



BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 28TH, 2026
8:30 & 10:30 AM

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

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE *“Sheep May Safely Graze”* by J.S. Bach

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 “God Welcomes All” ACS #978

God wel - comes all, stran - ers and friends;
God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

+ 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

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

+ FIRST READING *ROMANS 6:12-23*

A reading from Romans.

¹²Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

+ **HOLY GOSPEL** *MATTHEW 10:40-42*

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

HOMILY

+ **HYMN OF THE DAY** *“Jesus Entered Egypt”* VT #279



1. Je - sus en - tered E - gypt flee - ing Her - od's
2. Je - sus was a mi - grant liv - ing as a
3. Je - sus cross - es bor - ders with the wan - d'ring



hand, liv - ing as an a - lien
guest with the friends and stran - gers
poor, search - ing for a ref - uge,



in a for - eign land. Far from home and
who could of - fer rest. Do we hold wealth
for an o - pen door. Do our words and



coun - try with his fam - i - ly, was there
light - ly so that we can share shel - ter
ac - tions an - swer Je - sus' plea: “Give the



room and wel - come for this ref - u - gee?
with the home - less, and a - bun - dant care?
low - ly wel - come, and you wel - come me”?

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.



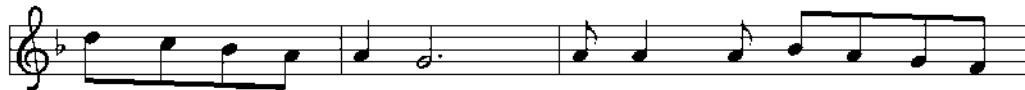
Members

ANTHEM *"Come, Ye Thankful People Come"* arr. Gail Smith

+ 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.
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



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

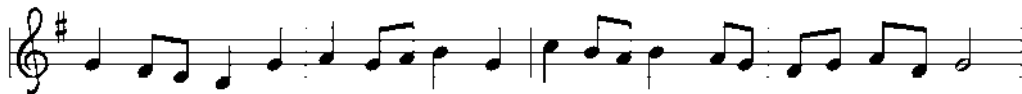


world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN "As We Gather at Your Table" ELW #522



1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

+ 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 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing" ELW #545

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

+ DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" arr. Gail Smith

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Phil Ruud

Assisting Minister: (8:30) Eric Lundin (10:30) Christina Schwietz

Ushers: (8:30) Bruce Dueffert, Cal Feine, Harley Foster, Bob Vanderhoof
(10:30) Rebecca Benedict, Tim Larsen

Readers: (8:30) Maryann Kaul (10:30) Cindy Kreis

Sacramental Ministers: (8:30) Clark Cary, Dottie Hammer, Rose Turnacliff, Carol Cole, Catherine Engle,
Rosemarie Lewis

(10:30) Jason Pollington, Kirsten Scott

Altar Care: (set) and (clean) Phyllis Larson (cups) Connie and Gary DeGrote

Guest Keyboards: Leanne Barck Guest Guitar: Gary Lewis

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

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Tune: KING'S WESTON, Ralph Vaughan Williams, *Enlarged Songs of Praise*; arr. *The Hymnbook*, 1955.

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SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

| June 21 | in person attendance |
|---------|----------------------|
| 8:30 | 115 |
| 10:30 | 74 |
| Total | 189 |

NEXT SUNDAY...

The text of the day
will be **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**
with Romans 7:15-25a.
Pastor Inger will preach.

**Bethel Lutheran Church
Shares Christ's Love with a Big Heart**

Called by the gospel of Jesus Christ, Bethel celebrates all people as children of God.

We welcome you: your age, ability, and education;
your race, ethnicity, and citizenship;
your sexual orientation, gender identity and expression;
your relationship status and family structure.

Your uniqueness is valued.

Your questions and doubts have a home here.

Our work of welcome includes loving, forgiving, and serving one another;
advocating for those who are marginalized and oppressed;
striving for racial equity and economic justice;
and caring for the earth and all of God's creation.


We invite you to fully participate in the life of Bethel.



THIS WEEK—JUNE 29—JULY 4

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

MONDAY

12:00 pm  Bible Study @ the Vault (1520 Clinton Lane)

TUESDAY

9:45 am Staff Meeting

THURSDAY

9:00 am Men of Bethel

9:00 am FAB—Faith & Books



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