

Bethany Lutheran Church

welcomes you to worship!

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hungering and thirsting, we come to the Lord.

Jesus is the living bread!

Feed us with your love and healing power, O Lord.

Give us the bread of hope and compassion that we may also feed others.

Praise be to you, O Lord, for your compassion for us.

Praise be to you, O Lord, for your steadfast love. Amen.

~ written by Nancy C. Townley

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

“Come, All You People”

1. Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come now and worship the Lord.
2. Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
3. Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;

Text: Alexander Gondo; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936, alt.

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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, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you have heard our confession and granted absolution. You have listened to our complaints, and received them as prayer. Fill us with appreciation, and even awe at your nature, your abiding love and sustenance which comes to us through Jesus Christ, whom we call our precious Savior and living Lord. Amen.

Special Music

“Here I Am, Lord”

Anakah Denison,
Sarah Buchli, Lainie Tomesh

Reading

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the

LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The melody is simple and consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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Gospel Reading

John 6:25-35

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

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰So they said to

him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?”³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”³² Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

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

Message

Pastor Peter Muschinske

Hymn of the Day

“I Am the Bread of Life”

Congregation, please join for Refrain

“And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.”

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6

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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

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Offering Music

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960

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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

"Eat This Bread"

Refrain

"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

Text: Taizé Community

Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn

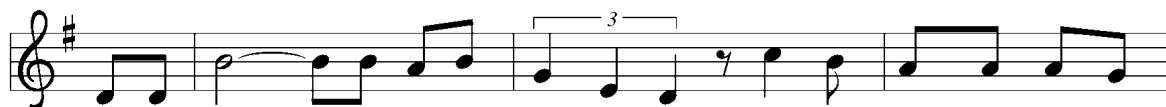
"We Are Marching in the Light"

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

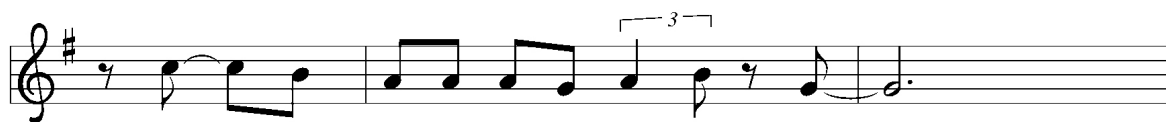
We Are Marching in the Light of God



We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



we are march-ing in the light of God.



We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



we are march-ing in the light of God.



We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

Text: South African traditional; tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984

Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African traditional

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FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE: The call committee has received candidates from the Synod office. We are currently reviewing their paperwork and scheduling first interviews. We cannot share specific information with you at this time, but we can tell you that the candidates that we have received are impressive. They bring with them skills that were identified in the work of the transition team. Please continue to pray for our committee and for the candidates.

Pastor Peter and Council have agreed to extend his interim service through September 30, with possibility of longer by mutual agreement. Pastor Peter is not a candidate for the regularly called/settled pastor, as indicated in the original terms of interim service.

You are invited: Please join us to celebrate the birthday of Herman Friess on Sunday, August 1. Cake and coffee will be served from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Blue Hills Lodge #234 (225 W South Street, Rice Lake 54868). No RSVP needed; no gifts, please.

Information Update: In order to better serve and communicate with you, we want to make sure we have your correct contact information. Maybe you don't read everything we send, but it's important that we know we have included everyone in our correspondence. Please take a few minutes to fill out this form for each person in your household, including children. Some of our records become outdated when you move, get a new phone number, change an email address or have a different way you wish to be contacted.

Any significant changes to your household or status (single, married, widowed, divorced, etc.) let us know. If you have a baby, or if baby grows up and leaves home, please let us know. We do try to keep up, but sometimes the only person to tell us about these changes is you.

The form is on our website or you can use the camera on your smart-phone/device to scan the QR code. This will take you straight to the form!

If your update does not fit on the form, you have ANY questions, you need help with the form or are not comfortable filling out the form online, please contact the office at 715-234-9028 and Leah will be happy to assist you.



Those who complete the form by the end of the day Sunday, August 15, will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a Poppy Popcorn gift certificate, a Cabin Coffee gift certificate or a quilting gift certificate!

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. 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!

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, August 4!

Heart for Luther Park: Beautiful quilts were made by quilters of Bethany Lutheran this year in support of Luther Park Bible Camp for the annual *Heart for Luther Park* art, antique and quilt auction. Activities are on **Sunday, August 8**, with a worship service at 10:00 a.m., viewing and lunch begins at 11:00 a.m. and the auction starts at 12:30 p.m. at the camp. We hope to see you there!

Bethany Summer Fun on the Lake! Join us Wednesday, August 11 at Narrows Park from 5:00-7:00 p.m. If you would like a pontoon ride or to fish from a boat, please sign up on the Signups tab of the Bethany website. You can also sign up there to help during the event.

Pontoon Rides ~ Fishing Off Shore ~ Food ~ Games ~ Swimming ~ Beach

In order to keep our children safe, if you have a youth-sized life preserver, please bring them with you. If you want to volunteer your boat/pontoon for rides or fishing, please contact Amy Brekke at abrekke@bethanyricelake.org or 715-651-6991. Need a ride? Call the church office at 715-234-9028 and we will help with transportation.

CROP SWAP! With summer gardens yielding their bounty, do you find you have extra produce? Or, do you find yourself wishing you had some veggies fresh from the garden? Look no further! On Sunday mornings, Bethany has a Crop Swap table! Leave your extra produce and/or take something someone has left! Free will donations will go to the ELCA's Good Gifts fund. If you have questions, please contact the office at 715-234-9028.

Rally Sunday is Coming Fast: Join us on Sunday, September 12 at Mommsen's Harvest Hills Pumpkin Patch & Apple Orchard for Rally Sunday! We will be kicking off the school year and fall activities in grand fashion with worship and other activities.

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 are 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.

Your Help Is Vital to Bethany's Mission!

Without the help of members of the congregation, Bethany could not accomplish its mission to INVITE, GROW and GO. Your hands are the vital link in serving the church, our community and our world. Please consider how you could be part of Bethany's mission!

- Could you read during worship?
- Is ushering something you might like to try?
- Maybe you want to learn more about public prayers of the church!
- Or, perhaps your calling is helping to serve communion during worship.
- For those who prefer serving unseen, the streaming/audio position or projectionist might be the best fit!

However you feel called to serve, we want to help you succeed! Signups for most positions are on Bethany's website under the Signups tab. If you are not able to find what you are looking for or have questions, please contact the office at 715-234-9028 or lhullinger@bethanyricelake.org.

FOLLOW ALONG WITH WORSHIP

The Sunday bulletins are available on Bethany's website homepage and archived on our bulletin publications page! We invite you to print a copy or follow along on your device with our order of service.

The Bethany Week Ahead • August 1 - 7, 2021

Sunday
1 8:00 AM Worship/SA
10:00 AM Worship/GS
12:00 PM Red Cedar Symphony Rehearsal/GR

Monday
2 1:00 PM Quilting/QR

Tuesday
3 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Zoom
12:00 PM LunchBox/PL

Wednesday
4 12:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive/FH
6:00 PM Music Under the Tent/GS

12:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive/FH
Thursday
5 1:00 PM Brentwood Communion Service
7:00 PM Naomi Circle/NA
7:00 PM AA/105

Friday
6 5:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal/SA

Saturday
7 3:00 PM Nelson/DeSantis
Wedding/SA

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

Worship Participants

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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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 • 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

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

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