

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Take My Life, That I May Be " (vs. 2 & 4) ELW, #583

HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today 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.**

SONGS DURING COMMUNION:

"My Jesus I Love Thee"

see insert

"Be Still My Soul"

see insert

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

ELW, #494

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Love Divine All Loves Excelling" (vv. 1 & 2) ELW, #631

CORPORATE PRAYER:

"Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church."

GO IN PEACE

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Worship Team for today:

Presider: Pastor Barb Lemke

Pianist: Cindy Josephson **Hymnists:** Grace Flows Down

Reader: Jon Lohmer **Greeter:**

Usher: _____ **Communion Asst.:** &

Screen/Sound: Travis Kleven **Video FaceBook & YouTube:** Debbie Diedrich

Altar Flowers were given in honor of
Pastors Barb and Mike Lemke's anniversary.



Sunday Worship Service

*"May have power,
together with all the Lord's
holy people, to grasp
how wide and long
and high and deep
is the love of Christ."*

EPHESIANS 3:18



13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2024

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
August 18, 2024
9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

GATHERING: “From the Rising of the Sun” *see insert*
“You are My All in All” *see insert*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORPORATE PRAYER:
“Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church.”

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS ELW, pp. 94–96

OPENING HYMN: “Be Thou My Vision” (vv. 1, 2, 4) ELW, #793

GREETING

KYRIE ELW, p. 184

PRAYER OF THE DAY

1ST READING: Ephesians 3:1–21

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188

GOSPEL: Mark 12:28–31

HYMN: “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” ELW, #588

SERMON “Life As Story: United in Love” Pastor Barb Lemke

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 into hell.*
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 CHURCH

Ukraine and Israel, our prayers are with you
John & Casey Howshar
Delores Rasmussen & Dan Rasmussen
Eyes: Marvin Bohrer & Bonnie Frank
Robert McBride – Patti Schoenfeld – Mike Lemke – Susan Riley (Lorraine Chambers’ friend) – Ashlyn (daughter of friend Wade and Lynn Hampton) – Alicia Jerrup (friend of Mary Katherine Smith) – Leisa Mortenson (friend of Lynn Hampton) – Gary (Andrea Newport’s brother-in-law) – Scott Petrock (Carol Einertson’s son-in-law) – Tammy Hawley (Sheila Kelly’s boss) – Trudi (Debbie Diedrich’s friend) – Donna (Debbie Diedrich’s friend) – Lilly (2 yr. old, neuroblastoma) – Linda Hardy – Andrew Carpenter (friend of Alexa Weaver)

Ray Johnson Danny Cowan
Bob and Margaret Zenn Carol Kirkegaard
Al Ryberg, Sylvia Cowan’s brother Linda Washington (stroke)
Dan Dunn, friend of Hamptons Kaylee, friend of Hamptons
Carol Smith
Virginia Miller, Marv Kelley’s sister (growth on shoulder)
Sydney, Vicki Florer’s granddaughter (heart transplant recovery)
Breanna, friend of Kim Gednalske Evancho
Susan Armor (healing of broken legs)
Matthew Zenn, Bob and Margaret Zenn’s 22-year-old grandson (heart issues)
Teresa Linkem, Judy Arffman’s sister (pneumonia)
Larry Septrick (health)
Catherine McConchie (stroke recovery)
Glenis, Delores Rasmussen’s sister (home, recovering)
Dana Neumann, former member (recovery from stroke)
Cindy and Randy Peters (heart issues)
Vaselissa, friend of Laura and Vern Thompson’s granddaughter, (car accident)
Elise Weaver (surgery recovery)
Ron Freund (broken ankle)
Joyce Wilming, Vicki Florer’s sister (recovery from heart attack and bronchitis)
Joe Baker, husband of Donna Haight’s sister Cathy (biopsy being tested for cancer)
Brooke Anna Harris, friend of Weaver family (upcoming surgery and recovery)

Homebound members: Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter

Thanksgiving for Families:
Jonny & Sandy Johnson
Ray Johnson
Marvin & Evelyn Kelley

Welcome!

We welcome all who gather for worship on this day and pray God's blessing on our time together!

Guests are invited to record their visit by signing the Guest Book located at the entrance to the worship space.

All worshippers are invited to sign the red attendance folder in the pew and pass it on to their neighbor to sign.

Upcoming Events

Missions for August – Donations to Missions in August will help purchase school supplies for Mission Viejo Elementary School. See the supply list in August *Bethel Beacon* if you want to donate more than money.

“The Chosen” Bible Study – We would love to have you join us on either Sundays (11 a.m. at church), Tuesdays (6:30 p.m. on Zoom), or Thursdays (1 p.m. at church) We are starting Season 2; if you wish to have a study book, please speak to Pr. Barb.

Directory – HELP! Please confirm your contact information with the Office Secretary ASAP so a new directory can be published with accurate data. Please leave a written note on the desk in the office or email Office@BethelAurora.org. *An in-progress copy of the directory is available to review and mark up.* If you are willing to help call members to verify their information, please let the office know.

Worship Helpers Needed – Please see sign-up sheets outside the entry to the sanctuary. We especially need communion assistants and greeters please.

This Week at Bethel August 18–25, 2024

Sun	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study
	11 a.m.	SLT Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	New Member Class
	3:00 p.m.	Tongans
Mon	6:00 p.m.	TOPS
Tue	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Zoom)
Wed	11:30 a.m.	Senior Luncheon at Mama Alvino's
Thu	11:00 a.m.	Prayer Team
	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study (<i>in-person</i>)
Fri	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Time with Pr. Barb (Zoom)
	6:00 p.m.	Tongans
Sat	7:30 p.m.	Movie Night
Sun	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	New Member Class
	3:00 p.m.	Tongans



...HOW WIDE AND LONG
AND HIGH AND DEEP
IS THE LOVE OF CHRIST.

EPHESIANS 3:18, NIV

Ephesians 3:1–22

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This

was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. ¹³I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Mark 12:28–31

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?”

²⁹Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;

³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all

your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’

³¹The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

From the Rising of the Sun

VERSE

From the rising of the sun
to the going down of the same,
the Lord's name is to be praised;
(repeat)

CHORUS:

**Praise ye the Lord,
Praise Him, all ye servants of the Lord.
Praise the name of the Lord.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
From this time forth and forevermore.**

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You are My All in All

VERSE 1

You are my strength when I am weak.
You are the treasure that I seek.
You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jew'el,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.
You are my all in all.

CHORUS: *(sing 2 times)*

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name!**

VERSE 2:

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again I bless Your name;
You are my all in all.
When I fall down, You pick me up;
When I am dry, You fill my cup;
You are my all in all.

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My Jesus I Love Thee

VERSE 1:

My Jesus, I love Thee; I know Thou art mine.
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

VERSE 2

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy
brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

VERSE 3

I'll love Thee in life; I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me
breath.
And say when the death dew lies cold on my
brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

VERSE 4

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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Music: Adoniram Judson Gordon
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Be Still My Soul

VERSE 1

Be still, my soul! The Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! Thy best, thy heav'nly
Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

VERSE 2

Be still, my soul! thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still
know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt
below.

VERSE 3

Be still, my soul! When dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in the vale of tears.
Then shalt thou better know His love, His
heart;
Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.
Be still, my soul! Thy Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away.

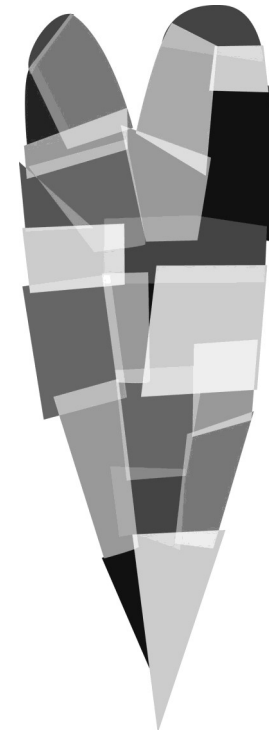
VERSE 4

Be still, my soul! The hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul! When change and tears are
past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

VERSE 5

Be still, my soul! Begin the song of praise
On earth believing to thy Lord on high.
Acknowledge Him in all thy words and ways;
So shall He view thee with a well-pleased eye.
Be still, my soul! The Sun of life divine
Through passing clouds shall but more brightly
shine.

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I PRAY
THAT YOU
MAY... KNOW
THE LOVE
OF CHRIST
THAT
SURPASSES
KNOWLEDGE.

EPHESIANS 3:18-19, NRSV