

OFFERTORY: "I Offer My Life" *see insert*

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:

"Behold the Lamb"

see insert

"In the Singing"

ELW, #466

"Bread of Life from Heaven"

ELW, #474

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" (vv. 1 & 3) ELW, #674

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

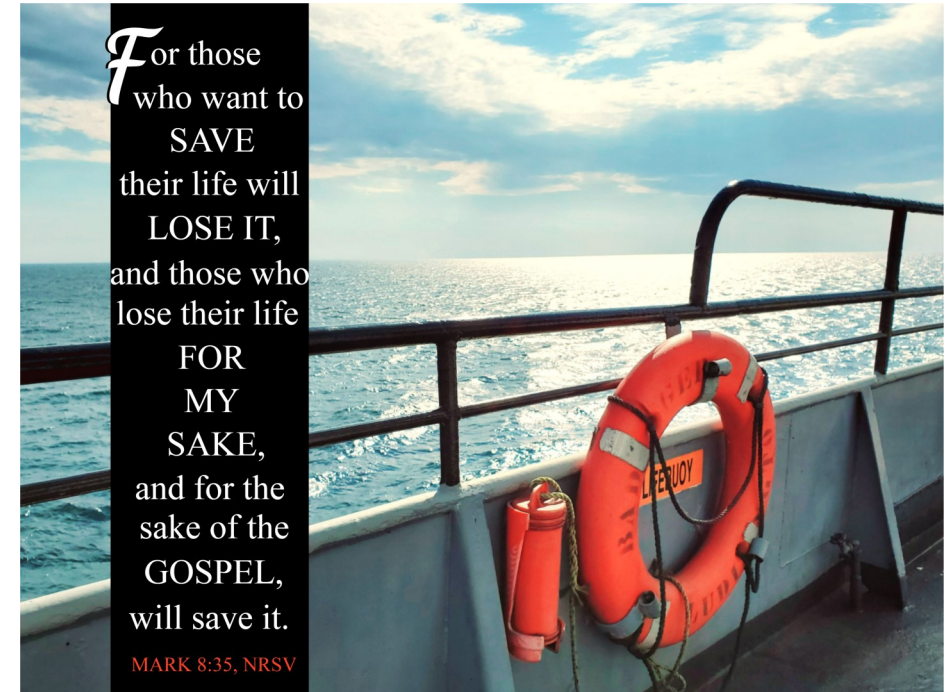
Pianist: Cindy Josephson **Hymnists:** Grace Flows Down

Reader: Rich Richmond **Greeter:** Usher: Marv & Ev Kelley

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

Video FaceBook: Ron Freund **YouTube:** Jamie Villante

Sunday Worship Service



For those
who want to
SAVE
their life will
LOSE IT,
and those who
lose their life
FOR
MY
SAKE,
and for the
sake of the
GOSPEL,
will save it.

MARK 8:35, NRSV

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17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024

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

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

GATHERING: “Blessed Be Your Name” *see insert*
“Open the Eyes of My Heart” *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: “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” *see insert*

GREETING

KYRIE “Have Mercy on Me” *see insert*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

1ST READING: Isaiah 50:4–9a

PSALM: Psalm 116:1–9

2ND READING: James 3:1–12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27–38

CHILDREN’S SERMON Kathy Harrison

HYMN: “Lift High the Cross” ELW, #660

SERMON “Picking Up Your Cross” 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) – Linda Hardy – Andrew Carpenter (friend of Alexa Weaver) – Joe Baker (husband of Donna Haight’s sister Cathy) – Aurelia Garcia

Ray Johnson

Danny Cowan

Carol Kirkegaard

Linda Washington (stroke)

Dan Dunn, friend of Hamptons

Kaylee, friend of Hamptons

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)

Catherine McConchie (stroke recovery)

Glenis and Pat, Delores Rasmussen’s sisters (health)

Cindy and Randy Peters (heart issues)

Vaselissa, friend of Laura and Vern Thompson’s granddaughter (car accident)

Ron Freund (broken ankle)

Joyce Wilming, Vicki Florer’s sister (recovery from heart attack and bronchitis)

Brooke Anna Harris, friend of Weaver family (surgery recovery)

Bill Schmidt (kidney health)

The family of Jerry Satterfield, ex-father-in-law of Kevin Malle’s sister

Homebound members: Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter

Thanksgiving for Families:

Charlotte Larson

Tim & Kim Laska

Anthony & Megan (Walker) Lee, Madelein

OFFERING

Behold the Lamb

VERSE 1

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
slain for us;
And we remember the promise
made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.
So, we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
around the table of the King.

VERSE 2

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
torn for you:
Eat and remember the wounds that heal,
the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So, we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love
around the table of the King.

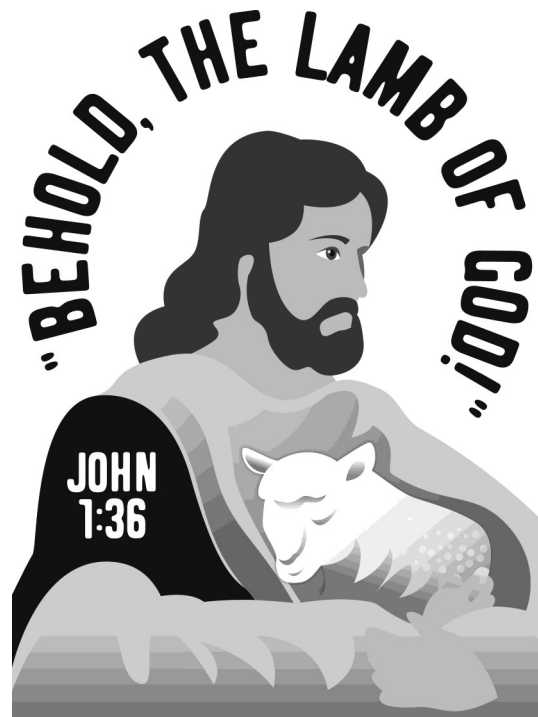
VERSE 3

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin,
shed for you:
Drink and remember He drained death's cup
that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So, we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace
around the table of the King.

VERSE 4

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to
respond
and to remember our call to
follow in the steps of Christ
as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n
around the table of the King.

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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.

BBQ Cookoff – Sat, Sept. 21, 5:30 p.m. See
sign-up poster in Narthex and plan to join us!

Choir – Choir rehearsals are every Sunday at
8:15 a.m. 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)

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 September 15–22, 2024

Sun	8:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study
	11 a.m.	SLT Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	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	6:00 p.m.	Tongans
Sat	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Group (<i>in-person</i>)
Sat	5:00 p.m.	BBQ Cookoff
Sun	8:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship <i>with welcoming new members</i>
	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.*

Blessed Be Your Name

VERSE 1

Blessed be Your name
in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.

VERSE 2

Blessed be Your name
when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed be Your name.

PRE-CHORUS:

Ev'ry blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say,

CHORUS:

**“Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name.”**

VERSE 3

Blessed be Your name
when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's “all as it should be.”
Blessed be Your name.

VERSE 4

Blessed be Your name
on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be Your name.

BRIDGE:

You give and take away,
You give and take away,
My heart will choose to say,
“Lord, blessed be Your name.”

(sing 2 times)

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Open the Eyes of My Heart

CHORUS:

(sing 2 times)

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.**

VERSE

To see You high and lifted up,
shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your pow'r and love;
as we sing holy, holy, holy.

BRIDGE:

(sing 2 times)

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.

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I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

VERSE 1

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

VERSE 2

The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.

VERSE 3

Tho' none go with me, still I will follow;
Tho' none go with me, still I will follow;
Tho' none go with me, still I will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

VERSE 4

Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, no turning back.

OPTIONAL ENDING:

I have decided to follow Him.

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I Offer My Life

VERSE

All that I am, all that I have,
I lay them down before You, O Lord;
All my regrets, all my acclaim,
The joy and the pain,
I'm making them Yours.

CHORUS:

**Lord, I offer my life to You,
Ev'rything I've been through'
Use it for Your glory;
Lord, I offer my days to You,
Lifting my praise to You
as a pleasing sacrifice,
Lord, I offer You my life.**

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