

Welcome to Bethania Lutheran Kirke



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 10, 2022

10:30 a.m.

BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:

<http://www.bethanialutheran.org/bulletins/>

Thank you for worshipping with us today, in an effort to keep everyone safe:

1. Masks are Optional

2. The offering plate will be at the door of the sanctuary.

3. Worshippers are to take bulletins home with them or deposit in recycle bin near the narthex doors.

4. Communion will be by intinction. Dipping the wafer into the wine filled chalice. Grape juice and Covid cups will be available for those who request them.

5. Use of Hand sanitizer is required when entering and leaving the sanctuary.

6. Contact Tracing -

A digital image of the congregants will be taken during the service to act as a reference should an individual become COVID positive within 5 days of church service.

Prayer List



Heather Joshi, Dan Cruz, Luigi,
Ann Marie, Pat & Pete Nelson,
Doug & Marianne, Dan H, Adam, Jeff O., Sue,
Joyce Thompson , Pastor Heather, Kristi, Peg, Brad,
Anita Neilsen, Kim Drasen

TODAYS WORSHIP LEADERS:

Worship Leader: Jeff Alderson

Communion Assistant: OPEN

Lector: OPEN

Usher/ Greeter: OPEN

Coffee Hour: OPEN

Altar Flowers: OPEN

Building Host: John Barnes

	July 17	July 24	July 31	August 7
Worship Leader	Pastor Allison Johnson	Pastor Carolyn Fredricksen	Pastor Allison Johnson	Pastor Allison Johnson
Communion Assistant				
Lector				
Usher/ Greeter				
Coffee Hour	Altar Guild			
Altar Flowers				
Building Host	Ed Young	Kelly Imhoff	Cathi & Brad	Alderson

**Order of Worship
for
Sunday, July 10, 2022**

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

GATHERING

(Please rise and face the back of the church)

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Gather us in, Lord, and hear our prayers.

C: We have come to this place in need for healing and hope.

L: Gather us in, Lord, and heal our spirits.

C: We come here seeking guidance and strength.

L: Gather us in, Lord, and open our hearts to receive your word.

C: Open our hearts, our spirits, our souls to comprehend your word and follow you faithfully. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

L: Let us pray,

Lord of justice and mercy, we come to you this day seeking your healing and reconciling love. Help us to be open to your word, your presence, your compassion. Clear our hearts of those things which block your will. Keep us focused on your enabling power so that we, having been healed, may more fully serve you. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

. C: AMEN.

PROCESSIONAL & GATHERING HYMN -

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

#551

Lutheran Book of Worship –Green Hymnal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Lord, sometimes we are confused. We hear the bad news continually shouted on TV, radio, in the newspapers, magazines. The whole world seems to be shrieking in pain. Innocent people are being destroyed by the whims of the wicked. Disease and pestilence reign supreme in too many parts of the world. We turn an indifferent ear to the cries of others, often because we are so overwhelmed by the needs and feel helpless in the face of such chaos. We close our eyes. We walk away, often crossing over to the side of self-importance and indifference because we are afraid to become involved. Our society is quick to sue and slow to heal. We succumb to those pressures in our fear. Help us, O Lord. Heal our spirits as well as our bodies. Open our hearts and our eyes to see you, O Christ, that we may be empowered to service rather than apathy. Forgive us, Lord, forgive us. Make us ready to truly become your disciples. For we ask these things in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: Do not be afraid. God's love is reaching out to you, to touch your hurt and wounds and to provide healing. Receive God's blessing and be assured of God's eternal love for you.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

WORD

OUR FIRST LESSON is from the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 30, verses 9 through 14.

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

⁹The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹²It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹³Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹⁴No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PLEASE READ RESPONSIVELY - PSALM 25, verses 1 through 10.

¹To I you, O LORD, I lift I up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

OUR SECOND LESSON is from the book of Colossians chapter 1, verses 1 through 14.

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

L: Words of Wisdom. Words of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

(Please rise)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ACS # 972

Refrain
Leader

All

Lis - ten now for the gos - pel! Al - le - lu - ia! It is

God's word that chang - es us! Al - le - lu - ia!

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

(Please be seated)

MESSAGE

Jeff Alderson

(Please rise)

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord Whose Love In Humble Service” #423
Lutheran Book of Worship –Green Hymnal

PASTORAL PRAYER

L: Lord, how are we ever going to be your disciples? We are overwhelmed by the needs of the world. The cries of people who feel threatened by others, those who are in need, those who are in danger, those who are alienated, ring in our ears and in our hearts. Sometimes we would just like to run and hide, hoping that all this turmoil will go away. But it doesn't. It sits outside our doors and waits for us to do something. Lord, help that “Something” be service and compassion. Help us to remember how you have forgiven and blessed each one of us, how you have called us blessed and beloved. You remind us in today's scripture of the compassion a Samaritan had on one who was injured. We like that story, but now is the time for us to take that story to heart. We are called to reach beyond our comfort zone, to those in need, to the alien, the injured, the lost, the lonely. It is difficult for us to do and we need to feel your powerful presence with us. Bless us again, O Lord, with a good measure of courage and strength that we may truly serve you. Bless those whose names and situations we have brought before you today for healing and hope. In your mercy and love, help us to reach out to others as you have reached out to us. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name.

C. Amen

PRAYER SONG

PRAYERS

P: United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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A brief silence.

P: Good and gracious God, you have placed your word of love in the heart of your church. Fill your church with compassion, that we bear the fruit of your healing mercy to a broken world. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You created the earth with seeds sprouting up to new life. We pray for the flourishing of fruit trees and orchards, vines and bushes. Prosper the work of those who plant, tend, harvest, and gather. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Show us your ways and teach us your paths of justice and love. Raise up community and national leaders to challenge and dismantle societal structures that perpetuate ethnic, racial, and religious profiling and discrimination. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Come near to all in need. Orchestrate kindness in the face of cruelty, hope where there is despair, love in the face of neglect, comfort where there is death, and healing in illness *especially* Heather, Dan, Luigi, Ann Marie, Pat & Pete, Doug & Marianne, Dan H, Adam, Jeff O., Sue, Joyce, Pastor Heather, Kristi, Peg, Brad, Anita, Kim and those we name aloud and in our hearts. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Turn this community toward neighbors in need. Bring aid and support to those who are poor, beaten down, abused, forgotten, silenced, or avoided. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We give thanks for the saints who revealed your love and mercy in this life. Inspired by their witness, strengthen us to live in hope. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

C: Amen.

PRAYER SONG (repeated)



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Because of Covid the offering is collected at the center door before worship and will be brought down the center aisle during the repeated prayer song.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let Us pray,

God of abundance:

you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

As we feast on your goodness,

strengthen us to labor in your field,

and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,

in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen

P: Let us join together in the prayer that our Lord taught us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

BLESSING

P: The God of peace,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN “The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve”

#723

With One Voice—Blue Hymnal

RECESSIONAL

A: We follow the cross of Christ into the world.

(Congregation turns as the cross passes them—so they are facing the back of the church)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Announcements

SECOND QUARTER STATEMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Second quarter statements are now available on the table at the back of the church. Please pick yours up today!

2022 CHURCH DIRECTORY

It's time to update the church directory. Please let the church office know if you have had any changes to your contact information since the last church directory. It's been years since we have done a picture directory so please submit a picture you of yourself/family would like included in the directory. If you don't have one see Cathi - she will be happy to take your picture. Deadline to submit information and picture is Sunday July 17, 2022.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP OUR COMMUNITY:

BRING NON PERISHABLE FOOD (Food Pantry)
BRING EMPTY ALUMINUM CANS (Cans for K-9s)
BRING GENTLY USED CLOTHES OR PAPER
BAGS (TxT)

WAYS YOU CAN HELP BETHANIA:

SERVE AS A WORSHIP LEADER
SERVE AS AN USHER
MOW THE LAWN
JOIN THE CARE & CONCERN TEAM (Visit our
Members)
REMEMBER YOUR OFFERING (Pays the Bills)

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Please consider hosting coffee hour. The coffee will be started by the building opener. Treats maybe store bought or homemade.

Sign up sheet is in the hearth room on the coffee table.

The Calendar....

Sunday, July 10, 2022 -

9:30 a.m. – COFFEE HOUR

10:30 a.m. -Worship In Person & on Facebook Live

Monday, July 11, 2022-

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

6:30 p.m. -Boy Scout Troop 242

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

7:00 p.m. –Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Thursday, July 14, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Friday, July 15, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Sunday, July 17, 2022 - Graduation/Scholarship Day

9:30 a.m. – COFFEE HOUR / Cake Reception

10:30 a.m. -Worship In Person & on Facebook Live