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FRIENDS OF CHRIST ~ ALL OF OUR PEOPLE

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***We celebrate the promise that all people are loved
and enough in Jesus Christ as we worship, learn,
and serve together.***

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2024

*In our Lutheran Tradition, liturgy reminds us that we are one in Christ, so we do it together! You are invited to respond in community with the **bold print** and stand in body or spirit when indicated by the asterisks (*).*

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

~time of silent confession~

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN: *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (ELW 712)*

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*KYRIE (*see insert*)



*PRAYER OF THE DAY (*in unison*)

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *Isaiah 53:4-12* (pg. 529)

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalms 91:9-16*

⁹Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰**no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

SECOND LESSON: *Hebrews 5:1-10* (pg. 172)

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go?*

(*see insert*)

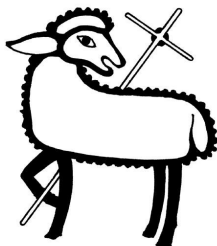
*GOSPEL LESSON: *Mark 10:35-45* (pg. 36)

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

~Gospel is read~

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

SERMON



*HYMN OF THE DAY: *O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us (ELW 431)*

*THE 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 to the dead.
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 PEOPLE

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

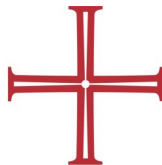
THE PEACE OF THE CHRIST

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Offerings can be placed in the offering plate on the small table as you walk in the sanctuary.

*We are currently in the midst of our stewardship season. There are 2025 giving pledges at the entrance of the church. We will collect those next week as we budget for 2025. We are grateful that your generous giving continues to sustain our ministry at Bethel and allows us to do new things. On **Sunday, November 3rd** we will have a community conversation on how we can be a loving presence for the neighborhood and the unhoused. Pray, talk, and think of what God might be calling us to next!*



***THE 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.

***SANCTUS** (*see insert*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION**

SENDING HYMN: *O Christ, Our Hope (ELW 604)

***SENDING**

***POSTLUDE**



FLOWERS

The flowers are dedicated to the glory of God, by Rayanne Lavery in celebration of Pat's birthday on the 19th.

SERVER SCHEDULE

	Greeter	Reader	Usher	Acolyte
10/20	Stacy Carey	Sandy Matthews	Bill Matthews	Alex Pelino
10/27	Mark Andrichyn	Lori Abel	Phil Igo	Nick Carter

If you would like to help serve on a Sunday morning, let Pastor Zach know (pastorzach.blcne@gmail.com).

SERVICE NOTES

A **special and warm welcome** to everyone here this morning – seekers, members, and guests. We are glad you are here to join our church family for worship!

For worship, you'll need the bulletin and the cranberry-colored hymnal in the pew back in front of you. The liturgy is indicated by page number and can be found in the front half of the hymnal. The hymns are indicated by hymn number and found in the back half of the hymnal.

If you find yourself needing to leave the worship space for any reason (cough, noisy child, overstimulated, etc.), the service is being livestreamed to the television in Fellowship Hall. Feel free to worship in there and come back into the sanctuary when you're ready.

Please return the green inserts to the back table, so we can use them throughout this growing (green) season.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

The communion table is God's table. Jesus invites all who desire to partake of His body and blood to come forward and receive God's amazing grace in the promises of forgiveness and eternal life. At **communion distribution**, please come forward to the altar rail, filling in the space from right-to-left. Pastor Zach will hand you a wafer to eat. You may then take wine from the tray (center ring is grape juice), drink it, and dispose of your cup in the basket as you return to your seat. If you want a blessing instead, please indicate this by folding your arms across your chest.

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We welcome back and thank Jeannie D'Ascenzo for being with us to lead our music this morning.

Trunk or Treat will be on **Saturday, October 26 from 11am-1pm**. Interested in helping out? Sign-up on the sheet on the back table.

To conclude our stewardship season, we will be having a potluck lunch on **Reformation Sunday, October 27**. You are invited to **WEAR RED, bring a dish to share** and stay after for food and fellowship. Sign-up in the back.

2025 Giving Pledges will be collected on Sunday, October 27 during the offering. Thank you for thoughtfully considering your offering for the next year.

Sunday, November 3 is All Saints Sunday. If there is a friend or loved one who has died in the past year, please put their name on the sheet in the back for their name to be read during worship.

Please fill out the **directory information** on the yellow sheet and turn it in the basket. Don't forget to submit a photo to **office@blcne.com**.

Daylight Savings Time ends in the early hours of Sunday, November 3. Make sure to **"fall back"** by turning your clocks back one hour the night before. Enjoy the extra hour!

OUR STEWARDSHIP

October 6	Worship—35	Offering—\$1,595
October 13	Worship—51	Offering—\$1,380

Please fill the wood food basket in the back for the St. Mary Anne's food pantry. Specific needs: **minute rice, add-water-only pancake mix, fruit juice (half gallon size), canned meat (tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages), mashed potatoes (water only), peanut butter & jelly, and cereal** *Make sure to check those expiration dates.



If you would like to give online, you can use the QR, which will redirect you to our giving platform.

Mike Beiter	Ray Weygand	Terry Fuss	Rayanne Lavery
Steve Bird	Kelly Campana	Stacy Igo	Abby Brown
Pastor Zach			

Thank you for you for your faithfulness and generosity.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Blue print indicates a church event.

Regular print indicates an outside community event.

Sunday, October 20th—22nd Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30am Youth Sunday School
- 10:30am Traditional Worship Service
- 1:00pm Korean Church Bible Study

Monday, October 21st

- 6:30pm Pastor Tom Bible Study
- 7:00pm Sisters of Serenity NA Group

Tuesday, October 22nd

- 9:00am TFC Lifesavers Class
- 6:30pm North East AA Group

Wednesday, October 23rd

- 1:00pm Korean Church Bible Study

Thursday, October 24th

- 9:00am Men's Bible Study
- 12:00pm Children's Sermon (via Facebook, YouTube, and Beacon)
- 4:00pm Nicanor
- 5:00pm Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Women's AA Group

Friday, October 25th

Saturday, October 26th

- 11:00am Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 27th—Reformation Sunday—WEAR RED

- 9:30am Youth Sunday School
- 10:30am Traditional Worship Service
- 11:45am Potluck Fellowship Lunch
- 2:00pm Korean Church Bible Study