



Bethany Lutheran Church

welcomes you to worship!

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

Call to Worship

We've come to worship, to sing and pray and hear God's Word, because:

God's love lasts forever!

Even when God seems far away, we know:

God's love lasts forever!

Even when nothing is going right, and we're ready to give up, we know:

God's love lasts forever!

When people treat us badly, we know:

God's love lasts forever!

When we're all alone, and we feel like no one loves us, we know:

God's love lasts forever!

Let's worship God together!

~ Christine Longhurst, re: Worship

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **h** one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen!

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, **h** the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

Refrain:

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are, to worship.
Come, just as you are, before your God.
Come.

Verse:

One day ev’ry tongue will confess You are God,
one day ev’ry knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those
who gladly choose You now.

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Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Special Music

Anakah Denison

First Reading

Amos 7:7-15

⁷This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’”

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the

flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 85:8-13

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,

that your glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;

righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,

and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,

and our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go before the LORD

and shall prepare for God a pathway.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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Gospel Acclamation



Help us O Lord to hear your word. O - pen our hearts to
feel your word. Give us the strength to live your word each day.

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Gospel Reading

The holy gospel according to.... **Glory to you, O Lord.**
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

Pastor Peter Muschinske

Hymn of the Day

“Forever”

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord,
our God and King;
His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
- 2 With a mighty hand and
out-stretched arm;
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.

Refrain

Forever God is faithful,
forever God is strong,
forever God is with us,
forever. Forever.

- 3 From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God
we will carry on;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise. *Refrain*

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,

and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Sharing of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

715-303-3484

Bethany Text Giving Available:

Offering Song

“What Shall I Give”

What shall I give to you? What shall I give to
you? Teach us how to give we ----- pray,
of - fer - ing our work--- and--- play. Oh, that we could learn how to
care, ev - 'ry breath we breathe a ----- prayer.

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Bethany Text Giving Available: 715-303-3484

Offering Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

We join our voices together in the Lord's Prayer.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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

Communion Music

"Round the Table"

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song

"As You Go On Your Way"

As you go on your way may Christ go with you.

May he go before you to show you the way;

may he go behind you to encourage you;

beside you to befriend you;

above you to watch over;

within you to give you peace.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

'ROUND THE TABLE

Larry Olson
Hans Peterson

Come to- geth - er 'round the ta - ble. Come and taste the
won - der, a heal- ing touch and a deep con- nec - tion
from the liv - ing cen - ter of it all.
Seek- ing mean - ing on the run
Bring a friend or e - ne - my
Hear cre - a - tion groan for life.
you try and save the day. But all is rea - dy
or one you hold or blame. With each oth - er
Will hate and hun - ger cease? In the roar of
will you come? Love in- vites the way.
we are one, here in Je - sus' name.
vi - o - lence the world cries for peace.

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Worship Assistants

Minister: Pastor Peter Muschinske

Song Leader: Anakah Denison

Keyboard: Linda Mullikin

Guitar: Julie Stephens,

Amy Brekke, Andy Denison

Bass: Ric Brekke

Ushers: Con Eastwold, Alexa Giddings

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Announcements, Announcements, Announcements!

Weekly Worship Opportunities:

- Tune in every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. to WJMC FM 96.1 & AM 1240
- 8:00 a.m. worship is streamed live on Bethany's website and Facebook page
- Watch on local access cable channels 992 (Charter) & 993 (Mosaic) on Sundays at 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM and Thursdays at 7:00 PM
- In person 10:00 a.m. worship on Sundays under the tent in Bethany's green space!
- If you are fully vaccinated, masks are optional inside Bethany's building. We ask that those who are NOT fully vaccinated to please continue to wear their masks indoors.

New Study Group: A new study group, Courageous Conversations for the Curious (formerly A JUST You), begins the week of July 12. We will read and discuss *The Space Between Us – How Jesus Teaches Us to Live Together When Politics and Religion Pulls Us Apart* by Sarah Bauer Anderson. Please contact Bea Evans at beaevans2@gmail.com or 262-565-3327 if you are interested in participating. Four study sessions, lasting an hour each, are anticipated. Individuals expressing interest will be asked to complete a survey to determine a meeting time that works for the majority of the group.

Bethany Summer Fun ~ 3 Events = 3x the fun!

Join us @ the Cumberland Municipal Airport

Wednesday, July 14 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Airplane display ~ Drone & Remote Control Airplane demonstration ~ Bethany Convert-

ible Club display ~ Visit by Civil Air Patrol and Life Link ~Live Music by the Songsmiths ~ Games ~ Louie's Hotdogs ~ & More!

Need a ride? Call the church office at 715-234-9028 and we will help with transportation.

Summer Fun Event Coming Up:

August 11 - Boating & Fishing Fun on Rice Lake

French Fry Booth: Summer is upon us and it is almost time for our Bethany French Fry Booth at the Barron County Fair, July 14-18. This is an awesome fundraiser for our youth activities such as our summer trips and especially the ELCA Youth Gatherings every three years. We rely on our middle school youth, high school youth and Bethany family to help staff our French Fry Booth. Please consider signing up to work a shift.

Each shift is three hours and needs four people. One of those four has to be an adult. We also need help the Monday and/or Tuesday before the fair (July 12-13) to clean the booth and get it ready, and again after the fair, July 19-20, to clean up the booth for the winter.

This is our biggest youth activity fund-raiser each year bringing in over \$5,000 annually. It helps fund youth activities, ELCA Youth Gatherings and alternating high school mission trips. Please consider helping us out. This is a great way to support Bethany's youth!

The sign up can also be found on the Signups tab of Bethany's website!

Bug Safari VBS: July 19-22, 2021

5:00-5:30 p.m. - Supper available

5:30-7:15 p.m. - VBS Programming

VBS is for ages 4 years old - 5th grade.

Volunteers needed ages 6th grade - adult.



Participant
Registration

Volunteer
Registration



Participant and Volunteer registration links are on Bethany's home page!

Join us for A Summer Council CrossTalk!

You are invited to share: Cool Drinks & Conversation with Council Members

When: Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Under the Tent at Bethany

What: An informal conversation with council members. A potpourri of topics. Come join us!

In case of inclement weather, the CrossTalk will be held in the Sanctuary.

Word or words: *zoomversations on our life of faith*: To be a part of conversations (zoomversations!) on the first and third Wednesday mornings of the month at 10:00 a.m., please email Pastor Peter at pastorpeter@bethanyricelake.org so he can provide links for essential background/pre-session preparation. Post-session applications will be up to all of us as Disciples of Jesus Christ! The next conversation continues Wednesday, July 21!

Live Music (x5!) Under the Tent: The Worship and Music Committee invites you to grab a drink, a friend, a blanket or lawn chair and meet us under the tent. We think you deserve a mid-week break, so let us treat you to a pizza and some live music on Wednesdays, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

August 4: Jake Donze
August 18: Bethany's PRAISE!

Flat Jesus! Summer is here and Flat Jesus is back! Summer is a time for lots of fun and exciting adventures: camping, travel, vacation, going to the beach, spending time with family and more. We want everyone to stay connected with their faith, church family and to remember that Jesus is with you wherever you go!

Take Flat Jesus with you this summer—everywhere you go. Take pictures of Flat Jesus on all of your adventures this summer and send us pictures and stories back to Bethany so that everyone can stay connected and enjoy hearing about one another's adventures. When sharing your Flat Jesus adventures with us, include a photo, your name and a comment about where you are, and send it to abuchli@bethanyricelake.org or share with us on Facebook.

Flat Jesus is available in the Narthex. You can pick up a printed Flat Jesus and paint stick or you can print one [HERE](#) and attach to your own paint stick (or anything you choose). You can also make your own Flat Jesus.

The Green Team Collections: The Green Team is collecting gently used shoes for Sole4Souls, used AA, AAA, C, D and 9-volt batteries, used markers and used printer cartridges. These collections will be continuous.

There are two new, ongoing, collections happening. The first is denim; it can be recycled into insulation. Please note, the denim **MUST** be 90% cotton. The second new collection is cork. It must be real, not synthetic, cork.

Prayers of the People: Bethany is seeking those willing to serve as Assisting Ministers primarily to prepare and lead the Prayers of the People (or of “Intercession”) for our 8:00 a.m. Sunday worship broadcast services. Please contact the office at 715-234-9028 or lhullinger@bethanyricelake.org OR sign up for a time through the Signups tab on Bethany’s website.

Not sure what an Assisting Minister does or the practice of public prayers of the Church? Pastor Peter will be leading a training session for those interested in serving!

The Bethany Week Ahead • July 11 - 17, 2021

Sunday
11 8:00 AM Worship/SA
10:00 AM Worship/GS

Good NewsBreak Deadline

Monday
12 11:00 AM Safely Regathering Task Force/Zoom
12:00 PM Green Team/CR
1:00 PM Quilting/QR
6:00 PM Property Committee/CR

Tuesday
13 8:45 AM Staff Mtg/Zoom
10:30 AM Executive Team/Zoom
12:00 PM LunchBox/PL
5:30 PM Personnel Committee/Zoom

Wednesday
14 5:00 PM Summer Fun at the Airport/Cumberland

Thursday
15 3:00 PM Handbell Music Camp/GS
5:30 PM Stewardship Cmte/Zoom
6:00 PM Trust Fund/Zoom
7:00 PM AA/105

Friday
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Saturday
17

Main Level: CR-Conference Room GR-Gathering Room LI-Library NA-Narthex SA-Sanctuary NS-Nursery
BR-Bell Room **Lower Level:** LL-Luther Lecture FH-Fellowship Hall QR-Quilting Room YR-Youth Room
Upper Level: 3F-3rd Floor **Outside:** PL-Parking Lot GS-Green Space

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Worship: Sundays 8:00 a.m. (Online); 10:00 a.m. (In Person)

Website: www.bethanyricelake.org

Live Streaming: Sundays 8:00 a.m. on

Facebook: Bethany Lutheran - Rice Lake, WI

Bethany's website and Facebook page

Live Radio Broadcast: Sundays 8:00 a.m.

Cable Broadcast: Channels 992 (Charter) & 993 (Mosaic)

WJMC 96.1 FM & 1240 AM

Sundays 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM; Thursdays 7:00 PM

Prayer Ministry

New Prayers for Members:

Ongoing Prayers for Members: Marie Anderson • Ray Arnevik • Cady Buchli • Bonnie Dahl • Ron Debner • Kendra Fritz • Bob Gerber • Donna Grilley • Jim Hagen • Bob Johnson • Carolyn Kochel • Maci Lundequam • Alyssa McCullough • Leon Mundt • Kaylee Musil • Sharon Peterson • Whitney (Passint) Prestby • Cole Rindsig • Shirley Stokes • Virginia Tronstad • Ray Vaughn

New Prayers for Family & Friends of Members:

Ongoing Prayers for Family & Friends of Members: Bob (Roxie) Berg • Matt Dahl • Vanessa Gagner (Coe) • John Jaros • Felecia Keleven • Clara Kern • Paul Klancher • Charlie Lawton • Mark Loehlein • Gloria Mattakat • Troy Miller • Bruce Olson • Kaye Olson • Paul Rindsig • Mary Simma • Holly Thompson • Ingvold Tronstad • Kelly White (Anderson) • Paul Wilker

Active Military Duty: Tanner Ely • Alex Kusilek • Jonathan Marsh • Ethan Nieman • Alain Pierre • Jason Randall • Abby Ring

You may make requests for the Prayer Ministry by calling the church office at 715-234-9028. You can also email bethany@bethanyricelake.org or fill out a request form on Bethany's website.

Prayers for Our Home Members

Sandie Anderson • Edie Berg • June Brunette • Irene Christianson • Foster Dunwiddie • Pauline Eidahl • Donna Gagner • Elaine Gonske • Betty Granum • Nancy Herbert • Esther Honetor • Alice Johnson • Sid & Carolyn Johnson • Dick Moe • Regina Mueller • Randy Read • Janie Riggs