

OFFERING
Special Music

“This Little Light of Mine”

Hayes
Bliss-Falk Families

OFFERTORY:

“We Are an Offering”

ELW, #692

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:

“Spirit of the Living God”

see insert

“Beautiful Savior”

ELW, #838

“Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult”

ELW, #696

“Change My Heart, O God”

ELW, #801

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG:

“We Are Marching in the Light”

ELW, #866

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:** Joy Faciane and Patsy Lohmer

Reader: Kevin Malle **Greeter/Usher:** Rick & Norma Breiding

Communion Asst.: Jon Lohmer & Kevin Malle **Screen/Sound:** Travis Kleven

Video Facebook: Ron Freund **YouTube:** Tom Lenahan



Altar Flowers are in loving memory of Renate Davison in celebration of her heavenly birthday, 8/28. From her daughters Mary, Rita, Jo-Ann, Lorraine & Heidi & granddaughter Kiera



Sunday Worship Service

*“For you were once
darkness, but now you
are light in the Lord.
Live as children
of light.”*

EPHESIANS 5:8



15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
September 1, 2024
9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

GATHERING: “This Little Light of Mine” ELW, #677
“Here I Am to Worship” *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: “Let All Things Now Living” ELW, #881

GREETING

KYRIE ELW, p. 184

PRAYER OF THE DAY

READING: Ephesians 4:17–5:20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13–16

HYMN: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” ELW, #815

SERMON “Life As Story: Living as Children of Light ” 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, Israel, and South Korea, 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) – Joe Baker (husband of Donna Haight’s sister Cathy)

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)
Brooke Anna Harris, friend of Weaver family (upcoming surgery and recovery)
Dorothy, Dee Dee Pargman’s mother (mild stroke recovery)
Vern Thompson (trouble breathing)
Bill Schmidt (kidney health)
Teilene and Bob Bliss and all the family of her stepfather Les

Homebound members: Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter

Thanksgiving for Families:
James & Janice Orth, Christopher, Jesse, Melanie
Patsy and Chris Alsleben, Kylie Dana Klug, Danielle



Sing psalms and
hymns and
spiritual songs ...
singing and
making melody to the
Lord in your hearts.

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 September – We are collecting
canned and boxed food, as well as monetary
donations for Aurora Interfaith Food Drive as
this month's Missions focus. Please place
food in the red bucket in the narthex; please
mark your checks as Missions so your gift is
credited to this food drive.

God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday – Sept. 8
We will have a ministry fair after church and
filling food bags and tying quilts.

Fall Clean Up – Sept. 8–14 Please see the
bulletin board in Welcome Center to sign-up
to help with clean up around the church lead-
ing up to the big cleaning day on Sat.,
Sept. 14 to finish off the week. Lunch will be
served at the conclusion.

Choir – Choir rehearsals, every Sunday at
8:15 a.m., will begin next Sunday. The choir
will sing the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each
month. The choir is also preparing for their
Christmas Cantata, which will be on Dec. 8.
Come join us!

"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)

This Week at Bethel September 1–8, 2024

Sun	9:30 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Bible Study 3:00 p.m. Tongans
Mon	Labor Day Church Office Closed
Mon	6:00 p.m. TOPS
Tue	6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Zoom)
Wed	
Thu	11:00 a.m. Prayer Team 1:00 p.m. Bible Study (in-person)
Fri	6:00 p.m. Tongans
Sat	9:00 a.m. Quilting Group (in-person)
Sun	8:15 a.m. Choir Practice 9:30 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Study 3:00 p.m. Tongans

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
church@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.

Ephesians 4:17–5:20

Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer live as the Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds.

¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰That is not the way you learned Christ! ²¹For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus. ²²You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us

and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³But fornication and impurity of any kind, or greed, must not even be mentioned among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Entirely out of place is obscene, silly, and vulgar talk; but instead, let there be thanksgiving. ⁵Be sure of this, that no fornicator or impure person, or one who is greedy (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. ⁷Therefore do not be associated with them.

⁸For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light — ⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 5:13–16

[Jesus said] “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after light-

ing a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

Here I Am to Worship

VERSE 1

Light of the world,
You stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
hope of a life spent with You.

REFRAIN:

**So, here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
And You're altogether lovely, altogether
worthy, altogether wonderful to me.**

VERSE 2

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
all for love's sake became poor.

BRIDGE

And I'll never know how much it cost to see
my sin upon that cross.

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Spirit of the Living God

CHORUS:

Spirit of the living God,
Fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall fresh on me.

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