



BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 14TH, 2026
8:30 & 10:30 AM

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

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” arr. Greg Bottomley

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 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" ELW #859



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the God of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise the Al - might - y, o'er all life so won-drous-ly reign - ing,
 3 Praise the Al - might - y, who pros-pers your work and de - fends you;
 4 Praise the Al - might - y! In won - der my spir - it is soar - ing!



My heart is long - ing to of - fer up sweet ad - o - ra - tion.
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 see from the heav - ens the show - ers of mer - cy God sends you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es out - pour - ing.



Mel - o - dy make; dul - ci - mer, harp, now a - wake.
 Have you not seen? All that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - men what the Al - might - y can do;
 Let the a - men sound from God's peo - ple a - gain,



Sound forth your praise, ev - 'ry na - tion.
 sent by God's gra - cious or - dain - ing.
 in - fi - nite Love here be - friends you.
 glad - ly for - ev - er a - dor - ing!

+ 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 compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself.
Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy,
we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim
the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

+ FIRST READING *EXODUS 19:2-8A*

A reading from Exodus.

² [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³ Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ⁴‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

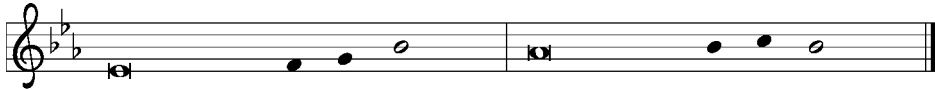
⁷ So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. ^{8a} The people all answered as one, “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.”

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

PSALM *PSALM 100*



We are God's peo - ple and the sheep of God's pas - ture.



¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all you lands!

² Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence | with a song.

³ **Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom | we belong;
we are God's people and the sheep | of God's pasture. R**

⁴ Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the | courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God's | holy name.

⁵ **Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is | everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from | age to age. R**

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



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

HOLY GOSPEL *MATTHEW 9:35-10:8-23*

The gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁵ Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1} Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his broth-

er Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

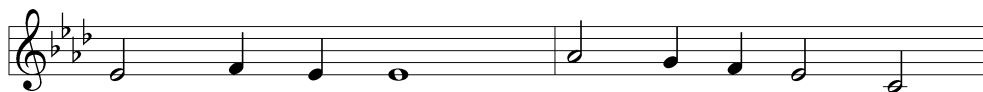
⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, “The kingdom of heaven has come near.” ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹ Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶ “I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. ¹⁹ When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, ²⁰ for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹ Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²² and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

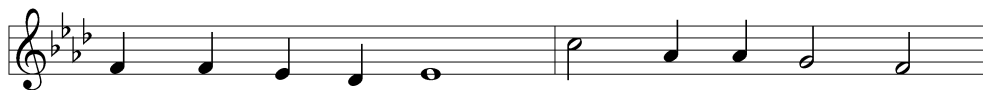
The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY

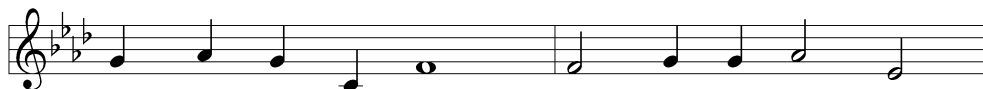
+ HYMN OF THE DAY "Come, Labor On" H82 #541



1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle
 2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is
 3 Come, la - bor on. A - way the gloom - y
 4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing
 5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till



on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us
 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tares, to
 doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but
 an - gels can - not share— to young and old the
 glows the west - ern sky, till the long shad - ows



waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant
 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our
 may do ser - vice here: by fee - blest a - gents
 gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its
 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes



does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.
 may our God ful - fill his righ - teous will.
 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
 with the set - ting sun, . . . "Ser - vants, well done."

+ AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in the non-binary God
 whose pronouns are plural.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, their child,
 who wore a fabulous tunic and had two dads
 and saw everyone as a sibling-child of God.
 I believe in the rainbow Spirit,
 who shatters our image of one white light
 and refracts it into a rainbow of gorgeous diversity.

I believe in the church of everyday saints
as numerous, creative and resilient
as patches on the AIDS quilt,
whose feet are grounded in mud
and whose eyes gaze at the stars in wonder.
I believe in the call to each of us that love is love is love,
so beloved, let us love.

I believe, glorious God.
Help my unbelief. Amen.

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

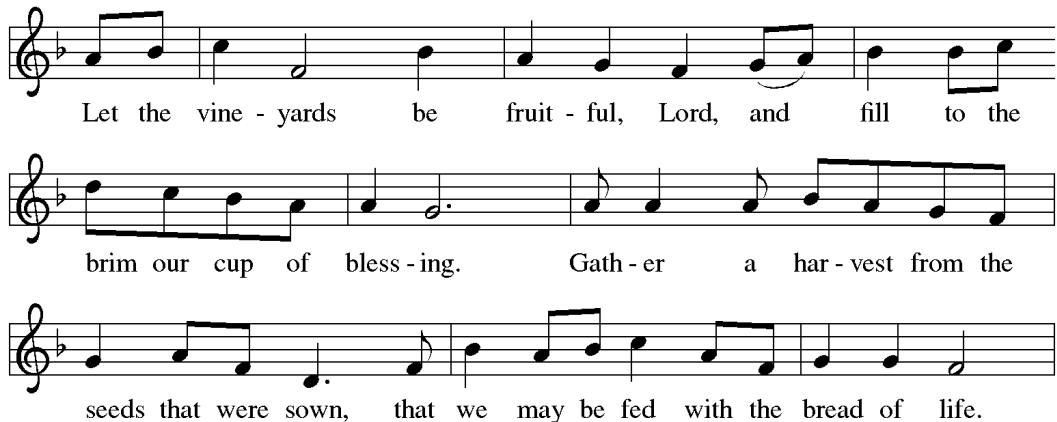
Generosity is part of who we are as God's people. Guests can use their QR code to give via Breeze, Bethel's trusted online giving platform. Select "Member Faith Giving" to give to the general budget. Members can use their QR code to sign into Breeze to give a one-time gift or to schedule an automated 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 "*One Voice*" Ruth Moody

+ OFFERTORY



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 the 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.

✠ MEAL ✠

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also 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 God thanks and praise.**

+ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, 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.

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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

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.

+ 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;

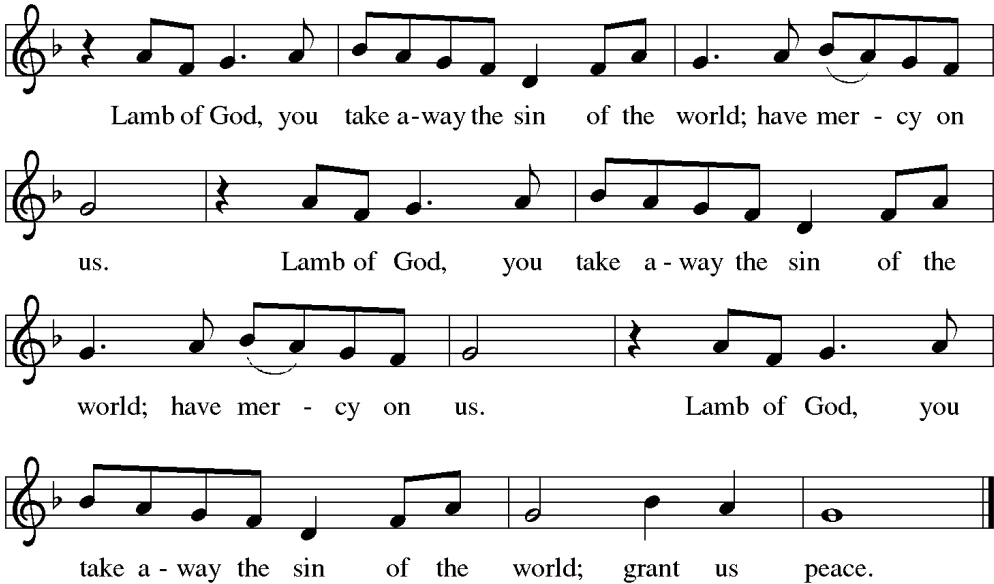
el pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy;

y perdónanos nuestras deudas
así como nosotros perdonamos
a nuestros deudores;

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.

y no nos dejes caer en la tentación;
mas libranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder y la gloria,
por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION ANTHEM *"All Belong Here"* Leonora Rand & Hannah Rand (The Many)

+ TABLE BLESSING

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

✠ SENDING ✠

+ BENEDICTION

May you know the outrageous welcome of our Creator
accepting and loving you for who you are.
May the incarnation of the Word hold you close.
May the dancing flicker of the rainbow Spirit
help you risk yourself for love.
May God our Creator, ✠ Redeemer and Sustainer
bless you, now and forever. **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN "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 - gulf's 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!

+ DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE (8:30) "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" arr. Michael Burkhardt
(10:30) "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" arr. Mark Hayes

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Ben Schori

Preacher: Jessi Labenski

Assisting Minister: (8:30) Ellen Haefner (10:30) Rebecca Nystuen

Ushers: (8:30) Brian Boesche, Duane Uhl, Cal Feine, Harley Foster
(10:30) Peder Jothen, Marv Farmer

Readers: (8:30) Bob Thacker (10:30) Janice Lehmkuhl

Sacramental Ministers: (8:30) Lu Lindstrom, Phyllis Larson, Rosemarie Lewis, Rose Turnacliff,
Carol Cole, Phil Ruud, Marci Groenewold
(10:30) Barb Farmer, Patrick Stahly

Altar Care: (set) Carol Lysne (clean) Carol Lysne and Margaret Grunzke
(cups) Dwayne and Michelle Vosejka

Rainbow Singers: Catherine Engle, Christina Schwietz, Krista Middlebrooks,
Ellen Haefner, Joanna McLees, Jessi Labenski, Megan Engel

Trumpet: Gerry Hoekstra Keyboards: Megan Engel

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

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SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

June 7	in person attendance
8:30	218
10:30	64
Total	282


NEXT SUNDAY...

The text of the day
will be **Matthew 10:24-39**
with Romans 6:1b-11.
Pastor Ben will preach.

THIS WEEK—JUNE 15—JUNE 20

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY—THURSDAY 9 AM - 3 PM

MONDAY

- 12:00 pm  Bible Study @ the Vault (1520 Clinton Lane)
5:00 pm Personnel
6:30 pm Church Council


TUESDAY

- 9:45 am Staff Meeting
12:00 pm Lydia Circle

WEDNESDAY

- 4:00 pm Summer Sunshine—Feed My Starving Children

THURSDAY

- 9:00 am FAB—Faith & Books
Men of Bethel
10:00 am  Parkview Fellowship

FRIDAY

- 9:15 am WoW (Women of the Word) via zoom

SATURDAY

- Christikon Onsite (8th Grade) & Backpacking (9th Grade)



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