

11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 16, 2020

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***GENEROSITY SERVICE***

*A service celebrating God's generosity to us—especially in His generous salvation offered as a gift to us in Jesus Christ. May that generosity transform us.*

**Encouragement in the Time of a Pandemic**

All: We will get through this.

We will get through this together.

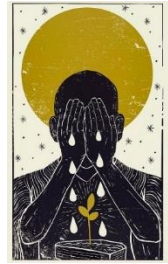
We will get through this by the grace and mercy of God.

**Words of Truth in the Time of National Lament & Repentance**

All: We will face this.

We will face this together.

We will face this by the grace and mercy of God.



The Sorrowful Saint  
Scott Erickson

**Opening Hymn**

**All Glory Be to God Alone**

LSB 948 sts. 1-4



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the  
2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in  
3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al -  
4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; Have mer - cy on us,



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And  
hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The  
might - y One. O Lord, the sole - be - got - ten One, Lord  
Lord, we pray. You take the whole world's sin a - way; O



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His  
ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry  
Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e -  
Lord, re - ceive our prayer this day. From God's right hand Your



gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.  
do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.  
ter - ni - ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.  
mer - cy send, To all the world Your grace ex - tend.

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## **Invocation**

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **Generosity Praises**

*based on 1 Cor. 2:12; 2 Cor. 9:11; Prov. 11:25; Rom. 12:6,8; James 1:17*

P: We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God,

**C: that we may understand what God has freely given us.**

P: You will be made rich in every way

**C: so that you can be generous on every occasion.**

P: A generous person will prosper;

**C: The one who refreshes others will also be refreshed.**

P: We have different gifts, according to the grace,  
the gift of God, given to us. If it is encouraging,

**C: let him encourage;**

P: if it is contributing to the needs of others,

**C: let him give generously;**

P: if it is leadership,

**C: let him lead diligently;**

P: if it is showing mercy,

**C: let him do it cheerfully.**

P: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,

**C: coming down from the Father of lights. Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)**

*based on Titus 3:3-7*

P: Confess—admit your sin before the Lord and before one another.

**C: In our sinful condition, we were foolish, disobedient,  
deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures.  
We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.**

P: But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,

**C: He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done,**

P: but because of his mercy.

**C: He saved us through the washing of rebirth—**

P: Your baptism into the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: He saved us through the renewal by the Holy Spirit—**

P: The Spirit He poured out on you generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,

**C: So that, now we are made right in God's eyes,**

P: You are justified by his grace, a free gift to you through God’s generosity. You are forgiven, made right, justified in the Name of the Father, the Son, & the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen! Now we inherit all the riches of the kingdom of God as His children.**

P: You inherit the gift of the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### **Hymn of Praise**

### **Christ the Eternal Lord**

LSB 829, st. 1



I Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,  
Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;  
With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,  
In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.

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### **Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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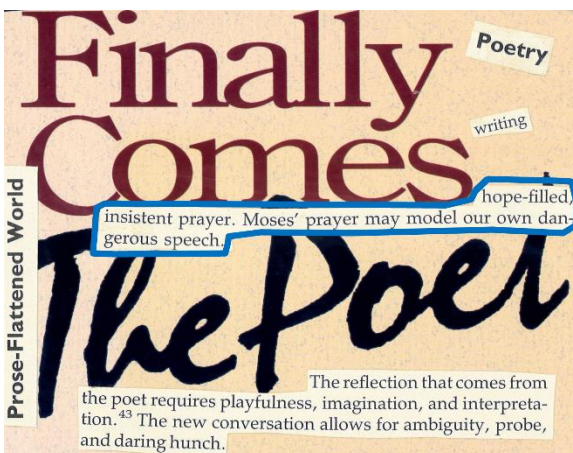
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# SABBATICAL PRACTICES: Poetry, Reflection, Prayer, Writing: The Things Might Scare You About Sabbatical



## TODAY'S SABBATICAL MOMENT: PRAYER

### *Song of Prayer-Praise*

### *We Will Glorify*

VERSE



1. We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will glo - ri - fy the Lamb; We will  
 2. Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty, we will bow be - fore His throne; We will  
 3. He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live; He is  
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le - lu - jah to the Lamb; Hal - le -



glo - ri - fy the Lord of lords, Who — is the great I Am.  
 wor - ship Him in right - eous - ness, we will wor - ship Him a - lone.  
 Lord a - bove the u - ni - verse, all — praise to Him we give.  
 -lu - jah to the Lord of lords, Who — is the great I Am.

## **Old Testament Reading**

**Isaiah 56:1, 6–8(ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,  
for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

<sup>6</sup>“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants,  
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,  
and holds fast my covenant—

<sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

<sup>8</sup>The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,  
“I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm Reading**

**Psalm 67(ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
<sup>2</sup>that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.

<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

<sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

<sup>6</sup>The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, shall bless us.

<sup>7</sup>God shall bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem****Lead Me to a Brighter Day!****Adult Choir**

- Use the anthem's music and words to help you to meditate on God's Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

Come to me. I hear the Spirit calling me,  
Come to me. Come to show the way.  
Come on and walk beside me through a troubled land,  
And lead me to a brighter day.  
My Lord is calling out to everyone.  
Set your worries free.  
Come on and walk in the light shining from above  
And the glory you will see. (chorus)  
In times of trouble when you're all alone,  
Open up your heart.  
Come on and look for the sunshine breaking through,  
And you'll find a brand new start. (chorus)  
Come to me. I hear the Spirit calling me,  
Come to me. Come to show the way.  
Come on and walk beside me through a troubled land,  
And lead me to a brighter day. And lead me to a brighter day!

**Holy Gospel****Matthew 15:21–28(ESV)**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew , the 15th chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.  
<sup>22</sup>And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon."  
<sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Confession of Faith

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.—And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.—I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Hymn of the Day

## In Holy Conversation

LSB 772; tune: 915



1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion We speak to God in prayer,  
2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions Be - gin in child-like ways;  
3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, In si - lence or by word,



And at His in - vi - ta - tion Our deep - est thoughts we share.  
We bring our sup - pli - ca - tions And words of thanks and praise.  
In ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion Through Je - sus, we are heard.



We come, His will o - bey - ing, As chil - dren bring - ing needs;  
With care our Fa - ther lis - tens To ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,  
So let us pray se - cure - ly, Ex - press - ing hopes and fears



And to sup - port our pray - ing, His Spir - it in - ter - cedes.  
Then an - swers our pe - ti - tions In ways He knows are best.  
With con - fi - dence that sure - ly Our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

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*Our **Pray-Eat-Love** framework is meant to give a memorable, simple, easily identifiable, cyclical way to speak about what we are doing together as a gathering of brothers and sisters in Christ on God's Kingdom mission.*

- To **PRAY** is to seek God's Word which creates, builds, and refreshes our faith.
- To **EAT** is to develop authentic friendships with the people around us, to share life with them.
- To **LOVE** is to look for opportunities to have deeply personal, spiritual conversation with our friends.

**Offertory**

**Take My Life and Let it Be**

LSB 783 sts. 1, 4, 6



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;  
 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its trea - sure store;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.  
 Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

**Prayers**

## **Rite of Confirmation**

We celebrate Confirmation—

our students publicly confirming that they indeed believe in Jesus.

They are His disciples through the grace of God granting them faith in Jesus.

*Mae Anderson*

*Annika Chudy*

*Holly Faitsch*

*Cameron Fleming*

*Aiden Friedman*

*Ellie Kreamer*

*Dylan Love*

*Ashley Plapp*

*Brooke Ratzburg*

*Michaela Rosenthal*

*Jude Squires*

*Ruth Ziegler*

## **CONFIRMATION VOW & BLESSING**

Do you understand the gifts which God gave you in your Baptism?

Do you reject the devil and his works and all his ways?

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty...Jesus Christ, His only Son...  
the Holy Spirit?

Do you intend to continue in the Christian faith, to be committed to the  
Church throughout your life?

Will you suffer, even to the point of death, rather than denying Christ?

Do you believe the Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and do you believe that the  
Small Catechism accurately teaches what the Scriptures say?

Do you desire to be a member of the Lutheran Church and of this congregation?

Do you intend faithfully to live your life according to God's Word, to hear God's Word and  
receive the Lord's Supper and to remain true to God in your faith, your words and your  
actions?

Are you asking to be shepherded (cared for) in your faith  
and committing to encourage others in their faith in Jesus?

Will you serve in and support the work of this congregation in the mission of God?

Do you confess that you are a disciple, a follower of Jesus?

May you grow in the wisdom of God, seek the Lord in prayer, receive His strength  
and always have the hope of eternal life, in the Name of the Father and of  
the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



## ***The Lord's Supper: What We Believe***

All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



## ***Communion Distribution***

Communion will be held in the Bethel Parking lot from 10:15am until 11:00am. Additional details on the communion process are available at the end of this bulletin.

## ***Preparation for the Lord's Supper & Lord's Prayer***

*LSB 290, 203, & others*

**P:** I will go to the altar of God,

**C:** *to God, my exceeding joy.*

**P:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C:** *who made heaven and earth.*

**P:** Since we gather to receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, and in His incredible generosity shown to us in the death of His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. In perfect love for us Jesus Christ our God and Lord became incarnate, died, and rose for our sake. He bestows the benefits of His redeeming work on us as He places His body and blood into our mouths in the Sacrament of the Altar. As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C:** *Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.*

**P:** We pray: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

### **Words of Institution**

#### **Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

- Please share the peace of the Lord with any family members at home.
- If you are on the Facebook Live page, please share the Lord's peace in the comments.

#### **Generosity Praises**

*based on Psalm 106:1-5,47-48*

P: Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: **his love endures forever.**

P: Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare his praise?

C: **Remember us, O Lord, when you show favor to your people, come to our aid when you save them,**

P: that we may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones,  
that we may share in the joy of your nation

C: **So we may join your inheritance in giving praise.**

P: Save us, O Lord our God,

C: **and gather us from the nations,**

P: So that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

C: **Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.**

P: Let all the people say, "Amen! Praise the Lord."

C: **Amen! Praise the Lord.**

#### **Benediction**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
bless and preserve you.

C: **Amen.**



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.  
 2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to Me;  
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My  
 I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.  
 heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.  
 Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
 Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing— You are My own.  
 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.  
 Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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**Announcements**



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# AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE



**AUGUST 16 - LIVESTREAM WORSHIP - 9AM**

OUTDOOR COMMUNION & FELLOWSHIP 10:15 - 11:00AM

CONFIRMATION OUTDOOR BLESSING & COMMUNION - 11:00AM\*

**\*CONFIRMANDS & PARENTS/SIBLINGS ONLY**

**AUGUST 23 - LIVESTREAM WORSHIP - 9AM**

**AUGUST 30 - LIVESTREAM WORSHIP - 9AM\***

OUTDOOR COMMUNION & FELLOWSHIP 10:30 - 11:30AM

**\*PASTOR SQUIRES LAST SERVICE BEFORE SABBATICAL  
& WELCOME PASTOR WEIDLER**

**BECKY LANZITO & KAREN LEICHT – ORGANISTS**

**ANN SOUZA - MUSIC DIRECTOR**

**MANDI DIVER – CHOIR/NEW MUSIC ACCOMPANIST**

**DAVID ZIEGLER - HANDBELL DIRECTOR**

**CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. IF  
YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH THE  
OUTDOOR EVENTS, PLEASE CONTACT THE ELDERS AT  
ELDERS@BETHELGURNEE.ORG.**

# OUTDOOR COMMUNION TENT

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 10:15-11:00 A.M.

Pastor, Communion Elders, Parking lot attendants and Ushers will wear masks and gloves and use sanitizer to clean off tables, trays, etc.

### **Communion Distribution Process**

- A parking lot attendant will greet you when you enter the lot and ask if you are here for communion, outdoor fellowship, or both.
- If communion only:
  - Please park in east spots.
  - Handicapped may pull into one of the curbside spots.
    - You can let attendant know if you would need communion. brought to your car by Pastor, using a tray to deliver it. The tray is wiped down after use.
- If only outdoor fellowship or both, please park further down near the Gym
- Spots for waiting will be marked on sidewalk. (Usher will help find spots to wait).
- When you are invited, approach the Communion tent. Families may stay together.
- Go to one of the tables under the Tent.
- You will receive a communion liturgy card to follow.
- Pastor will place a wafer in your hand.
- An Elder will place individual communion cups on the table in front of you.
  - Please indicate if you desire alcohol removed wine.
- Pastor & Elder will speak brief words of distribution as you take the bread and wine.
- Put your cup in the container provided and then you may join the Parking Lot “outdoor fellowship” or return to your car to leave.

# BETHEL OUTDOOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 FROM 10:15-11:00 A.M.

*I thank my God every time I remember you. (Philippians 1:3)*

It is a great gift that we can gather online Sunday mornings for worship. Let us take the opportunity for those who feel comfortable to visit in person.

Bethel will provide:

- Sunshades (if available) on the north side of the parking lot near the garden.
- Hand sanitizer.
- Access to the bathrooms. (Other areas of the building will not be available)

You may bring:

- A chair for yourself.
- Your own coffee and/or food.
- Dress comfortably.
- You must wear a mask unless you are eating or drinking.

Let's be safe and thankful for the gift of each other, whether we visit online or in person!

