

## 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, November 19, 2017  
24th Sunday after Pentecost

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### GATHERING

Prelude

Gathering Songs

“How Majestic is Your Name” Green Binder # 28  
(Two requests from the Congregation)  
“The Church’s One Foundation” GB # 33

Welcome

Temple Talk

Litany of Confession and Forgiveness (adapted from Psalm 90)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Gathered here all generations dwell with you,**

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.**

You have set our iniquities before you,

**Our secret sins in the lights of your countenance.**

Forgive us, Lord, for what we have done,

**For things we have said, for neighbors we have hurt, for over consumption and wasteful habits,**

Forgive us, Lord, for what we have failed to do,

**For things left unsaid, for neighbors neglected, for ignoring your voice in our daily lives.**

Teach us to count our days,

**That we may gain a wise heart.**

Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

**Turn to us, O Lord! And have compassion on your servants!**

Satisfy us in this morning with your steadfast love,

**So that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Lord have mercy,

**Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

Silence for Reflection

Litany of Thanksgiving

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**From everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

The Lord our God hears our cries for mercy, and has turned to let God’s face shine upon us.

**God has satisfied us this morning with God’s steadfast love.**

Your sins are forgiven, your iniquities are forgotten.

**We rejoice and are glad in this new day.**

O God, let your work be manifest to your servants.

**And your glorious power to their children.**

Let the favor of the Lord, Father, ☩ Son and Holy Spirit, be upon us,

**And prosper for us the work of our hands.**

To God alone be the Glory.

**Amen.**

Entrance Song

“Glorify Thy Name GB # 83

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray; **Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **WORD**

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message

“Trusted with Talents”

Gospel Song

“Open the Eyes of My Heart” GB # 111

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30 The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“To Hide or Thrive?”

Song of the Day

“Seek Ye First” GB # 21

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Peace

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

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

“Feed My Lambs” GB # 69

### **SENDING**

Benediction Song

“My Peace” GB # 39

Sending Song

“People, Look East” ELW # 248

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