



Bethany Lutheran Church

welcomes you to worship!

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

10:00 a.m.

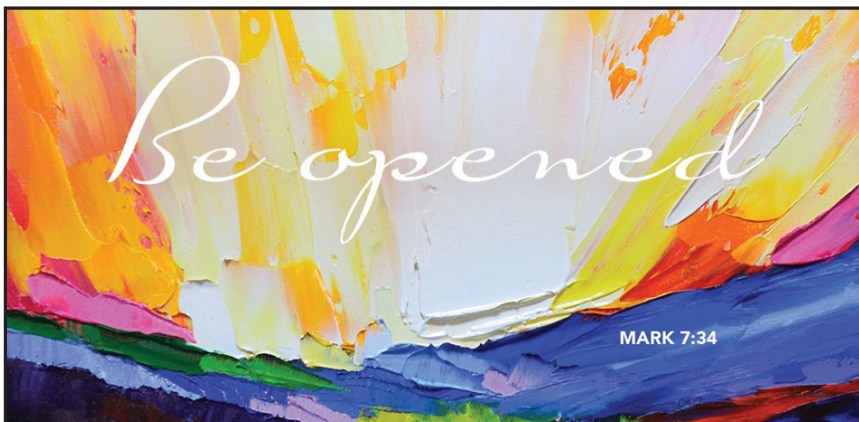


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Order of Worship

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **h**one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in **h** Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

Gathering Music

"You Are Holy"



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

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Music: DU ÅR HELIG, Per Harling

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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

Gracious God, **throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

Special Music

"It Is Well with My Soul"

Mark Nymo

First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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

Second Reading

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

¹A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. ²The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all.

⁸Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. ⁹Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

²²Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; ²³for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

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

Gospel Acclamation

“Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”

- 1 Open your ears, O faithful people,
open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you.
- 2 They who have ears to hear the message,
they who have ears, now let them hear;
they who would learn the way of wisdom,
let them hear God's word. Refrain

Refrain

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!
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*Text: Hasidic traditional; Willard F. Jabusch, b. 1930, English version
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Gospel Reading

Mark 7:24-37

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Eph-phatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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

Message

Pastor Peter Muschinske

Hymn of the Day

“Let Us Go Now to the Banquet”

Refrain

Let us go now to the banquet,
to the feast of the universe.
The table’s set and a place is waiting;
come, ev’ryone, with your gifts to share.

1 I will rise in the early morning;
the community’s waiting for me.
With a spring in my step I’m walking
with my friends and my family. *Refrain*

2 God invites all the poor and hungry
to the banquet of justice and good
where the harvest will not be hoarded
so that no one will lack for food. *Refrain*

3 May we build such a place among us
where all people are equal in love.
God has called us to work together
and to share ev’rything we have. *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

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Offering Music

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Lianna Muschinske

Offering Prayer

God of abundance, **you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

"Round the Table"

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Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Blessing

Closing Song

"In Christ There Is No East or West"



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

'ROUND THE TABLE

Larry Olson
Hans Peterson

Come to-gether - 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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Notice of Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 19 at 11:00 a.m.

Purpose: The sole purpose is to vote upon the recommendation of the Call Committee and the Council for the next Lead Pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church.

Your Council met with the Call Committee on August 16 for the purpose of reviewing and approving the Call Committee's recommendation to nominate a candidate for Lead Pastor at Bethany Lutheran Church. The candidate had been extensively interviewed, references contacted and recent worship services were observed. The call committee is unanimous in their endorsement of the candidate and the Council has affirmed that endorsement unanimously. You will have a chance to learn more about the candidate at this meeting.

This special meeting of the congregation will seek congregational members' approval of the candidate and the approval of the agreed-upon compensation and benefits package.

This meeting will need to have a quorum and there will be a ballot vote. Specifics of the agenda and other details are being formed at this time.

SAFELY REGATHERING TASK FORCE UPDATE: Covid 19 activity remains high in Barron County with the average daily new case number at 35.7 per 100,000 population and positive Covid 19 test percentage at 13.1%. We therefore continue to follow CDC recommendations for universal masking indoors for all over the age of two years. Recognizing the higher potential for transmitting Covid with the Delta variant, the CDC recently recommended that in areas of high numbers of Covid 19 cases, people should consider wearing masks outdoors in a crowded setting or for outdoor activities with close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated. If one wishes to lower their risk of Covid infection in our outdoor worship setting, one might consider wearing a mask, or one might consider creating a bit of distance between family units when picking a place to sit under or near the tent. With temperatures trending cooler, we might not all need to be sitting shoulder to shoulder under the tent to try and find some shade and could spread out a bit more. Hopefully, these options give us some choices, depending on our tolerance for risk, for those continuing to worship outdoors in these beautiful days of autumn.

Saturday Worship Postponed: Regrettably, we will be postponing returning to worship on Saturday evenings due to health concerns. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 715-234-9028 or lhullinger@bethanyricelake.org.

Urgent update on Afghan Refugees: Families who were evacuated from Kabul are settling in at Ft. McCoy here in Wisconsin. The situation continues to be chaotic and fast-moving, but Lutheran Immigration Refugee Services (LIRS) has come up with ways for churches and individuals to help with resettlement. For more information on how to help in the best way, please go to the webpage that LIRS has set up to help us respond to the needs of Afghan refugees, <https://www.lirs.org/help-our-afghan-allies/>. The synod will do its best to keep you informed about local and regional efforts, but the best information for now will be coming from LIRS nationally and here in Wisconsin.

ELCA Disaster Response is calling for aid: A devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck southwest Haiti on Saturday morning, August 14. Over 1,400 people were killed, and that number is expected to increase as search-and-rescue efforts continue. Blocked roads are delaying the delivery of vital supplies to hospitals, which are overwhelmed with more than 6,900 injured people.

Now, the headlines are filled with the devastation from Hurricane Ida, which made landfall near New Orleans on August 30 — exactly 16 years after Hurricane Katrina. As a strong Category 4 storm, Hurricane Ida's 150 mph winds, torrential rain and strong storm surge caused widespread flooding and wind damage in southeastern Louisiana and coastal Mississippi.

Every donation counts! To donate, make checks payable to Bethany Lutheran Church with ELCA Disaster, Wild Fires, Earthquake and/or Hurricane in the memo line.

Join us Sunday, September 12 for a Rally Sunday Celebration at Mommsen's Harvest Hills!

8:00 a.m. worship in Bethany's Sanctuary

8:30 a.m. – Light Breakfast at Mommsen's

9:15 a.m. – Worship at Mommsen's

There will be a Blessing of Backpacks at worship. Kids are encouraged to bring their backpacks and receive a backpack tag.



After worship, enjoy some Fall Fun exploring Harvest Hills! Everyone present will receive a wristband for the petting zoo and maze OR a coupon for a caramel apple.

Ordination: Scott Burns will be ordained as a Deacon of the ELCA on Saturday, September 18 at Lakeside Lutheran at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend the service and the reception to follow.

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CROSSTALK:

SUNDAYS AT 9:05 A.M. IN THE GATHERING ROOM

September 19: Radio Controlled Model Airplanes by Jim Adams and Bill Sachs

Jim Adams and Bill Sachs, two radio-controlled model aviation enthusiasts, will present a primer on Radio Controlled (RC) model airplane flying and building. They fly their models locally during the summer months with the Rice Lake Model Airplane Club. Their presentation will include some history, how RC airplanes are controlled, flying safety and building techniques. They will display models they have built and show slides from local RC model airplane meets. Come fly with us!

September 26: New Family House to be built by Salvation Army by Duana Bremer

Whenever a disaster occurs in Barron County, you can always count on the Salvation Army to show up to provide support and emergency assistance. Duana Bremer, the Salvation Army Director for Barron County, will provide an overview of their organization and operation in the county. She will also discuss the opening of the Family House this winter, which will provide transitional housing and emergency shelter for families.

You Are Vital to Bethany's Mission! Bethany's mission to **INVITE**, **GROW** and **GO** invites all to share their gifts and talents. Your hands are the vital link in serving the church, our community and our world. Please consider how Jesus is calling you to serve your neighbor. It all begins with worship of Jesus, the alpha and omega. No matter our worship format or location, please extend your partnership in this by asking yourself:

- 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 being part of the Altar Guild and preparing the communion elements for 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 you to 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.

The Bethany Week Ahead • September 5 - 11, 2021

Sunday
5 8:00 AM Worship/SA
10:00 AM Worship/GS

Monday
6 **Labor Day - Office Closed**

Tuesday
7 10:00 AM Staff Mtg/Zoom
12:00 PM LunchBox/PL

Wednesday
8 1:00 PM Bethany 1 Circle/CR

Thursday
9 9:30 AM Caring Community Coordinators/Zoom
7:00 PM Worship & Music
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

Worship Participants

Officiant:	Pastor Peter Muschinske	Musicians:	Mike Bock
Keyboard:	Amy Brekke		Nolan Tomesh
Reader:	Candace Falk		Andy Denison
Ushers:	Wanda Bock		

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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 • Ron Debner • Kendra Fritz • Bob Gerber • Jim Hagen • Bob Johnson • Carolyn Kochel • Maci Lundequam • Alyssa McCullough • Kaylee Musil • Sharon Peterson • Whitney (Passint) Prestby • Cole Rindsig • Lynn Sulackow • Virginia Tronstad • Ray Vaughn

New Prayers for Family & Friends of Members:

Ongoing Prayers for Family & Friends of Members: Chad Becker • Bob (Roxie) Berg • Felicia 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

Radio Broadcast: Sponsored in memory of John Olesczuk by friends of family

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 • Tom & Judy Klasell • Dick Moe • Regina Mueller • Janie Riggs

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