vision

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

God Calls David

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 19TH, 2025

8:15 AM & 10:30 AM

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

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE “*Be Thou My Vision*” arr. Zach Unke

WORDS OF WELCOME

+ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

We give thanks, God of grace, creator of waters,
that long ago your Spirit hovered over the deep.

Organ: We remember that you separated the land from the waters
and provided rain to freshen the ground.

Pulpit: We remember that you flooded the earth
and held creatures and people above the waters.

Organ: We remember that you parted the waters
as your people fled from bondage in Egypt.

Pulpit: We remember Jesus your Son, who, like all of us,
arrived in the waters of childbirth.

Organ: We remember John baptizing in the waters of the Jordan
and the Spirit descending like a dove.

Pulpit: We remember that Jesus shared our thirst
and a Samaritan woman shared water from a well.

Living Water, renew us in our baptisms and pour your Spirit on us.

**Wash us and free us from sin, make us fruitful in every way,
and renew your world with showers of blessing. Amen.**

+ CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

+ 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

King of kings, help us listen, like Samuel, when you call us to move past grief and fear.
Show us what to do. When appearances can blind us, help us question our assumptions.
Align us with your vision, your heart. Anoint us, like David, with your Spirit, through Jesus
Christ, our savior and Lord. Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

+ SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION “Change My Heart, O God” ELW #801

The acclamation is sung before and after the gospel reading.



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

+ HOLY GOSPEL JOHN 7:24

The Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁴“Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgement.”

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

READING 1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

A reading from First Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.”² Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’

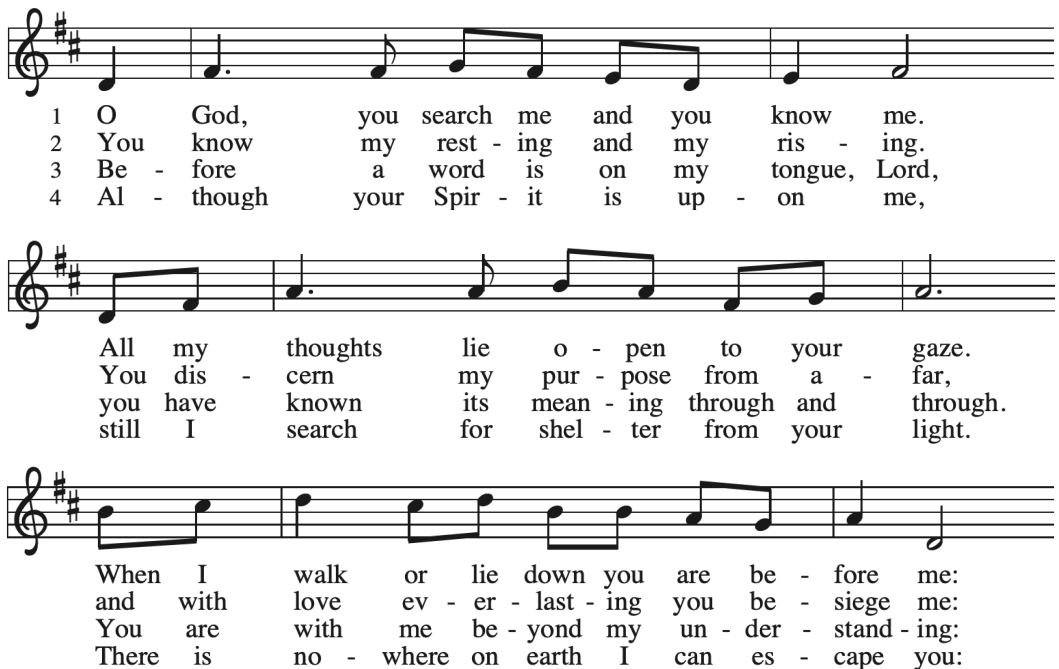
³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.”⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?”

⁵ He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.
⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the Lord."
⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."
⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one."
⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one."
¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these."
¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here."
¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one."
¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

+ HYMN OF THE DAY "O God, You Search Me" ACS #1082 stanzas 1-4



1 O God, you search me and you know me.
 2 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing.
 3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord,
 4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me,

All my thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze.
 You dis - cern my pur - pose from a - far,
 you have known its mean - ing through and through.
 still I search for shel - ter from your light.

When I walk or lie down you are be - fore me:
 and with love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me:
 You are with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing:
 There is no - where on earth I can es - cape you:



ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.
in ev - 'ry mo - ment of life or death, you are.
God of my pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.
e - ven the dark - ness is ra - dian in your sight.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

+ 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 (8:15) "Lord, Create in Me" K. Lee Scott

ANTHEM (10:30) "II. Andante tranquillo, from Sonata No. 3 in A Major" Felix Mendelssohn

+ OFFERTORY "We Give Thee but Thine Own" ELW #686 stanzas 1 & 2



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of life, you are our provision.

In this season of harvest, we are reminded of your bounty.

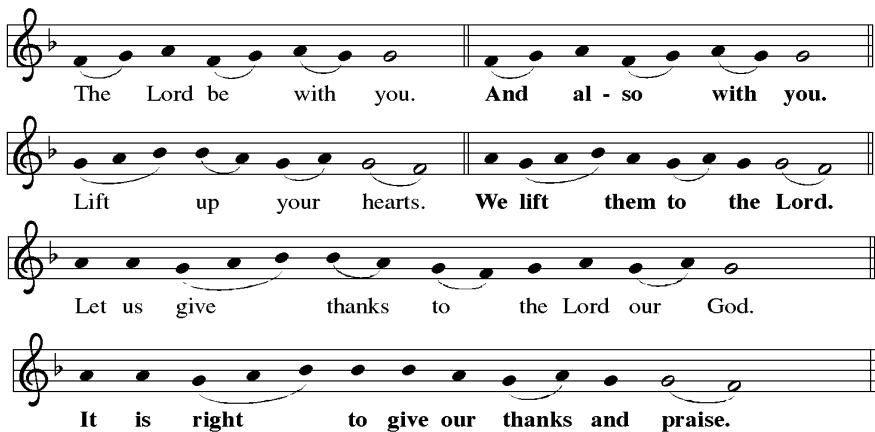
From the tiny seed comes plenty; from the dirt enough for all.

In you, all gifts are given. In you, our need is met.

Trusting in you, we offer what has always been yours
and ask you to align our lives—including our outlook and our finances—in your way. Amen

✠ MEAL ✠

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING



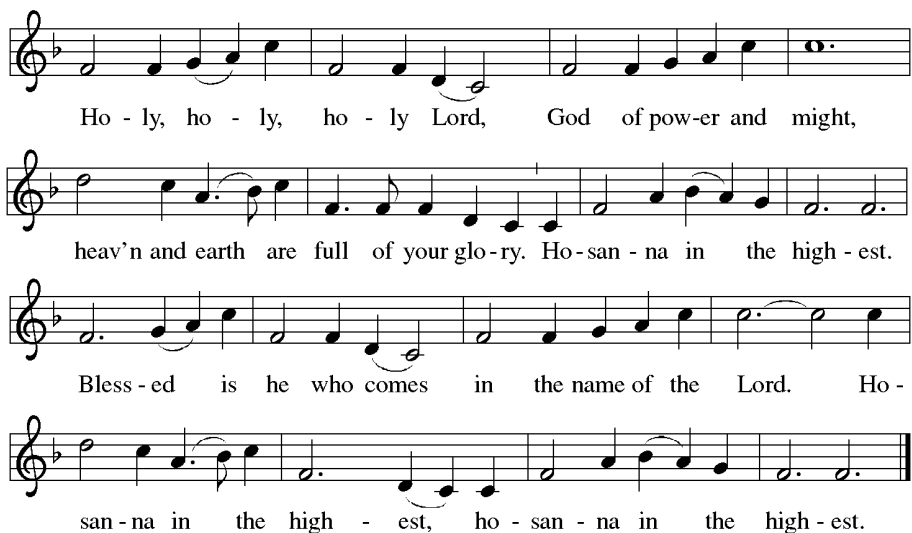
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

+ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Oh God, you are near; nearer to us than our very breath. We exist in and are nourished by your gifts. In all things and by many means you provide—wheat kernel to bread, grape to wine. In Christ, you give us the true bread of heaven.

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Grant that we who receive this sacrament might have ears to hear your call, courage to align with your vision, and the will to build your kingdom here and now. **Amen.**

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

+ EL PADRE NUESTRO

**Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre;
venga a nos tu reino;
hágase tu voluntad,
así en la tierra como en el cielo;
el pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy;
y perdónanos nuestras deudas
así como nosotros perdonamos
a nuestros deudores;
y no nos dejes caer en la tentación;
mas líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder y la gloria,
por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.**

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN “Around You, O Lord Jesus” ELW #468

+ TABLE BLESSING

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

✠ SENDING ✠

+ BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN “Be Thou My Vision” ELW #793

+ DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE “Fuga in C Major, BWV 531” J.S. Bach



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