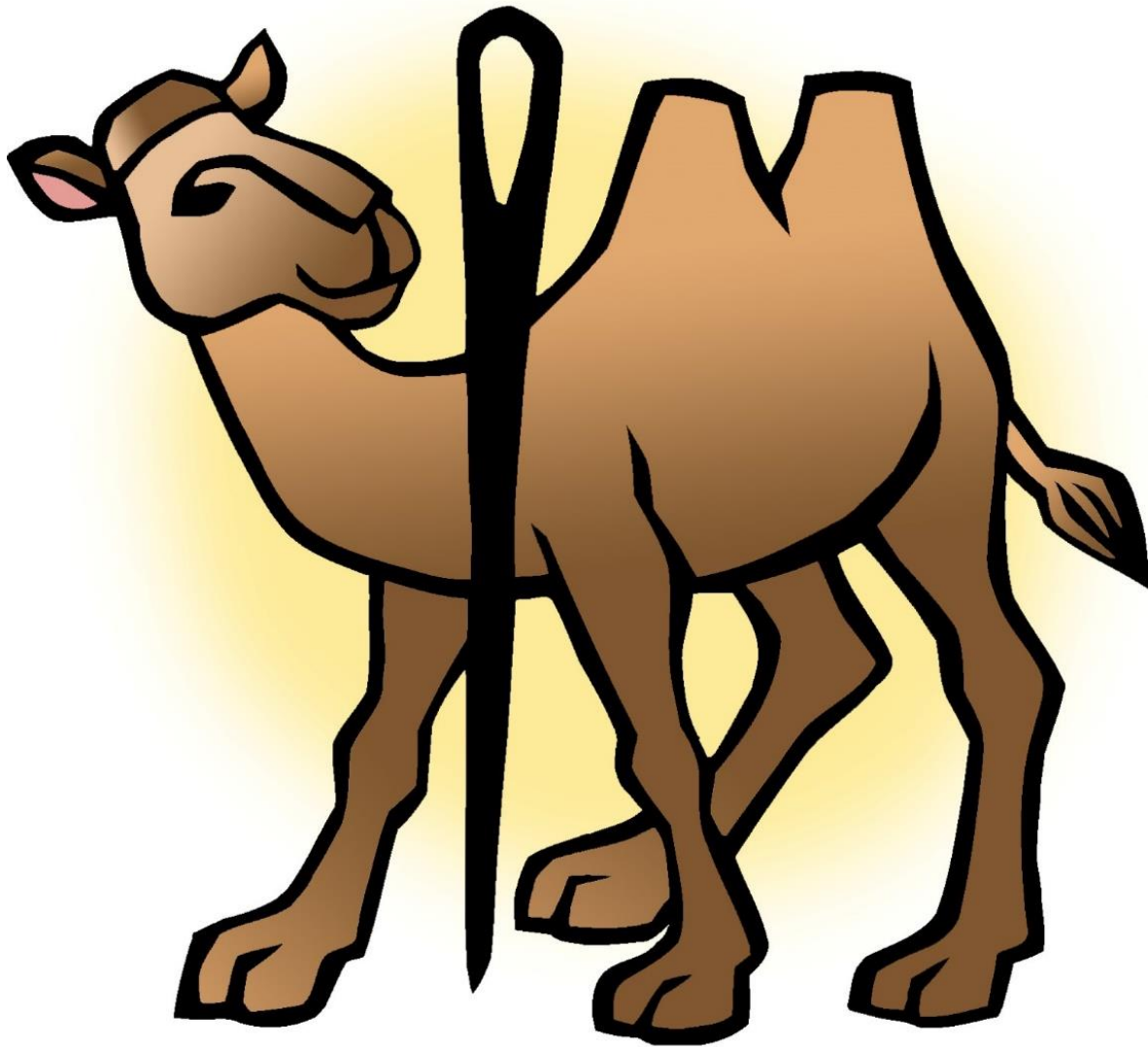


Pentecost 21, Year B
October 13, 2024
Pastor Kim Swenson



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

GATHERING

Worship Volunteers
Assisting Minister: Charlie Hilla
Reader: Peggy Hansen
Altar Guild: Peggy Hansen
Communion Assistant: Sharon Hilla
Ushers: Carol Wehunt & Linda Grunewald
Video Tech: Yvonne Pamperin

Welcome



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the † holy Trinity,
The one who fashions us,
The one who heals us,
The one who reforms us again and again. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray, Almighty and ever-living God, **increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Bethel Choir

Down to the River to Pray

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

WORD

First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the Lord and live,

or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90; 12-17 (read responsively by verse)

¹²So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

¹³**Turn, O LORD! How long?**

Have compassion on your servants!

¹⁴Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.**

¹⁶Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

¹⁷**Let the favor of the LORD our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands —
O prosper the work of our hands!**

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words. **Thanks be to God.**

Word for All Ages



God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;



to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.



Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while



time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

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

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.' " ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers

or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak* Cranberry 676



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.

Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

Prayers of the People

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely. Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land. We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For what else do the people of God pray?

Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us to faithful living. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Peace

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

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

MEAL

Offering

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, **O God,**
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving *with explanations from the Nicene Creed from Luther's Small Catechism*

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.

Mighty God, Gracious Lord, Generous Creator

You abundantly give us everything we have and everything we need:

Shoes and clothing, work and home, family and friends,

food and drink, all the necessities for this body and this life.

You protect us from danger and preserve us from evil.

**And all this is done out of pure goodness and mercy
without any merit or worthiness on my own part.**

For this we owe God thanks and praise. **This is most certainly true!**

Into our world of sin you sent your only Son
begotten in eternity, yet true human being
born of Mary and yet Lord of all.

Jesus purchased and freed us from sin, from death,
and from the power of the devil
not with perishable things like gold and silver
but by his own holy and precious blood.

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.

Christ is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally.

**Christ has done all this in order that I may belong to him,
live under him in his kingdom, and serve him
in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.
This is most certainly true!**

Since we cannot by our own understanding or strength come to believe in Jesus Christ our Lord or come to him,

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit to call us through the Gospel.

Enlighten us through her gifts, make us holy,

and keep us in true faith along with the whole Church.

**Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and place until the last day**

when the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead
and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life!

All glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church now and forever.
Amen. This is most certainly true!

The 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;
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

Lamb of God (Setting 1)

Pg. 112-113

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, grant us peace.



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray, Holy God,

**you have welcomed us to this meal
 and fed us with dignity at your table.**

**Send us now to welcome others
 and to be at peace with one another,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;
 Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;
 Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:
 Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
 bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Son of God, Eternal Savior

Cranberry 655 vss 1&2



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

Dismissal

The worship has ended! **Let the service begin! Thanks be to God!**

Fellowship hour continues in the lounge.

Funding for Mission & Budget

Monthly Receipts through 10/8/24	\$ 3,501.30
Monthly Budget Expenses:.....	\$18,743.00
YTD Receipts through 9/30/24.....	\$ 182,762.00
Yearly Budget.....	\$ 224,917.00

The Bethel Weekly

Fellowship Hour: Please, if you are able to help on a future date in October or November, sign up in the hallway.

CPR/AED Training at Bethel: If you would like to be certified on the CPR/AED equipment, there will be a training session on October 16th from 6:00-8:30pm. Cost is \$45/person. If you have already been trained, there will be a renewal course offered October 17th from 6:00-7:30pm. Cost is \$40/person. A minimum of 3 people per class need to be signed up in order for each class to be held. Please see sign-up sheet in the hallway.

Pastor Kim Away: October 21-29 for the Theological Conference and Continuing Education. Please contact the church office for pastoral emergencies.

Fall Clean-up: Is Saturday, October 26th at 8:00am. You are also welcome to come earlier in the week to help out with specific tasks.

Trunk Or Treat: Will be Thursday, October 31st from 4:00-6:00pm. Please come and greet the neighborhood kids with your decorated car and treats for some Halloween fun!

All Saints Worship: Is November 3rd. If you have a loved one who has died or been baptized since November of last year, please add their name to the sign-up sheets in the hallway.

Poinsettias: Orders are due November 21st. Order forms can be picked up in the lounge or the office. The poinsettias are \$10 each.

Salvation Army Senior Meal: is November 18th. Sign-up sheet for items to bring is on the bulletin board.

Handbags for Hope: In conjunction with the Resurrection Food Pantry, we are asking all the ladies to bring in any unwanted purses. Donations are also needed of travel size hygiene items such as toothbrushes, shampoo, lip balm, etc. to fill the purses prior to distribution. Suggestions can be found on the front of the bin in the lounge.