



Bethany Lutheran Church

welcomes you to worship!

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

Call to Worship

Rejoice, folks, Jesus is in our midst.

Feed us, Jesus, and fill us with hope.

Be glad, friends, Jesus has bread and fish to spare.

Free us, Jesus, from the pursuit of food that does not satisfy.

Sing for joy, people of God; God gathers up the pieces of our lives, that nothing may be lost.

Thanks be to God!

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 Music

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Resurrection String Band

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

Gracious God, **you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

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

Special Music

"Old Time Religion"

Resurrection String Band

Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. A great prophet has risen among us!
God has looked favorably on us! Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

John 6:1-21

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

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

Message

Pastor Peter Muschinske

Special Music

"In the Garden"

Resurrection String Band

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.

Ministries Blessing

Offering

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Offering Song

“God’s Work, Our Hands”

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- 1 God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

- 2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

- 3 God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

- 4 God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

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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 Music

"Just A Closer Walk with Thee"

Resurrection String Band

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

In Remembrance

John Olesczuk

Blessing

Sending Hymn

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Resurrection String Band

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Worship Participants

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| Officiant: | Pastor Peter Muschinske | Ushers: | Con Eastwold |
| Musicians: | Resurrection String Band | | Wanda Bock |
| Reader: | Lee Haight | | Amy Brekke |
| Assisting Minister: | Deb Slagstad | | Tony Sladstad |

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September 12, 2021



At Mommsen's Harvest Hills
Pumpkin Patch & Apple Orchard

The Bethany Week Ahead • July 25 - 31, 2021

Sunday
25 8:00 AM Worship/SA
10:00 AM Worship/GS
12:00 PM Red Cedar Symphony Rehearsal/GR

Monday
26 1:00 PM Quilting/QR

Tuesday
27 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Zoom
12:00 PM LunchBox/PL

Wednesday
28 5:30 PM Red Cedar Symphony Rehearsal/GR

Thursday
29 7:00 PM AA/105

Friday
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Saturday
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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

Bethany Text Giving Available:

715-303-3484

Interim Pastor Peter Muschinske *Cell:*

314-703-1496

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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:

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 •

Lynn Sulackow • 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: Pat Olesczuk and family upon the death of her husband, John.

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