



Bethany Lutheran Church

welcomes you to worship!

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021

9:15 a.m.



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

“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. *Refrain*

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“Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving,
I’ll be a living sanctuary for You. *(Repeat)*

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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, **giver of life and all that is good. We praise you for awakening this new day. Awaken us fully to you. Open our ears to the wisdom of your way of abundant life for this world you love. May we be your voice and actions... your work, through our hands. Amen.**

Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

Gospel Acclamation

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

Gospel Reading

8:27-38

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

Hymn of the Day

“Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”

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| 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 |
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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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Blessing of Students, Parents, Teachers & Backpacks

O God, our eternal parent, source of abundance, author of life:

CONGREGATION joins: Bless now these families. Fill their homes with joy and their hearts with love. Give them energy, strength, and discernment as they raise these children, and empower us to claim our role as part of their community, alongside to encourage them, challenge their minds and raise them up to bless others. Amen.

Holy Spirit, the source of all wisdom:

(Hold any backpacks or educational tools)

Bless now these teachers and other educational leaders. Fill their classrooms with learning and their hearts with compassion. Give them focus, patience, and creativity as they fulfill their callings in the education of these children. And remind them that we, their community and church family, are here to support them. Amen.

Lord Jesus, who welcomed children, and as an educator himself, held up their faith as an example:

Bless now these students. Fill their schools with community and their hearts with wonder. Develop within them wisdom, integrity, and maturity as they learn and grow this year. And remind them that we, their community and church family, are here to support them. Amen.

Children / All Educators: You HAVE blessed us, by the power of Jesus Christ. Thank you.

The Lord is blessing--and blessing others through--you.
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

"Everything That We Have"

Everything that we have, everything that we are,
every moment is a blessing from above.

It's endless love that we breathe, it's endless love that we receive,
what has freely come we now let freely go.

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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

"Change My Heart, O God"

The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves have a common time signature of 4/4. The third and fourth staves have a common time signature of 3/4. The lyrics are: "Change my heart, O God; make it ev-er true." (first staff), "Change my heart, O God; may I be like you." (second staff), "You are the pot - ter; I am the clay." (third staff), and "Mold me and make me; this is what I pray." (fourth staff). The third and fourth staves begin with a triplet of eighth notes (F#, G, A) followed by a dotted quarter note (B).

Change my heart, O God; make it ev-er true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953

Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa

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Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Blessing

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, **h**one God, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Closing 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. The living Word dwells in you.
Thanks be to God.

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. It will be held in a hybrid format of in person in the Sanctuary and through Zoom. The Zoom link is the Bethany 411 email. You can call the office at 715-234-9028 for the link as well.

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.

SAFELY REGATHERING TASK FORCE UPDATE: Covid 19 activity remains high in Barron County and we are continuing 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.

Bake Sale for Haiti - Sunday, September 19 between services

As a special confirmation service project, Lucie Habas has organized a bake sale with all the proceeds going to the Haiti Earthquake Response Fund. Lucie is friends with two Haitian students who attended school in Rice Lake for two years. There are three ways you can support this effort.

1. Sign up to donate baked goods through the Signups page on Bethany's website.
2. Come to the Bake Sale and buy something yummy!
3. Won't be around that day? Every household will be receiving a "Bakeless" Bake Sale letter next week. Simply send your gift to the church.

Thank you to Thrivent Financial for covering the cost of mailing supplies.

Update on Afghan Refugees: As of Friday, September 3, there are over 8,000 refugees at Fort McCoy. Lutheran Immigration Refugee Services (LIRS) has ways for churches and individuals to help with resettlement of Afghan refugees at Fort McCoy and around the United States. For more information on how to help, please go to <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: Every donation counts! To donate, make checks payable to Bethany Lutheran Church with ELCA Disaster, US Wild Fires, Haiti Earthquake and/or Hurricane Ida in the memo line.

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, September 15!

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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Fall Activities Begin: Check your calendar, as there are many Bethany activities that begin or resume this week!

- **Bethany Belles:** September 14 at 8:00 a.m.
 - **Vesper Bells:** September 15 at 5:30 p.m.
 - **Here We Stand:** September 15 at 6:00 p.m.
 - **10th Grade Confirmation Review:** September 15 at 7:15 p.m.
 - **Sunday School:** September 19 between worship services
 - **High School Youth Group:** September 22 at 7:30 p.m.
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Luther Park Bible Camp: Thanks to many donors, Luther Park is nearing the goal of \$2.2 million for the cost of the new Ministry Center. Thanks to the incredibly generous \$500,000 matching fund pledge made by Dave & Carolyn Cleveland, the goal can be reached this year. There are still matching funds available; there is \$120,000 left to be raised by December. To date, Bethany has contributed \$7,585 towards this pledge. If you are interested in contributing towards the matching fund, make checks payable to Bethany Lutheran and write LPBC Match in the Memo line.

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 12 - 18, 2021

Sunday
12 8:00 AM Worship/SA
9:15 AM Worship/Mommsen's Harvest Hills

Monday
13 **Good NewsBreak Deadline**
12:00 PM Green Team/CR
1:00-4:00 PM Quilting/QR
6:00 PM Property/CR

Tuesday
14 8:00 AM Bethany Belles/BR
9:30 AM Staff Meeting/Zoom
10:30 AM Executive Meeting/Zoom
12:00 PM LunchBox/PL
2:00 PM KnitTogether/LI
5:30 PM Personnel Committee/Zoom

Wednesday
15 5:30 PM Vesper Bells/BR
6:00 PM Here We Stand Orientation & Open House/GS
7:15 PM 10th Grade Confirmation Review/GR

Thursday
16 1:00 PM Brentwood Communion Service
5:30 PM Stewardship/Zoom
7:00 PM AA/105

Friday
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Saturday
18

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:	Amy Brekke
Keyboard:	Linda Mullikin		Ric Brekke
Reader:	Emily Doeberiner		Mike Bock
Ushers:	Con Eastwold		Andy Denison
Assisting Minister:	Katie Muschinske		

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

Website: www.bethanyricelake.org

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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: Nancy Herbert • Sue Linder • Jaymee Sevals

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: Todd Arneson

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

lecia 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

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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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