



Bethany Lutheran Church

welcomes you to worship!

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

Call to Worship

We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ—
members of God's family, and brothers and sisters to one another.

There are no outsiders here among us,
no one has any special standing or bragging rights.

For we have been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus.
Let's join together in worship!

~ 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

“Gather Us In”

- 1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
- 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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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, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 23

¹The LORD | is my shepherd; I shall not | be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures and leads me be- | side still waters.**

³You restore my | soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. R**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,**

2 **and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever. R**

Special Music

“Love in Any Language”

Anakah Denison, Lainie Tomesh

Reading

Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

Gospel Acclamation

“Help Us O Lord”

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

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.

³¹He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

Message

Pastor Peter Muschinske

Hymn of the Day

“Caring and Sharing”

Refrain

Caring and sharing and growing together,
part of a fam’ly of love.
Nurtured and tendered and fed by the Spirit,
blessed with the light from above.

Verse 2

Giving ourselves – our time and devotion,
all with the love of our Lord.
Filling our church with joyous emotion,
singing to one we’ve adored. *Refrain*

Verse 1

Watching and learning, growing together,
sharing concerns and needs.
Offering a hand and helping our neighbor,
reaping rewards of our deeds. *Refrain*

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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

Bethany Text Giving Available: 715-303-3484

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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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

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 Hymn

"Round the Table"

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song

"Bind Us Together"

Refrain

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together, Lord;
bind us together in love.

2 You are the fam'ly of God.
You are the promise divine.
You are God's chosen desire,
you are the glorious new wine. *Refrain*

1 There is only one God.
There is only one King.
There is only one Body;
that is why we can sing: *Refrain*

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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 Participants

Officiant:	Pastor Peter Muschinske	Ushers:	Con Eastwold
Keyboard:	Linda Mullikin		Bun Hanson
Song Leaders:	Anakah Denison	Guitar:	Jan Wick, Julie Stephens
	Lainie Tomesh	Assisting Minister:	Dave Swanson
Reader:	Deb Slagstad		

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Announcements & Opportunities!

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.

OFFICE SCHEDULE: Please note, the office will be closing at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 16 in order that staff may support Angie, by being present at the funeral of her father. Please schedule routine business accordingly and as always, call Pastor Peter anytime (314-703-1496) in case of emergency.

ATTENTION CONFIRMANDS: If you were confirmed on May 30, 2021, please pick up your banners and photos. They are on a table outside the office. Please contact the office at 715-234-9028 with questions.

Bug Safari Vacation Bible School

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**

FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE: Your Call Committee continues to meet and is awaiting potential candidates to review from the Synod office. Please pray for our congregation's readiness to call a Senior Pastor, for our ability as a Call Committee to discern the best candidate and for the future Pastor that we call. Also, we continue to invite you to contact any of us with names of Pastors that you think would be a good fit for our congregation. Names may be submitted to carolhakala@gmail.com and will be forwarded to the Synod office.

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!

You are invited to share...

COOL DRINKS & CONVERSATION WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Join us for A Summer Council CrossTalk!

When: Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Under the Tent at Bethany

(In case of weather, CrossTalk will be held in the Gathering Room.)

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

Live Music 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!

Bethany Summer Fun: August 11 - Fun on Rice Lake

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.

LUNCH BOX UPDATE! Thank you, Bethany, for your continuing support for the LunchBox project! We appreciate that many of you have stepped in and provided a lunch. When I talk to those of you who have helped, I continue to hear how you feel you have received a blessing greater than you gave.

Since our kids are home for the summer, I wonder if you might consider including them in sharing with you to give a lunch! They can be your own kids or grandchildren. We've been serving about 20 bag lunches which include a sandwich, fruit or raw veggies, chips and/or a cookie. You choose your offerings!

Please consider and volunteer on the Signups page of Bethany's website, call Carol Kohlmeier at 715 651-3344, or Judy Jacobs at 715 832-4522.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Did you know that Bethany did a big upgrade on their worship technology? Would you like to know how to run it? We are in need of people who are willing to serve as projectionists and streaming/audio operators; don't worry, we provide excellent training! To learn more, or to volunteer for this ministry, please contact the office at 715-234-9028 or lhullinger@bethanyricelake.org.

The Bethany Week Ahead • July 18 - 24, 2021

Sunday
18 French Fry Booth/Barron County Fair
8:00 AM Worship/SA
10:00 AM Worship/GS

Monday
19 1:00 PM Quilting/QR
4:30 PM Mission Concerns
5:00 PM Bug Safari/GS
5:30 PM Council/CR

Tuesday
20 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Zoom
12:00 PM LunchBox/PL
5:00 PM Bug Safari/GS
5:00 PM Security Meeting/105
5:30 PM Welcome Team/Zoom
6:30 PM Library/LI

Wednesday
21 3:00-5:00 PM Handbell Camp
5:00 PM Bug Safari/GS

Thursday
22 2:30 PM Randy Read Graveside Service/Spooner Cemetery
5:00 PM Bug Safari/GS
7:00 PM AA/105

Friday
23

Saturday
24

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. & 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: Lynn Sulackow

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) • Felecia Keleven • Clara Kern • Paul Klancher • Charlie Lawton • Mark Loehlein • Gloria Mattakat • Troy Miller • Bruce Olson • Kaye Olson • Paul Rindsig • Holly Thompson • Paul Wilker

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

Sympathy and Grief: Jim Babineau and family upon the death of his father, Walter.

Angie Buchli and family upon the death of her father, Rod Becker.

Gail Weber and family upon the death of her sister, Diane Paulus.

Lud Tronstad and family upon the death of his brother, Ingvald.

Family and friends of Randy Read upon his death.

Herman Friess upon the death of his wife, Judy.

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 • Janie Riggs