

Welcome to Bethania Lutheran Kirke



Freedom
Hymn Sing
July 3, 2022
10:30 a.m.

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,



TODAYS WORSHIP LEADERS:

Worship Leader: Jeff Alderson

Communion Assistant: OPEN

Lector: Anne Woodward

Usher/ Greeter: OPEN

Coffee Hour: OPEN

Altar Flowers: OPEN

Building Host: Aldersons

	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
Worship Leader	Jeff Alderson	Pastor Allison Johnson	Pastor Carolyn Fredricksen	Pastor Allison Johnson
Communion Assistant				
Lector				
Usher/ Greeter				
Coffee Hour	Altar Guild			
Altar Flowers				
Building Host	John Barnes	Ed Young	Kelly Imhoff	Cathi & Brad

**Order of Worship
for
Sunday, July 3, 2022**

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

GATHERING

(Please rise and face the back of the church)

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The work of the Creator is visible.

C: Let us respond with praise.

L: The example of Jesus is apparent.

C: Let us respond with obedience.

L: The wind of the Spirit is blowing .

C: Let us respond with joy.

L: The word of God is calling.

C: Let us worship in spirit and in truth.

Taken from "Be Our Freedom Lord" - Prepared and Edited by Terry C. Falla

OPENING PRAYER

L: Gracious God,

you have made all of the peoples of the earth for your glory.

You invite us to serve you in freedom and in peace.

Give to the people of our nation a zeal for justice

and the strength for forbearance,

that we may use our liberty

in accordance with your gracious will.

We ask this on a day of celebration,

a day of hope for a nation made free.

We ask this in the name of the one

who welcomes all to be free indeed.

Inspire us to live and worship in your freedom

and for the sake of your Kingdom.

C: AMEN.

~ adapted from the Book of Common Prayer

PROCESSIONAL & GATHERING HYMN -

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Galatians 5)

L: Gracious Lord,
you have blessed us with freedom—
freedom to follow or to turn away;
freedom to love or to hate;
freedom to heal or to hurt.
You ask only that we follow your ways,
loving our neighbors as ourselves.
In the midst of our turbulent lives,
help us find teachers
to show us the gifts you set within us.
And help us claim these gifts today.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Galatians 5)

L: Harvest the fruit of the Spirit, freely given by God,
and share it freely with others.
Know that you are loved and forgiven.
Trust that you are treasured, now and always.

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,

"Lord of the nations, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all our people the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord."

C: Amen.

Taken from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal—National Holidays Prayer

(Please be seated)

HYMN

WORD

OUR FIRST LESSON is from the book of Isaiah, chapter 61, verses 1 through 6.

¹The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;

²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;

³to provide for those who mourn in Zion —
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

⁵Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,
foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines;

⁶but you shall be called priests of the LORD,
you shall be named ministers of our God;
you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations,
and in their riches you shall glory.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HYMN

PLEASE READ RESPONSIVELY - PSALM 119, verses 45 through 55.

⁴⁵I shall walk at liberty, for I have sought your precepts.

⁴⁶**I will also speak of your decrees before kings, and shall not be put to shame;**

⁴⁷I find my delight in your commandments, because I love them.

⁴⁸**I revere your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on your statutes.**

⁴⁹Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope.

⁵⁰**This is my comfort in my distress, that your promise gives me life.**

⁵¹The arrogant utterly deride me, but I do not turn away from your law.

⁵²**When I think of your ordinances from of old, I take comfort, O LORD.**

⁵³Hot indignation seizes me because of the wicked, those who forsake your law.

⁵⁴**Your statutes have been my songs wherever I make my home.**

⁵⁵I remember your name in the night, O LORD, and keep your law.

HYMN

OUR SECOND LESSON is from the book of Ephesians chapter 3, verses 1 through 13.

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. ¹³I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

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 4th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-20

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

(Please be seated)

MESSAGE

Jeff Alderson

(Please rise)

HYMN

JULY 4 LITANY

L: On July 4, 1776, our forefathers bravely advanced the cause of freedom and liberty by declaring this nation's independence and sovereignty and that all her citizens possessed the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness given by our Creator. It is appropriate therefore as we celebrate our nation's 246th birthday that we give thanks to that Creator for our liberties and pray for continued blessings upon our country, our government and our fellow citizens.

L: The earth is the Lord's,

C: And all who dwell in it.

L: God is king over the nations:

C. God sits on his holy throne.

L: He rules by his might forever.

C: His eyes keep watch on the nations.

L: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C: For God judges the peoples with equity and guides the nations upon earth.

L: O Lord, be gracious to us and bless us,

C: And make your face to shine upon us.

L: May your ways be known upon the earth,

C: Your saving power among all peoples.

P. Lord of the nations, guide our people by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give us what outward prosperity may be your will, but above all things, give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Amen

~ taken from the LBW

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.

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PRAYERS

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

A brief silence.

P: Lord of the harvest, you send your church into the world to proclaim Christ's new creation to all. Renew the church as it carries out your mission of peace and healing. We pray for missionaries who accompany your people. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Your creation abounds with flowing waters and diverse creatures. Guide the work of climate scientists as they develop and advocate ways to restore earth's natural balance. Motivate humankind to adopt lifestyles that protect and sustain the earth. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You guard the nations; let no leaders exalt themselves, but lift up the most vulnerable and work for the good of all. Send your Spirit to eradicate classism and inequity, violence and war, poverty and hunger. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You desire abundant life for all. As we celebrate Independence Day, instill in us gratitude, generosity, and persistence in working toward freedom for all people. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Mothering God, you care for all people in need. Nourish those who are hungry. Restore employment to those who have lost work. Heal those who are sick, and comfort all who are dying or grieving *especially* Heather, Dan, Luigi, Ann Marie, Pat & Pete, Doug & Marianne, Dan H, Adam, Jeff O., Sue, Joyce, Pastor Heather, Kristi, Peg, Brad, and all those we name before you aloud or in our hearts. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We remember the saints who proclaimed your reign on earth and now rest in you. Make us faithful in our witness to Christ's new creation. 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)

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



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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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 (Galatians 5)

P: Receive our humble offerings, O Lord,
for your work in the world.

Bless those who give,
those who send,
and those who will receive these gifts.

May our offering sow seeds of hope
and bear the fruit of love
wherever they are sown.

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.**

(Please be seated)

HYMN

(Please rise)

PRAYER

P: As the prophets of old knew, so may we also know. When we live by the Spirit, we will inherit the kingdom of God. The Spirit of love and forgiveness grows on the tree of life. This Spirit is available to all who seek it. Eat of this fruit, for it is the body of Christ, given for you.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: God of fireworks and good works, bless us this day as we go from this place. May our celebrations be joyous and memorable, and may our service to others reflect your love and peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

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)

Calling All Graduates... we'll be honoring graduates on Sunday July 17, 2022, so please let us know about your 2022 graduates by calling or emailing the church:
Bethania@wi.twcbc.com.

ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL??

Please notify the church or have a family member notify the church at 262-632-7267. If no one answers please leave a voicemail, Cathi will be notified of the voicemail as soon as you leave it. Since 2019 the hospitals no longer notify the churches of hospital stays. Since Covid visitors are limited to close family and pastors/deacons of the church. We can bring communion to the hospital and approve it with the hospital staff, if it is desired. Questions?? Please see Cathi.

WE NEED HELP WITH THE LAWN MOWING AND YARD WORK

There is a sign up sheet outside the hearth room if you would like to volunteer to help spend sometime outside in the yard mowing, weeding, edging, etc.

Any questions contact Brad, church property.

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.

TROUBLE MAKING PHONE CALLS??

Just a reminder that to make phone calls now you need to use the 10 digits—(area code) and phone number. Also, when giving out your phone number you need to remember to include the area code as it is no part of your actual phone number. Example: the church's phone number is: 262-632-7267.



If you dial without the area code you will get a busy signal; it won't tell you that you dial the complete phone number.

If the call is out of your area code you will still need to dial 1 and then the 10 digit phone number.

INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH

When is a good time to invite someone to church? Everyday! But let's focus on one Sunday. Invite a friend, a member of the church you haven't seen in a long time, a former member, co-worker, or a stranger to church on Sunday, July 17th, 2022. Coffee hour: 9:30 am and Worship: 10:30 am.

Invitations are on the table by the bulletins if you would prefer to hand those out.

The Calendar....

Sunday, July 3, 2022 - Hymn Sing

9:30 a.m. – COFFEE HOUR

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

Monday, July 4, 2022—Happy Independence Day!

Office CLOSED

NO Boy Scout Troop 242

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.—Thread By Thread OPEN

Thursday, July 7, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Friday, July 8, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Sunday, July 10, 2022 -

9:30 a.m. – COFFEE HOUR

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

