

Welcome to Bethania Lutheran Kirke



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 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, Jeff O., Sue, Kristi, Peg,
Brad,



TODAYS WORSHIP LEADERS:

Pastor: Rev. Carolyn Fredriksen

Communion Assistant: OPEN

Lector: OPEN

Usher/ Greeter: OPEN

Coffee Hour: Altar Guild

Altar Flowers: OPEN

Building Host: Kelly Imhoff

	July 31	August 7	August 14	August 21
Worship Leader	Pastor Allison Johnson	Pastor Allison Johnson	Pastor Robert Trendel	Pastor Allison Johnson
Communion Assistant				
Lector		Anne Woodward		
Usher/ Greeter				
Coffee Hour		Church Picnic @ 11:30	Altar Guild	
Altar Flowers				Youngs
Building Host	Cathi & Brad	Alderson	John Barnes	Ed Young

Order of Worship for Sunday, July 24, 2022

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

GATHERING

(Please rise and face the back of the church)

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Come! Join the fellowship of God's people—
people who gather as faithful disciples of Christ.

C: **We seek the One who frees us
from uncertainty and doubt.**

P: Come! Join the welcome of God's people—
people who meet together for justice and peace.

C: **We seek the One who is trustworthy,
the One who gives us what is good.**

P: Come! Join the celebration of God's people—
people of the One who was, and is, and shall ever be.

C: **We raise our voices in praise and honor to God,
and worship the One who is faithful.**

PROCESSIONAL & GATHERING HYMN -

"Lord Of Light"

#405

Lutheran Book of Worship –Green Hymnal

OPENING PRAYER (Colossians 2)

P: God of grace and God of glory,
come and be known to us
in our gathering together;
come and be present in the songs we sing
and in the prayers we raise.
From the busy byways of life,
we come to find once again
that you are always present
and always ready to receive us.
As we affirm our faith this day,
deepen the roots of our commitment,
that we may learn your calling upon our lives.
Surround us now
with the love and comfort of your Holy Spirit
and the direction and redemption of Christ.

C: Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Hosea 1)

P: Let us Pray,

**C: O Lord of mercy and compassion,
we bare our souls before you
in this hour of worship and prayer.
We have been unfaithful to you
and have forsaken the Covenant Love
you have shared with us.**

**For our wandering, wayward ways,
hear our confessions of sin and selfishness
and offer us your forgiveness.**

**We ask for forgiveness
and the strength to behave as your true children,
as your very people, the Church.**

**It is the redeeming Christ
before whom we bow
and before whom we confess our need.
We come to you in hope of redemption. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Luke 11)

P: Seek and you will find.

Knock and the door will be opened to you.

Ask and it will be given to you.

God has promised us grace and forgiveness
in the love of Jesus Christ.

Come home again and be the people God intended.

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,

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

WORD

OUR FIRST LESSON is from the book of Genesis, chapter 18, verses 20 through 32.

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PLEASE READ RESPONSIVELY - PSALM 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods will sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your name, because of your steadfast love
and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and
your word above all things.**

³When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand
shall save me.

⁸**You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

OUR SECOND LESSON is from the book of Colossians chapter 2, verses 6 through 19.

The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about “the empty lure” of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

L: Words of Wisdom. Words of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

(Please rise)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ACS # 972

Refrain
Leader

All

Lis - 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 11th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.

¹Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

MESSAGE

Reverend Carolyn Fredriksen

(Please rise)

HYMN OF THE DAY - “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God” #783
With One Voice—Blue Hymnal

RESPONSE TO THE WORD (Luke 11)

P: Like a true friend, Lord,
you have not withheld
the wisdom of your word.
Like a true friend, Lord,
you have given us the nourishment and strength
for the living of these days.

C: Amen

PRAYER SONG



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.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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PRAYERS

P: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

P: Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel, and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Protect water sources—Lake Michigan, Root river and strengthen those who defend them. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer *especially* Heather J, Dan C, Luigi, Ann Marie, Pat & Pete , Doug & Marianne, Dan H, Jeff O., Sue, Peg, Brad and those we name in our hearts. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless the prayer and fellowship ministries in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints who rest in your eternal presence. Join our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

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: Before you, O God,
we offer our prayers, our presence, our gifts,
and our service.

We lay our gifts before you
in praise and thanksgiving
for your many blessings.

May these offerings
continue the transforming work of your Spirit
in and through our congregation.

C: Amen

INTRODUCTION TO THE MEAL

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
Our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks,
Broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
And gave it for all to drink , saying;
This is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you
And for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (Luke 11)

P: Come and receive the answer to your prayers. This cup and this loaf contain the fulfillment of the human heart. Through this sacrament, we receive the power and direction to bring about the kingdom of God—as God's will is done on earth as it is in heaven. Come and receive the answer to your prayers.

(Please be seated)

SHARING THE MEAL

For in person, come up the center aisle, receive your communion wafer, carefully dip your wafer into the wine. If grape juice/ covid safe is preferred let the assistant know.

For at home using plain bread/crackers and wine/grape juice.

COMMUNION HYMN

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

#439

Lutheran Book of Worship—Green Hymnal

(Please rise)

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Life-giving God,

through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION (Psalm 85)

P: As you go forth,

know that you leave with the unfailing love of God. As you leave this place,

know that by God's strength you will be able to face the challenges of the

coming week. As you return to your daily lives, know that your pursuit of peace

reveals to the world that you are God's children.

C: Amen.

Sweet Hour of Prayer



- 1 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care,
- 2 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear,
- 3 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, may I thy con - so - la - tion share,



and bids me at my Fa - ther's throne make all my wants and wish - es known.
to him whose truth and faith - ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless;
till from Mount Pis - gah's loft - y height I view my home and take my flight.



In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief my soul has of - ten found re - lief.
and since he bids me seek his face, be - lieve his word and trust his grace,
With joy I'll has - ten to the place where God my Sav - ior shows his face,



and oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare by thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.
I'll cast on him my ev - 'ry care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.
and glad - ly take my sta - tion there, thy prom - ise gained, sweet hour of prayer.

Text: William Walford, 1772–1850, alt.

Music: SWEET HOUR, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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

A graphic for a church picnic announcement. It features a background of horizontal wooden planks. On the left side, there is a folded black and white checkered picnic blanket. The text is centered on the right side of the image.

Church Picnic

Sunday August 7, 2022

11:30 p.m.

Bethania Lutheran Church
Hearth Room

Sandwiches and Drinks provided

A - M: Please bring a salad/side dish
N - Z: Please Bring a dessert

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are
given in Honor of Jeff Alderson on his
birthday (July 21) and in thanks for everything
he does for Bethania.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

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

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



If you have anyone you would like to have added to the prayer chain **please contact Kelly Imhoff at 262-554-1558 or by email: bethaniaprayerchain@wi.twcbc.com**

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)

What makes a Church?

THE PEOPLE

What makes a church family?

YOU!

**Families help each other - here are
WAYS YOU CAN HELP OUR FAMILY:**

LECTOR, spread God's Word by reading the lessons from the
pulpit or your seat

COMMUNION ASSISTANT share Gods Forgiveness by
holding a chalice during communion

USHER/GREETER, be welcoming to our home whether they
are "family" members or guests,

HOST COFFEE HOUR, share the fellowship by bringing a
treat,

MOW THE LAWN, keeps God's Creation Beautiful
and our home beautiful making others want to see what we are all
about.

Without you we will fade away - the few who are doing things will
grow weary and tired. So please step forward and help by signing
up on the sign up sheets in the hall . Thank you.

The Calendar....

Sunday, July 24, 2022 -

9:30 a.m. – COFFEE HOUR

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

Monday, July 25, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

No Boy Scout Troop 242 - at Summer Camp

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Thursday, July 28, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Friday, July 29, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Sunday, July 31, 2022 -

9:30 a.m. – COFFEE HOUR

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