

Bethel Lutheran Church
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026



Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Lectionary Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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ENTER TO WORSHIP – LEAVE TO SERVE

“Setting Ten”

**Congregation Stands*

Congregation responses in bold

WELCOME

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

by Robbins

***BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

“Lift High the Cross”

intro by Manz

ELW #660

*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.**

*Kyrie



- 1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.
- 3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.
Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

*Canticle



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!

***Prayer of the Day** O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21

A reading from the fifteenth chapter of Jeremiah

¹⁵ O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.

²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26:1-8

Congregation will read responsively

¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.

² **Test me, O | LORD, and try me; examine my heart | and my mind.**

³ For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes; I have walked faithful- | ly
with you.

⁴ **I have not sat | with the worthless, nor do I consort with | the deceitful.**

⁵ I have hated the company of | evildoers; I will not sit down | with the wicked.

⁶ **I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD, that I may go in process
sion | round your altar,**

⁷ singing aloud a song ¹ of thanksgiving and recounting all your won- ¹ derful deeds.

⁸ **LORD, I love the house in ¹ which you dwell and the place where your glo- ¹ ry abides.**

Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

A reading from the twelfth chapter of Romans.

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



***Holy Gospel**

Matthew 16:21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.****Children's Sermon****Marcia Miller****Sermon****Dr. Peggy Terhune*****Hymn of the Day**

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

ELW #798

intro by Honore

***Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession**

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the faithful departed, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Peace**

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

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say "Peace be with you" or similar words.

The congregation is seated.

Offering

Anthem

"Let Us Walk This Road Together"

by Beall and Carter

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song

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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The final note of the fifth staff is a whole note G, followed by a double bar line.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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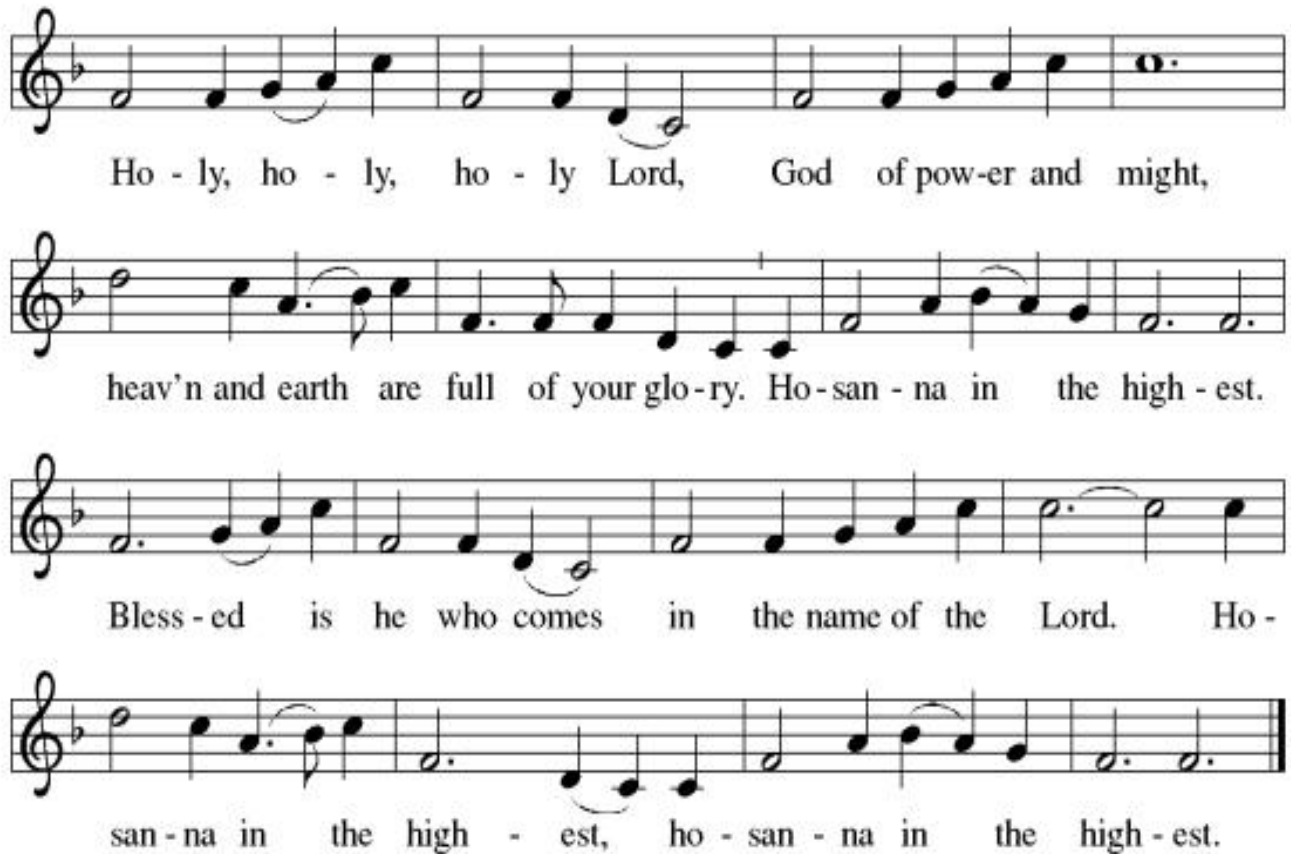
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***Offertory Prayer** Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

***Great Thanksgiving**
The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.
We lift them to the Lord.
It is right to give our thanks
and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... 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.

***Words of Institution**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, Christ's execution at the hands of a ruthless regime, Christ's resurrection that buries death, Christ's ascension to rule with love forever, we declare the revolutionary mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Invitation to Communion

Heaven has come near.

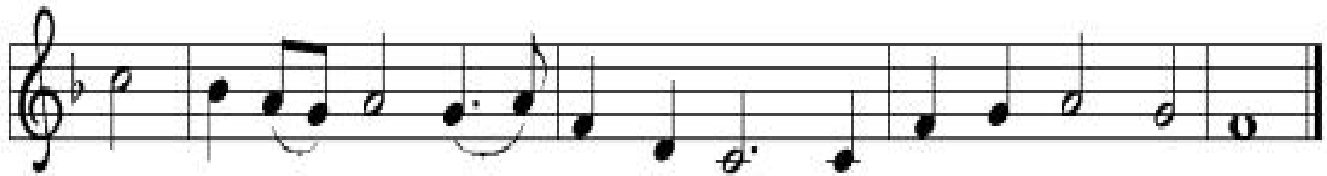
Come, share in the feast! **Amen.**

*Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



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.

Communion Music

“The Servant Song”

by Honore

“Day by Day”

ELW #790

***Post-Communion Prayer, Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

***Blessing** Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal,
and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

***Sending Song** “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” ELW #656
intro by Callahan

***Dismissal** Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

***Our worship service has ended.
Our worship through service begins.***

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Marcia Miller	Continue prayers
Eric & Dawn Leach	Continue prayers
Danny Norman	Continue prayers (brother of Ellen Webb)
Judy Kennerly	Continue prayers
Cody McDowell	Continue prayers
Kelly Smith	Continue prayers
Julia Hibbard	Recovering at her home
Kathy Trexler	Recovering at her home
Monica Raney	Recovering at her home
Vicky Sloop	Recovering at her home
Winfred Kluttz	Recovering at his home
Anita Vinson	Recovering at her home

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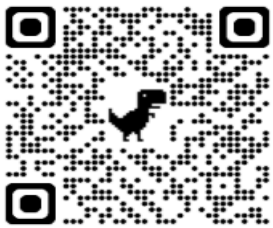
Welcome everyone to Bethel Lutheran Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship and bid a special welcome to guests in our midst. May you find peace, comfort, strength, and hope as our Lord comes to us in his word. Please take a moment to register your attendance by signing your name to the fellowship pad as it is passed on each pew.

The Eternal Flame for the month of August is Given to the Glory of God be Lingle Family in memory of Charles and Georgia Shuping.

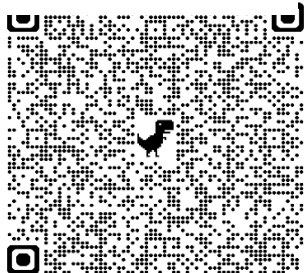


Please join us for Bethel's Homecoming on September 13. We are honored to welcome the Bishop, who will be preaching. There will also be a **Question-and-Answer session with the Bishop from 9:30–10:15 a.m.** Please come prepared to ask any questions you may have. Following the service, we will enjoy a covered-dish meal and present the Bishop with a special gift from Bethel. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Bethel T-Shirts designed by Lora Owen are available for preorder. Check the narthex table for the display and order form.



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East West Blessing Box Challenge

Extended

Our East vs. West Blessing Box Challenge has been extended through the month of August! **Every donation makes a difference**—not only for your team, but for the families who rely on our Blessing Box. So, gather your items, invite your friends to join in, and help your team earn the winning prize while sharing God's love through this important ministry. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us make a difference, one donation at a time!

~ May the Lord bless you
and keep you ~
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you ~
~ The Lord turn His face towards you
and give you peace ~

NUMBERS 6:24-26

Check your mailbox!!

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 30th

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Lectionary Study

9:45 a.m. Choir Practice

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Lunch will follow worship in the Fellowship hall

TUES.

6:30 p.m. LMIM dinner mtg. (*Carroll's shop*)

THURS:

10:00 a.m. JOY Ringers Practice

NEXT SUNDAY:

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 6th

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Worship & Music committee mtg.

9:30 a.m. Lectionary Study

9:45 a.m. Choir Practice

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Holy Communion

THURS:

9:30 a.m. JOY Ringers Practice

FRI:

3:00 p.m. Choir Practice

SAT:

9:00 a.m. Preparation for Homecoming

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