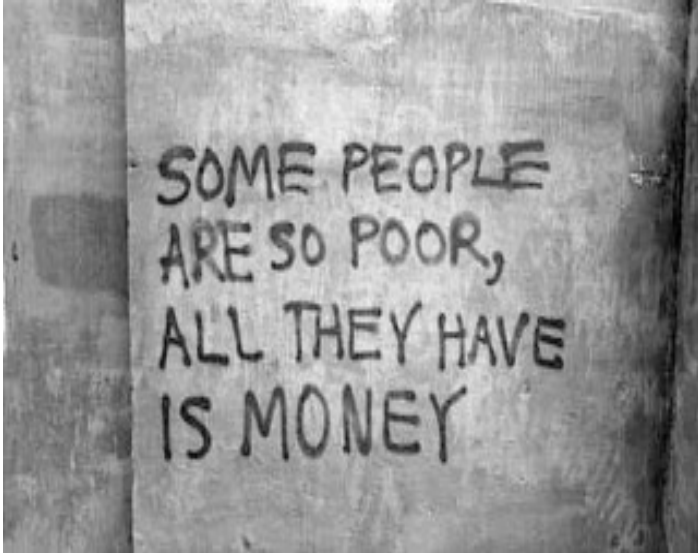


Welcome to Bethania Lutheran Kirke



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 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, Peg, Brad,



TODAYS WORSHIP LEADERS:

Pastor: Rev. Allison Johnson

Communion Assistant: OPEN

Lector: Anita Nielsen

Usher/ Greeter: OPEN

Coffee Hour: Altar Guild

Altar Flowers: OPEN

Building Host: Cathi & Brad

	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
Worship Leader	Pastor Allison Johnson	Pastor Robert Trendel	Pastor Allison Johnson	Pastor Robert Trendel
Communion Assistant				
Lector	Anne Woodward			
Usher/ Greeter				
Coffee Hour	Church picnic @ 11:30	Altar Guild	Jean & Dennis Dragan	
Altar Flowers			Ed Young	
Building Host	Alderson	John Barnes	Ed Young	Kelly Imhoff

Order of Worship for Sunday, July 31, 2022

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

GATHERING

(Please rise and face the back of the church)

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Our lives are in the care of God.

C: God has given us abundance and hope.

P: This day we have come to praise and thank God for all that God has done for us.

C: We gather to celebrate God's love and to offer our lives in service.

P: Come, let us open our hearts to the Lord!

C: Let us rejoice in God's goodness and love. AMEN.

PROCESSIONAL & GATHERING HYMN -

"Now That Daylight Fills the Sky"

#268

Lutheran Book of Worship –Green Hymnal

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

Set us again on the path of life.

**Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors.**

Amen.

P: Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

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,

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

WORD

OUR FIRST LESSON is from the book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 1, verse 2 and verses 12 through 14 and Chapter 2 verses 18 through 23.

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one’s work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PLEASE READ RESPONSIVELY - PSALM 49, verses 1 through 12

¹Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

²**you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

³My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

⁴**I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

⁵Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

⁶**the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,
and boast of their great riches?**

⁷One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;

⁸**for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,**

⁹in order to live forever and ever and never I see the grave.

¹⁰**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

¹²**Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.**

OUR SECOND LESSON is from the book of Colossians chapter 3, verses 1 through 11.

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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 12th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

(Please be seated)

MESSAGE

Reverend Allison Johnson

(Please rise)

HYMN OF THE DAY - "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending" #408

Lutheran Book of Worship—Green Hymnal

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

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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: O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of theologians, Sunday school teachers, seminary professors, and all who provide instruction for the building up of your church. Merciful God,

C:receive our prayer.

P: O God, you are the source of all life. Where creation cries out in distress, bring relief and renewal. Bless farmers, ranchers, distributors, and all who provide our food. Nourish the land and all its habitants. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially military personnel, police, first responders, and activists, and for the healing of the nations. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress *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. Renew us at your table of mercy. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: O God, you are our treasure. Where scarcity and anxiety pervade your church, bring abundance and vitality. Guide the work of church councils and committees and give them clarity for the work of ministry in this place. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: O God, you are resurrection. We give you thanks for all your saints. Inspire us by their example of faithful living to set our minds on things above and to be rich in love toward you. 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

P: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.

Come to the banquet.

(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

“Be Thou My Vision”

#793

With One Voice—Blue 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.

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 - “God of Grace And God Of Glory”

#415

Lutheran Book of Worship—Green 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



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 Calendar....

Sunday, July 31, 2022 -

9:30 a.m. – COFFEE HOUR

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

Monday, August 1, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

No Boy Scout Troop 242 - at Summer Camp

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Thursday, August 4, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Friday, August 5, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Sunday, August 7, 2022 -

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

11:30 a.m.—Church picnic, Hearth room