



Listening for God's Call

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

God Calls Samuel

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 12TH, 2025

8:15 AM & 10:30AM

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

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE *"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"* J.S. Bach; arr. Chuck Siepp

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

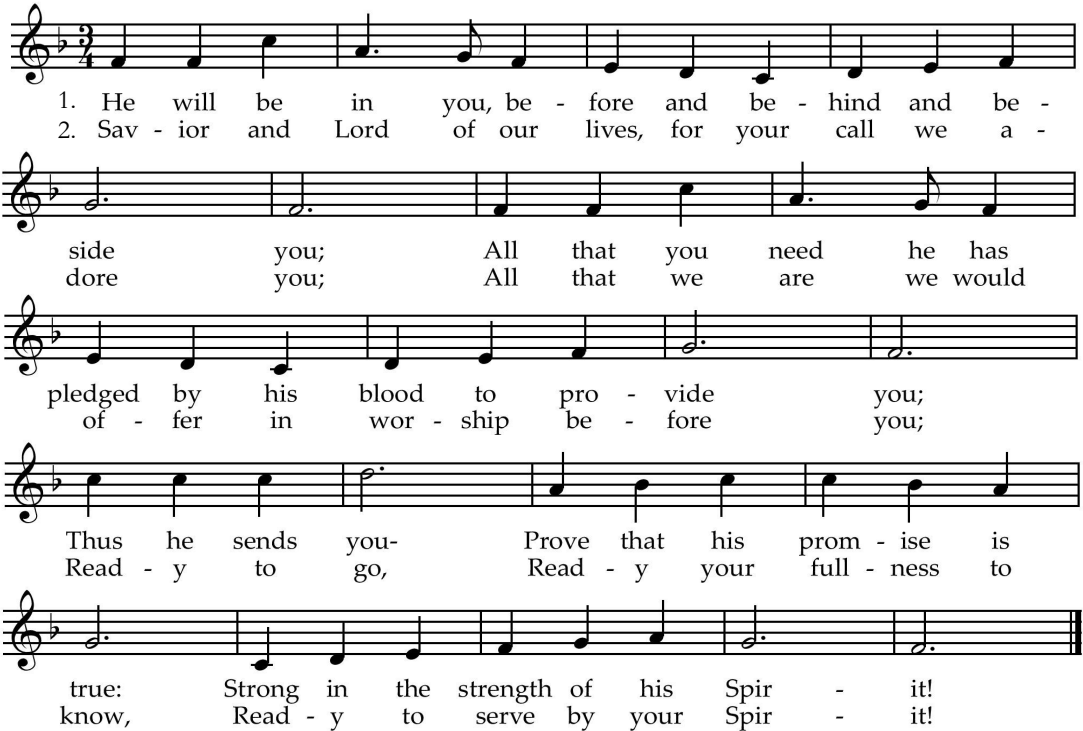
Beckoning God, just as Eli helped Samuel recognize your call, grant us communities
that help us discern your voice. Call us into service and give us generous hearts, that we
might listen when we are called. In the name of Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

+ SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION “Chosen and Sent by the Father” HG #114

The first stanza is sung before the reading of the gospel.

After the reading, the second stanza is sung.



1. He will be in you, be - fore and be - hind and be -
2. Sav - ior and Lord of our lives, for your call we a -
side you; All that you need he has
dore you; All that we are we would
pledged by his blood to pro - vide you;
of - fer in wor - ship be - fore you;
Thus he sends you- Prove that his prom - ise is
Read - y to you, Read - y your full - ness to
true: Strong in the strength of his Spir - it!
know, Read - y to serve by your Spir - it!

+ HOLY GOSPEL JOHN 20:21-23

A reading from the gospel of John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

READING 1 SAMUEL 3:1-21

A reading from First Samuel.

¹ Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

⁶ The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again."

⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy.

⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

¹¹ Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹² On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³ For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴ Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵ Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶ But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷ Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸ So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹ As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.

²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. ²¹ The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

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

HOMILY

+ HYMN OF THE DAY *"Here I Am, Lord"* ELW #574

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 (8:15) "*Veniat dilectus meus*" San Pietro del Negro
(10:30) "*Veni Lumen (Come Holy Spirit, Comforter)*" Ateliers et Presses de Taizé

+ 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.

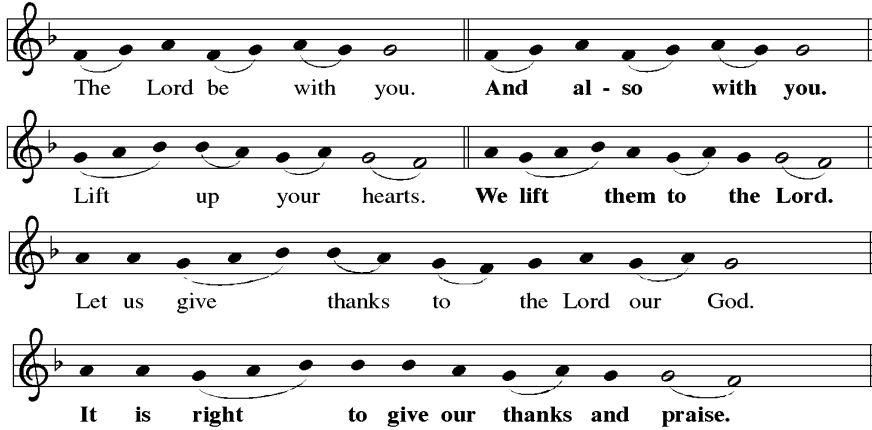
In you, all gifts are given. In you, our need is met.

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

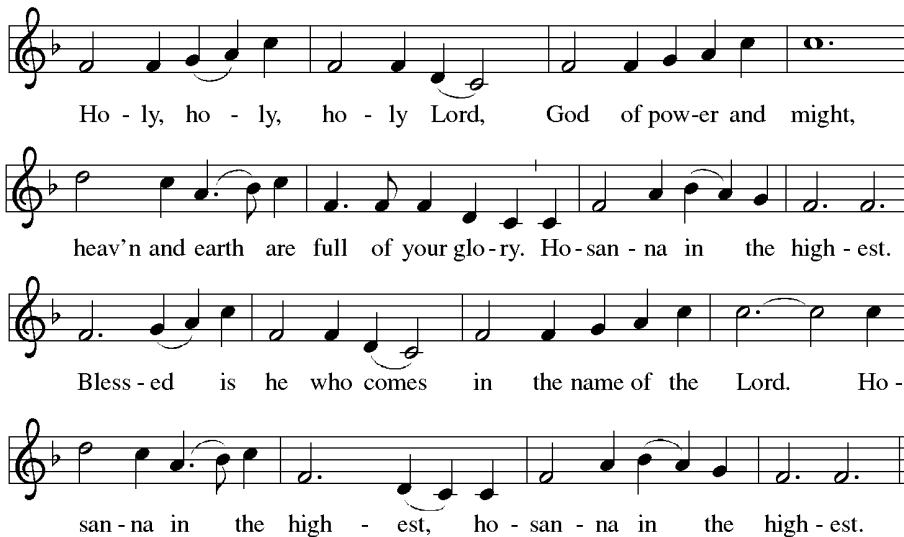
✠ MEAL ✠

+ 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.

The Words of Institution / Las Palabras de la Institución

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 ANTHEM "O Bone Jesu" Richard Dering

+ 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 "*We All Are One in Mission*" ELW #576

+ DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE "*My Spirit Be Joyful*" J.S. Bach; arr. Biggs

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Inger Hanson & Pastor Ben Schori

Acolytes: (8:15) (10:30)

Assisting Minister: (8:15) Krista Middlebrooks (10:30) Marci Groenewold

Ushers: (8:15) Cal Feine, Harley Foster

(10:30)

Readers: (8:15) Maryann Kaul (10:30) Paula Mathison

Sacramental Ministers: (8:15) Judy Code, Barb Holm, Maryann Kaul, Phyllis Larson, Carol Cole, Phil Ruud

(10:30) Olia Jorgenson

Altar Care: (set) Carol Lysne (clean) Mary Loven (cups)

Trumpet Duet: Martin Hodel & Gerald Hoekstra

Church Choir Director: Peter Schleif

Keyboards: Megan Engel

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