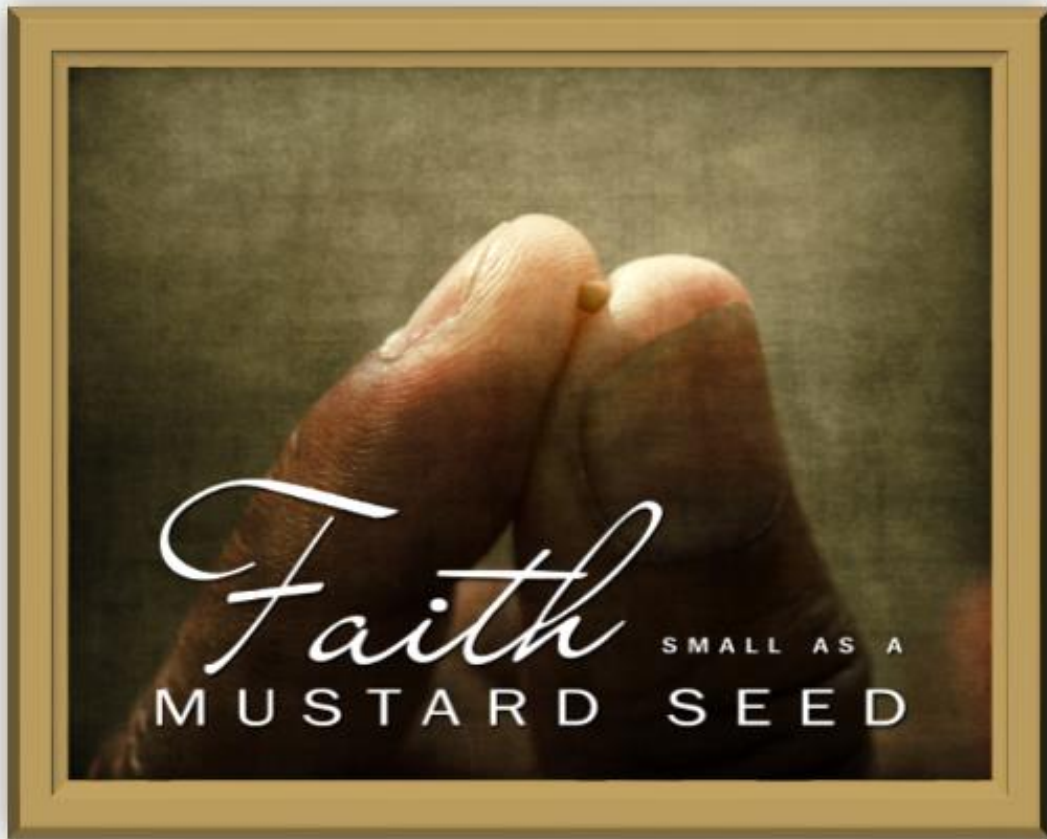


Sunday, October 2, 2022  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, 17C

Pastor Kim Swenson



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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**GATHERING**

**Tone Chime Choir**

**Welcome**

*The congregation is invited to say the **bold** words.*

Opening Hymn

"Morning Has Broken"

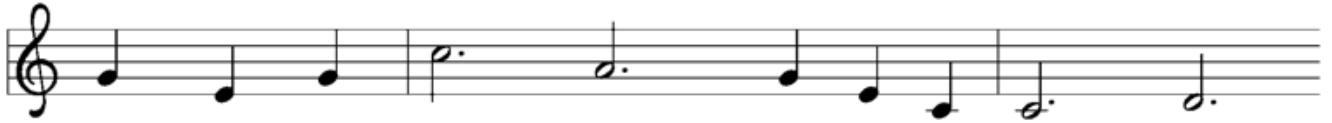
Cranberry #556



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,  
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black - bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
 born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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## Call to Worship

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who is eager to forgive  
and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

We have gathered in this place to worship,  
**Because Jesus invites us to come!**  
We come as we are,  
the young and the old with our faith and our doubts,  
with our successes and our failures,  
**Because Jesus invites us to come!**

## Come Let Us Eat vs 3

## Cranberry 491

Leader or All

3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,

All

in Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest.

Leader or All

In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,

All

in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.

## Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God from which nothing can separate us,  
and the life-giving Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray, Benevolent God:

**When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**WORD**

**Scripture Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing  
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack  
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>2:1</sup>I will stand at my watchpost,  
and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup>Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup>Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 37:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Do not be provoked by evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

<sup>2</sup>**For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.**

<sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the LORD and do good;  
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

<sup>4</sup>**Take delight in the LORD,  
who shall give you your heart's desire.**

<sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,  
and see what God will do.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light  
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**


<sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.  
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who  
succeeds in evil schemes.

<sup>8</sup>**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;  
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

<sup>9</sup>For evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.


## Gospel Acclamation

Leader or All




A - le - lu - ia! Words of stead - fast love.

All



A - le - lu - ia! Words of stead - fast love.

Leader or All



Save us as you pro - mised; we will trust your word,

All



save us as you pro - mised; we will trust your word.

## Gospel: Luke 17:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus\* said to his disciples, 'Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to anyone by whom they come! <sup>2</sup>It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones to stumble. <sup>3</sup>Be on your guard! If another disciple\* sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. <sup>4</sup>And if the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, "I repent", you must forgive.'

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for

me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

**Cranberry #759**



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's  
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!  
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
 trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887  
 Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ. Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster: relieve those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**



For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for your people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For this and every congregation: rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For what else do the people of God pray?  
*Silent and spoken prayers are invited*

In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died especially Herb. Bring us all to eternal life with you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**  
*Please share a sign of the Lord's peace with those around you.*

### Offering Prayer

Before us is a world in great need, waiting in hope.  
We are a people holding treasure meant to be given away:  
the good news of Christ; resources of time, talents, and money.  
All we have is a gift from God;  
therefore let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Let us pray, Gracious God,  
**in your great love you richly provide for our needs.**  
**Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,**  
**and make us ready to share with all in need;**  
**through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

### Come Let Us Eat vss 1-2

### Cranberry 491



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,



come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,



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## 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 our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, Lord God,  
for the blessing of your law  
and the challenge of your prophets.

You have shown favor to your lowly servants  
and remembered your promise to our ancestors.  
You have been faithful to your covenant  
and rescued us from the hands of our enemies.  
You have revealed your saving purpose to all,  
a light to the nations for the glory of your people.

We give you thanks, Lord God,  
for the coming of Jesus Christ  
and the proclamation of his kingdom.

Jesus was anointed to bring good news to people who are poor,  
proclaim release to people who are captive,  
restore the sight of those who are blind,  
grant freedom to those who are oppressed,  
and announce the year of your favor.  
Let these words be fulfilled today.

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.

We give you thanks, Lord God,  
For the gift of the Holy Spirit  
And the calling of the church.

Pour out your Spirit upon all flesh.  
Keep us ever faithful, devoting ourselves  
to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
the breaking of bread and prayers,  
until Christ returns in glory to reign. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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;  
and 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.**

## **Announcements**

### **Quilt Blessing**

God, our neighbors around the world are in need of hope. Your Spirit is a mighty force, your whispers of hope bring light into the world. Open our hearts and hands to see your presence in our neighborhoods and across the world.

**Jesus, help us speak words of hope to our neighbors.**

God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread, sewing machines, and the items collected for the kits. May their presence be a sign of hope, may these quilts wrap our neighbors in unending love, and may these kits offer dignity and healing. **Jesus, help us reach out in hope to our neighbors.**

God, we give thanks for all the hands that fashioned hope into a quilt, for the hands that collected and sorted, for the hands that continually open wider so that no one feels left out. **Jesus, help us see hope in our neighbors.**


God, we ask you to guide the staff and partners at LWR. May their voices and hands be a beacon of hope. Keep them safe. Keep them filled with your strength and perseverance. **Jesus, help us share a taste of hope with our neighbors.**

God, be with our neighbors who will receive these gifts. May they be wrapped in love, may they taste your goodness, may they touch signs of your hope. Whether or not we know their names or where they live, they are our neighbors, our brothers and sisters in Christ. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the One who is our hope. **Amen.**

**Come Let Us Eat vs 4**


**Cranberry 491**

Leader or All




4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.

Leader or All



Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

**Benediction**

God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the holy Trinity, † one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

Cranberry #535

*Refrain— sung twice each time*

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -  
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa  
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*  
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

*Repeat stanza, then sing refrain*

I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

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**Dismissal**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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### ***Bethel Weekly***

**Emails Needed** Please check the list of emails on the clipboard in the lounge to make sure we have your correct address. Reminder that the October Bethel Herald was sent to your email this past week. Printed copies will be available at church.

**Congratulations** Stephanie Lindow and Ben Rodgers who were married at Bethel on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Feed My Starving Children** MobilePack registration is now open. Registration is on-line by going to FMSC.org, "click" on Volunteer and 2210-060SC Green Bay Community MobilePack should come up. Follow the registration prompts from there. Join the confirmation class and sign up on Monday from 7-9pm.

**American Red Cross** will be having a blood drive at Bethel on Mon, Oct 3rd from 11am-4pm. Sign up to donate at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Walk-ins will not be turned away.

**Worship Change Wed, Oct 5<sup>th</sup>** Due to the Packer Game being broadcast Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> in the morning from London and with Pastor Kim gone for the weekend, we are changing service from Sunday to Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The service will be recorded and uploaded for people to watch at a later day and time.



**Special Congregational Meeting Sun, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>** There will be a special meeting called to take a first vote on the updated Constitution and Bylaws. We will also vote on the costs needed to make our one door completely handicap accessible.

**Worship Assistants**

Assisting Minister:	Doug Hanson
Altar Guild:	Linda Wery
Ushers:	Jerry Boettcher & Michael Zastrow
Video Tech:	Rick Johnson