



# Bethany Lutheran Church

*welcomes you to worship!*

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

10:00 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

“We Are Called”



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the  
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in  
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to  
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so  
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.  
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.

*Refrain*



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

Text: David Haas, b. 1957

Music: WE ARE CALLED, David Haas

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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, **our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Reading

**James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a**

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

<sup>4:1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

*“Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”*

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

Mark 9:30-37

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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

## Message

Pastor Peter Muschinske

## Hymn of the Day

*“First Song of Isaiah”*



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the



Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

## 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 Music

*“This Little Light of Mine”*

- 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine, 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*Text: African American spiritual*

## 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 Song

*“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

- 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.
- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees.

*Refrain*

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

- 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees.

*Refrain*

*Text: African American spiritual*

## Prayer after Communion

### Announcements

### In Remembrance

Nancy Herbert

### Blessing

## Closing Song

*“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”*

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us  
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,  
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—  
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children, the whole human race.  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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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. If you choose to participate via Zoom, please start logging in to the meet at 10:30 a.m.

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**Nancy Herbert:** There will be a visitation for Nancy Herbert at Skinner Funeral Home in Rice Lake on Saturday, September 18 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. The committal service, officiated by Pastor Peter Muschinske, will be Monday, September 20 at 10:00 a.m. at the Spooner Veterans Cemetery. Both visitation and committal are open to the public.

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**Hey kids, Sunday school begins this week!** Come and meet us under the tent at 9:05 a.m.!

## 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 two ways you can support this effort:

1. Come to the Bake Sale and buy something yummy!
2. 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 supplies.

# 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.

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**The Space Between Us:** If you have heard, there is an exciting book that Bethany Council members, staff members and book club members are all reading. The book is titled, *The Space Between Us: How Jesus Teaches Us to Live Together When Politics and Religion Pull Us Apart* by Sarah Bauer Anderson.

“When it comes to conversations around politics and religion, it’s obvious we have a problem. This is for people who want to be part of a solution.”

“Tension in our personal relationships are at an all-time high. Dialogue-when it happens at all-is heated. It isn’t that we’ve lost hope in what faith and politics can accomplish in our world. It’s that in our polarizing times, faith and politics seem to be leading more to rage than actual change. It’s discouraging, disheartening, and disappointing. But it doesn’t have to stay that way. Civility is not a pipe dream. Nuance is not unrecoverable. Peace is possible. And it can all start right here, right now, with us.”

There are copies in Bethany’s library for anyone who wants to read this book for themselves!

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# Have you unsubscribed?

Just a reminder to those who may have unsubscribed to emails from Bethany Lutheran. If you have unsubscribed, you will not receive any communications from the church. If we send an email reminder or a text notice of an important alert, you will not receive them. Also, you will not receive the weekly Bethany 411! with all the latest news and announcements. We try very hard to be responsible with any mass communications we send, so if you think you may have unsubscribed in error, please contact Dawn Paul at [dpaul@bethanyricelake.org](mailto:dpaul@bethanyricelake.org) or 715-296-2817.

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## 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](mailto:lhullinger@bethanyricelake.org).

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## 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 at least 90% cotton. The second new collection is cork. It must be real, not synthetic, cork.

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# The Bethany Week Ahead • September 19 - 25, 2021

*Sunday*  
**19** 8:00 AM Worship/SA  
9:00 AM Special Congregational Meeting/SA-Zoom  
10:00 AM Worship/GS

*Monday*  
**20** 10:00 AM Nancy Herbert Committal Service/Spooner Veterans Cemetery  
1:00-4:00 PM Quilting/QR  
4:30 PM Mission Concerns  
5:30 PM Council Meeting/GR

*Tuesday*  
**21** 8:00 AM Bethany Belles/BR  
9:30 AM Staff Meeting/Zoom  
12:00 PM LunchBox/PL  
1:30 PM Hannah Circle/CR  
5:30 PM Welcome Team  
6:30 PM Library/LI

*Wednesday*  
**22** 5:30 PM Vesper Bells/BR  
6:00 PM Here We Stand/GS  
7:30 PM Youth Group

*Thursday*  
**23** 7:00 PM AA/105

*Friday*  
**24**

*Saturday*  
**25**

**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

<b>Officiant:</b>	Pastor Peter Muschinske	<b>Sound:</b>	Amy Brekke
<b>Keyboard:</b>	Tammy Roberg	<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Deb Slagstad
<b>Readers:</b>	Max Nelson	<b>Musicians:</b>	Ric Brekke
<b>Ushers:</b>	Con Eastwold		Mike 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:** Romaine Stewart

**Ongoing Prayers for Members:** Marie Anderson • Ray Arnevik • Cady Buchli • Ron Debner • Kendra Fritz • Bob Gerber • Jim Hagen • Bob Johnson • Sue Linder • Maci Lundequam • Alyssa McCullough • Kaylee Musil • Sharon Peterson • Whitney (Passint) Prestby • Cole Rindsig • Jaymee Sevals • Lynn Sulackow • Virginia Tronstad • Ray Vaughn

**New Prayers for Family & Friends of Members:**

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

**In Sympathy and Grief:** Family and friends of Nancy Herbert upon her death.

You may make requests for the Prayer Ministry by calling the church office at 715-234-9028. You can also email [bethany@bethanyricelake.org](mailto:bethany@bethanyricelake.org) or fill out a request form on Bethany's website.

## **Congregational Leaders & Staff**

**Ministers:** All Members • **Ministry Team:** Peter Muschinske, *Interim Pastor* • **Interim Director of Worship, Music & Member Engagement:** Amy Brekke • **Director of Education, Youth & Congregational Ministries:** Angie Buchli • **Director of Business:** Dawn Paul • **Communications & Publications Specialist:** Leah Hullinger • **Cleaner:** Amanda Baker • **Council President:** Pam Crouse • **Council Members:** Mal Bailey, Wanda Bock, Tami Bowman, Andy Denison, Mike Diercks, Bill Evans, Alexa Giddings, Dave Myre, Mackenzie Narins, Jennifer Nelson, Deb Slagstad, Brad Wiedmann

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