

## BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Vibrantly open to the spirit, Bethel Lutheran Church serves God and its neighbors by joyfully living and sharing the Good News.*

Sunday, August 20, 2017  
11th Sunday after Pentecost

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### GATHERING

Prelude

Gathering Songs      “Create in Me a Clean Heart” Green Binder # 22  
                                 (Request from the Congregation)  
                                 “It Is Well With My Soul” GB # 40

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Litany (Psalm 67)

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make God’s face to shine upon us.

**That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.**

May God continue to bless us;

**Let all the ends of the earth revere the LORD.**

Entrance Song      “Healer of My Heart” GB # 81

Litany of Confession

May God be merciful to us.

**For we have sinned against our God.**

May God show us grace.

**For we have failed to love our neighbors.**

May God bring us peace.

**For we have been afraid to proclaim the Gospel.**

May God share in God’s righteousness.

**For we have participated in injustices.**

Kyrie Eleison.

**Lord have Mercy.**

Christe Eleison.

**Christ have Mercy.**

Amen.

*(silence for reflection)*

Litany of Thanksgiving

Let the peoples praise you, O, God.

**For God has been gracious to us.**

We have been made righteous through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**God's face was made to shine upon us.**

Glory to God, who brings us to the feast of the resurrection.

**We give thanks for being fed with God's grace, mercy, and love.**

Glory to God.

**Glory to God in the Highest.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **God of all people, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and love, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **WORD**

Scripture Reading	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	The Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>
Children's Message	"Washing our Hands"	
Gospel Song	"Thy Word" GB # 11	
Gospel Reading	Matthew 15:10-28	The Gospel of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>
Sermon	"Mercy"	
Song of the Day	"I Will Sing of the Mercies" GB # 10	
Prayers of the People	Lord, in your mercy, <b>hear our prayer.</b>	
Peace	The peace of Christ be with you all. <b>And also with you.</b>	
Offering		
Offertory Song	"Give Thanks" GB # 26	

### **MEAL**

Communion

Table Prayer **Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. Let these gifts to us be blest. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion Song "Isn't He?" GB # 94

### **SENDING**

Benediction Song "The Lord Bless Thee" GB # 25

Sending Song "Soon and Very Soon" GB # 27

Sending Words May God, our Creator, Bless you, may Jesus our Lord, fill you with Grace, and may the Holy Spirit keep you in everlasting Hope.

**Amen.**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude