

# Welcome to Bethania Lutheran Kirke



*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

August 14, 2022

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# 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, Jeff & Sue O., Peg, Brad,  
Bonnie, Kim Flock, Terri Jones, Sam Molina,



**TODAYS WORSHIP LEADERS:**

Pastor: Rev. Robert Trendel

Communion Assistant: OPEN

Lector: OPEN

Usher/ Greeter: OPEN

Coffee Hour: OPEN

Altar Flowers: OPEN

Building Host: John Barnes

	August 21	August 28	September 4	September 11
Worship Leader	Pastor Allison Johnson	Pastor Robert Trendel	Pastor John Eyster	Pastor Robert Trendel
Communion Assistant				
Lector			Anne Woodward	
Usher/ Greeter				
Coffee Hour				
Altar Flowers				
Building Host	Ed Young	Kelly Imhoff	Cathi & Brad	Aldersons

# Order of Worship for Sunday, August 14, 2022

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great “cloud of witnesses.” In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”

## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

### GATHERING

*(Please rise and face the back of the church)*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Isaiah 5, Psalm 80, Hebrews 11, Luke 12)

P: God of the ages, we sing your praises  
in the vineyards of our lives.

**C: Tend the garden of our love.**

P: Where we have become ragged and wild,  
prune us in the way we should grow.

**C: Nurture the soil of our hope.**

P: Let your hand be upon us, leading us to Jesus,  
the perfecter of our faith.  
Heal the roots of our faith.  
Bring us rain in drought, shade in scorching heat,  
and protection in the wilderness.  
**C: Protect the growth of our spirit. Amen.**

**OPENING PRAYER** (Isaiah 5, Hebrews 11, Luke 12)

P: Let us pray.

Lord of the vineyard,  
we ask for your presence  
and your guidance.  
In your holy wisdom,  
tend the vines of our hearts.  
Teach us your righteousness,  
that our lives may flower with justice.  
We come as wild grapes,  
yearning to grow fruitful in your love.  
Show us the way, through Jesus your Son,  
to discern your will, hear your word,  
and grow in your ways,  
as we deepen the roots of our faith.

**C: Amen**

**PROCESSIONAL & GATHERING HYMN -**

“Faith of Our Fathers”

#500

*Lutheran Book of Worship –Green Hymnal*

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Isaiah 5, Psalm 80, Hebrews 11)

P: Let us Pray,  
Divine God,  
we try to grow happily, patiently, and faithfully  
in the soil you have prepared for us.  
You feed us, shelter us,  
and provide for our daily needs.  
Yet, we often fail to offer you  
the fruit of our harvest.  
We act as though we were abandoned children,  
trying to make it on our own.  
We feel forsaken, attacked by wild boars,  
cut down by our enemies, and neglected  
in the wilderness of our lives.  
Yet, through it all,  
you remain faithful.  
Renew our lives once more,  
and we will call your name on high.

**C: AMEN**

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (Isaiah 5, Psalm 80, Hebrews 11)

P: Be assured that God's love is sufficient.  
In the warmth of the sun, the fertility of the soil,  
and the refreshment of life-giving water,  
we have been given all that we need.  
God hears our cries, and comes to save us.  
Through Christ we may lay aside our sins;  
through Christ, we know we are safe.

## **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 God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## WORD

**OUR FIRST LESSON** is from the book of Jeremiah, chapter 23, verses 23 through 29.

*Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.*

<sup>23</sup>Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God!



## PLEASE READ RESPONSIVELY - PSALM 82

<sup>1</sup>God stands to charge the divine council assembled,  
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

<sup>2</sup>**“How long will you judge unjustly,  
and show favor to the wicked?”**

<sup>3</sup>Save the weak and the orphan;  
defend the humble and needy;

<sup>4</sup>**rescue the weak and the poor;  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;

all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

<sup>6</sup>**Now I say to you, ‘You are gods,  
and all of you children of the Most High;**

<sup>7</sup>nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,  
and fall like any prince.’”

<sup>8</sup>**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,  
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

<sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

## **OUR SECOND LESSON is from the book of Hebrews chapter 11, verse 29 through chapter 12 verse 2.**

*The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this “cloud of witnesses,” we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.*

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

L: Words of Wisdom. Words of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

(Please rise)

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW# 513

Refrain  
Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,  
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.  
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

## **GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56**

*Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup>"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Please be seated)*

**MESSAGE**

*"A Race to the Finish"*

Reverend Robert Trendel

(Please rise)

**HYMN OF THE DAY - “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee “ #551**  
*Lutheran Book of Worship –Green Hymnal*

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD** (Isaiah 5, Psalm 80, Hebrews 11)

P: While we may bear wild grapes, going astray in the world, God remains faithful. We call upon God’s help today, sure in the knowledge that it will come.

**PRAYER SONG**

*written by William Mueller*

$\text{♩} = 105$

In the Qui - et, Peaceful Pres - ence of this Place

May Our Prayer-ful com - mun-ion Re - flect God's Own Grace!

Join with us in sweet Si - lence. As we pray to end

<sup>12</sup> Vio - lence. See Him Shine through us

All of our Days!

## PRAYERS

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

*A brief silence.*

P: Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters. Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Arise, O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of oppression. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by racist discrimination, ableist discrimination, and all people discriminated against based on their gender identity or sexual orientation. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Arise, O God, and sustain this assembly. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep especially Heather J, Dan C, Luigi, Ann Marie, Pat & Pete , Doug & Marianne, Jeff & Sue O., Carl & Mickey, Peg, Brad, Bonnie, Kim F, Terri J, Sam, Jerod & Ana, Austin, and all those we name in our hearts. In our joy and in our tears, be near us. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

P: Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints who have gone before us. May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in you. Merciful God,  
**C: receive our prayer.**

P: 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)

*written by William Mueller*

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Vio - lence. See Him Shine through us

All of our Days!

*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** (Isaiah 5, Psalm 80, Hebrews 11)

P: Let us pray,

Loving Gardener,  
we offer ourselves into your nurturing hands.  
Receive the devotions of our labors,  
the fruits of our vines,  
and all that we are and know,  
that we may make a difference:  
in our homes, in our communities,  
and in our world.  
Receive these sacrifices,  
as a pledge to live our beliefs,  
through Jesus Christ,  
the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

**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 (Isaiah 5, Psalm 80, Hebrews 11)

P: Just as the sun shines on all who turn their faces to the light, just as the rain showers upon all who stand on open ground, so God's grace in Christ comes as a blessing to all. Borne of the sweat of his suffering love, Christ willingly gave of himself, that we might be made free. You, who are willing to offer yourselves to God, come to the table in love and faith. Here we find forgiveness, hope, and the promise of eternal life.

*(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

ACS #532

### Before the Waters Nourished Earth



1 Be - fore the wa - ters nour - ished earth or night im -  
2 This Love re - main'd as time re - veal'd the loss of  
3 De - spair, so deep it bears no name, or sor - rows  
4 The Love that call'd cre - a - tion good all good - ness



ag - in'd morn - ing, a Love con - ceiv'd the  
E - den's glo - ry and, griev - ing, holds in  
par - a - lyz - ing can - not re - voke Love's  
still is bring - ing. This Love turns death a -



u - ni - verse and rev - eled in its form - ing.  
mem - o - ry each trag - ic hu - man sto - ry.  
faith - ful claim to dwell with - in our dy - ing.  
gain to life and si - lence in - to sing - ing.

Text: Jeannette M. Lindholm, b. 1961  
Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish melody  
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*(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** (Isaiah 5, Psalm 80, Hebrews 11)

P: Go forth into the world,

singing a love-song in the vineyard of life.

Remember the Gardner who nurtures your faith  
and provides for your needs.

Grow into the promise of Christ,

secure in the knowledge that you are loved.

**C: Amen**

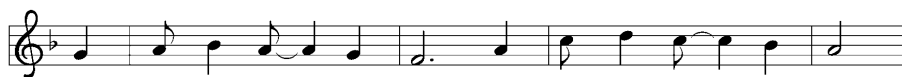
## The Right Hand of God



1 The right hand of God is writ - ing in our land,  
 2 The right hand of God is point - ing in our land,  
 3 The right hand of God is strik - ing in our land,  
 4 The right hand of God is heal - ing in our land,



writ - ing with pow - er and with love,  
 point - ing the way . . . we must go,  
 strik - ing out at en - vy, hate, and greed.  
 heal - ing bro - ken bod - ies, minds, and souls,



our con - flicts and our fears, our tri - umphs and our tears  
 so cloud - ed is the way, so eas - i - ly we stray,  
 Our self - ish - ness and lust, our pride and deeds un - just  
 so won - drous is its touch with love that means so much,



are re - cord - ed by the right hand of God.  
 but we're guid - ed by the right hand of God.  
 are de - stroyed by the right hand of God.  
 when we're healed by the right hand of God.

*Optional stanza*

5 The right hand of God  
 is planting in our land,  
 planting seeds of freedom, hope, and love.

In these Caribbean lands,  
 let people all join hands,  
 and be one by the right hand of God.

Text: Patrick Prescod

Music: LA MANO DE DIOS, Noel Dexter

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## **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**

## 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.

## 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.

Remember the food pantry. Suggested items: Canned dinners, Peanut butter, toilet paper, hygiene items, soup, and pastas.



### Cans FOR K-9's

We are still collecting aluminum cans to help support the Racine County K-9 program.



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: [bethaniaprayer-chain@wi.twcbc.com](mailto:bethaniaprayer-chain@wi.twcbc.com)**

**Fall Bible Study**  
**Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.**  
**beginning September 7, 2022**

Throughout Scripture we find countless stories of God's faithfulness—we also find countless stories of the people who remained faithful to God.

To strengthen and deepen your own faith, enter the stories of God's imperfect yet faithful people in **A Great Cloud of Witnesses**, a six- to eight-week Bible study by Trillia Newbell. This study dives into Hebrews 11, examining the lives of Rahab, Enoch, Gideon, Sarah, and many more whose faiths withstood the tests of their days. Each devotional invites you into the lives of ordinary people who lived by faith and concludes with reflection questions so that you can consider how your story connects with those found in Scripture. By studying the great cloud of witnesses found in Hebrews 11, and others who have gone before us, you will learn to imitate their faith while clinging to the One who is always faithful as you run the race God has set before you.

\_\_\_ Yes, I am interested in attending the 9:30am bible study.

\_\_\_\_\_ Paperback book \$11.00

Also available on Kindle for \$1.99 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in an evening bible study.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# The Calendar....

Sunday, August 14, 2022 -

**9:30 a.m. – COFFEE HOUR**

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

Monday, August 15, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

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

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Wednesday, August 17, 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, August 18 , 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Friday, August 19, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Sunday, August 21, 2022 -

**9:30 a.m. – COFFEE HOUR**

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

11:30 a.m. Hearth Room CLOSED –Private Party