

Welcome to Bethania Lutheran Kirke



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022

10:30 a.m.

BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:

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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 O., Sue, Peg, Brad, Anita



TODAYS WORSHIP LEADERS:

Pastor: Rev. Allison Johnson

Communion Assistant: OPEN

Lector: Anne Woodward

Usher/ Greeter: OPEN

Coffee Hour:: None /Church picnic

Altar Flowers: OPEN

Building Host: Aldersons

	August 14	August 21	August 28	September 4
Worship Leader	Pastor Robert Trendel	Pastor Allison Johnson	Pastor Robert Trendel	Pastor John Eyster
Communion Assistant				
Lector				Anne Woodward
Usher/ Greeter				
Coffee Hour	Altar Guild	Dennis & Jean Dragan		
Altar Flowers		Ed & Jacci Young		
Building Host	John Barnes	Ed Young	Kelly Imhoff	Cathi & Brad

Order of Worship for Sunday, August 7, 2022

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

GATHERING

(Please rise and face the back of the church)

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: The Lord comes to us this day. Are you ready?

C: We are ready!

P: The Lord challenges us to be in ministries of peace and hope. Are you ready?

C: We are ready!

P: Let us praise God who calls us to serve God by helping others.

C: Praise be to God who has given us hope and peace. AMEN.

PROCESSIONAL & GATHERING HYMN -

"Many And Great, O God"

#794

With One Voice –Blue 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,

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church.
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you
wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

WORD

OUR FIRST LESSON is from the book of Genesis, chapter 15, verses 1 through 6.

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PLEASE READ RESPONSIVELY - PSALM 33, verses 12 through 22

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

¹³**The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**

¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵**God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

¹⁷**The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.**

¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

¹⁹**to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

²¹**Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**

²²Let 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, verses 1 through 11 and 8 through 16.

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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 12:32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

[Jesus said:] ³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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 - “Blessed Assurance”

#699

With One Voice—Blue Hymnal

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Hebrews 11, Luke 12)

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.
People of faith, God is not ashamed
to be called your God.

By God's grace we are forgiven.

Let the church say

C: Amen.

PRAYER SONG

$\text{♩} = 105$

In the Qui - et, Peace ful 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

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: Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Let your lovingkindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence. Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. Merciful God,

C" receive our prayer.

P: Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you (*especially*). Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation and all who care for those in need. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life. 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

“How Great Thou Art”

#532

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

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 -

ACS #1086

O God, Who Gives Us Life



1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
2 O God, who calls your peo - ple out to ven - ture and to dare,
3 O God of cov - e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
when we de - spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,



Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: NOEL, English melody; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900

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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: Have your lamps lit. Be dressed for action. Be generous; give alms. Be unburdened by possessions. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Go in peace.

C: Amen

POSTLUDE

The Calendar....

Sunday, August 7, 2022 -

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

11:30 a.m.—Church Picnic

Monday, August 8, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

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

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

6:00 p.m.—Eagle Board of Review -Hearth room

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Thursday, August 11 , 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Friday, August 12, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Sunday, August 14, 2022 -

9:30 a.m. – COFFEE HOUR

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