

**Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Year C  
July 16 & 20, 2025**



Painting: Mary and Martha by He Qi

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

**GATHERING**

**Welcome**

## Opening Hymn

## What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Refrain*

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;  
lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

## Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ☩ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others,**  
**but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**  
**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,**  
**but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ✠ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

### **(Sun) Glory**



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## Prayer of the Day

The grace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Let us pray,

**Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

**WORD**

**Semi-Continuous Reading** Amos 8:1-12

<sup>1</sup>This is what the Lord God showed me: a basket of summer fruit. <sup>2</sup>He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the Lord said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. <sup>3</sup>The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day," says the Lord God; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!" <sup>4</sup>Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, <sup>5</sup>saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, <sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat." <sup>7</sup>The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. <sup>8</sup>Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? <sup>9</sup>On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. <sup>10</sup>I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day. <sup>11</sup>The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. <sup>12</sup>They shall wander from sea to sea and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 52** (read responsively by verse)

- <sup>1</sup> Why do you boast, O mighty one,  
of mischief done against the godly?  
<sup>2</sup> **All day long you are plotting destruction.**  
**Your tongue is like a sharp razor,**  
**you worker of treachery.**  
<sup>3</sup> You love evil more than good  
and lying more than speaking the truth.  
<sup>4</sup> **You love all words that devour,**  
**O deceitful tongue.**

<sup>5</sup> But God will break you down forever;  
he will snatch and tear you from your tent;  
he will uproot you from the land of the living.

<sup>6</sup> **The righteous will see and fear  
and will laugh at the evildoer, saying,**

<sup>7</sup> "See the one who would not take  
refuge in God  
but trusted in abundant riches  
and sought refuge in wealth!"

<sup>8</sup> **But I am like a green olive tree  
in the house of God.**

**I trust in the steadfast love of God  
forever and ever.**

<sup>9</sup> I will thank you forever  
because of what you have done.  
In the presence of the faithful  
I will proclaim your name, for it is good.

**(Sun) The Word for All Ages**, *the children are invited forward.*

**(Sun) Gospel Acclamation**



**Gospel Luke 10:38-42**

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

<sup>38</sup> Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

**Sermon**

## Hymn of the Day Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak



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

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Inspire your church, like Sarah and Mary, to listen with eager longing for your words of life. Equip biblical interpreters and teachers with faithful discernment, that your word may be more fully known. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Every creature under heaven has been promised the hope of the gospel. From that promise, generate in humankind an eagerness to protect and care for creation. Bring healing to the earth with your words of life. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Peel away the distractions, worries, and fears of all who govern the nations of the world. May your word of love and life dispel all other voices. Provide gracious hospitality in places where hostile forces hold sway. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Speak your word of comfort to any who suffer pain, illness, grief, depression, or despair. Bring honor to any who experience slander and evil intent or are discredited by others. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Enliven and uphold all siblings in Christ who strive to provide hospitality and safe spaces where everyone, without exception, can receive and be transformed by your word of life. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For what else do the people of God pray?

*Silent and spoken prayers are invited*

For Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Mary, Martha, and all the saints who attended to your word, we give thanks. Open our ears to your voice until that day when we realize the promise of the gospel with all creation. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**Peace**

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

*Please share a sign of the Lord's peace with one another. Please be seated.*

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**MEAL**

**(Sun) Offering**

**(Sun) Offering Prayer**

Let us pray,

**Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
he 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, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

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 honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Guide us all through the promise of Jesus, your light, who teaches 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.**

(Sun) 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, grant us peace.

## (Sun) Communion Hymns

### *Let Us Break Bread Together*



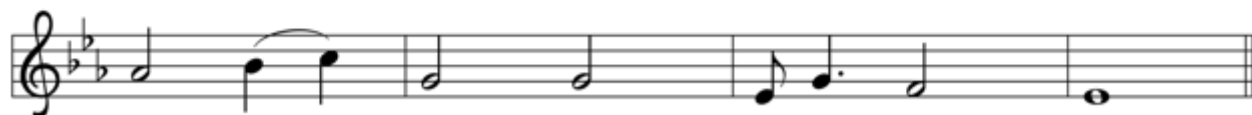
1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



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

## Take My Life, That I May Be



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

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

Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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

**SENDING**

## Announcements

## Benediction

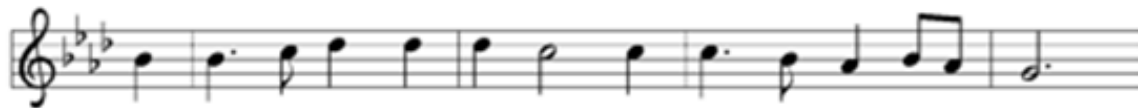
## Closing Hymn *I Love to Tell the Story*



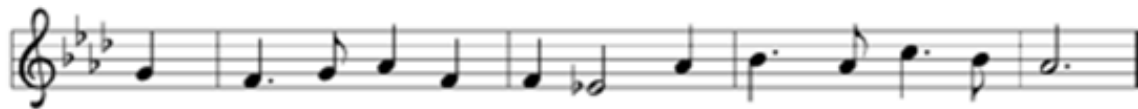
1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



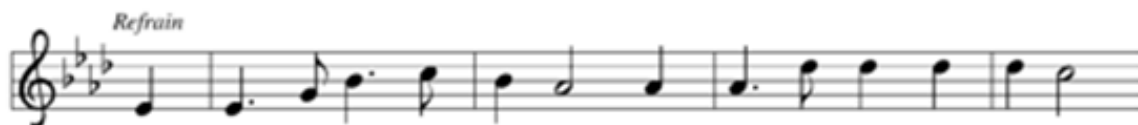
of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love,  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



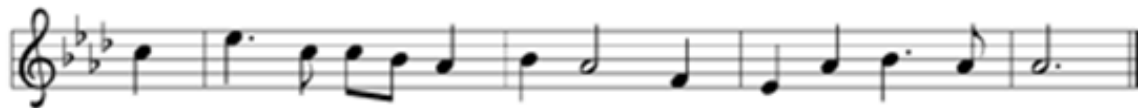
I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.



*Refrain*  
I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849-1936

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Funding for Mission & Budget**

Monthly Receipts through 7/15/25:	\$8,118.30
Monthly Budget Expenses:	\$20,033.00
YTD Receipts through 6/30/25:	\$122,921.00

### **The Bethel Weekly**

**ELCA Churchwide Assembly:** Pastor Kim will be one of the many representing our synod at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly July 26th - August 2nd in Phoenix, AZ. Please keep Pastor Kim and the entire assembly in your prayers as we elect a new Presiding Bishop and attend to the work of the church. Pastor Rachel will be available for any pastoral emergencies: 920-393-9424

**July 20-24th:** Pastor Kim will be taking a few days off this week, leaving after worship on July 20th. Pastor Melissa is available for any pastoral emergencies: 920-684-9024. We will NOT be having midweek worship on July 23rd.

**Pew Refresh:** Don't the pews and altar area look beautiful? If you are able, please come a few minutes early next Sunday to help return the hymnals and pencils to the pews.

**Salvation Army Senior Meal:** is on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Last Sunday Supper:** will be July 27<sup>th</sup> at Captain Jack's at Louie's Lagoon at 5p. Bullets & Booze Band will be playing. Let Pastor Kim know if you will be able to join.

**EPH Rockers Game:** will be Aug 5th with the game starting at 6:35pm. There is more information and how to order tickets on the bulletin board in the hallway. \$10 from each ticket goes to EPH!

**Synod Golf Tournament:** Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at Glacier Wood Golf Club in Iola for the East Central Synod Golf Outing. The 18-hole team scramble starts at 8:30 a.m. (check-in at 8:00 a.m.). Cost is \$70, including golf, cart, lunch, and prizes—register by August 4 (payable to Sue Schultz). All proceeds support U.S. disaster relief through Lutheran World Relief; donations welcome. For more information see the bulletin board in the hallway

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