



Bethany Lutheran Church

welcomes you to worship!

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

8:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

We Gather

Prelude

Susan Barta

Welcome

Worship Welcome Video

Bethany Belles

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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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.

Hymn of Praise

“This is the Feast”

ELW Page 140-141: Bulletin Pages 5-6

Prayer of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Special Music

“Living For Jesus”

Lainie Tomesh

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

Children’s Moment

Angie Buchli

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

Message

Pastor Jennifer Hatleli

Hymn of the Day

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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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.**

We Celebrate the Lord’s Supper

Offering

Bethany Text Giving Available: 715-303-3484

Offering Hymn

“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

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Today’s request is by Deb Slagstad in honor of all who hear the song in their heart and cannot keep from singing.

Offering Prayer

God of love, **you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Lord’s Prayer

We join our voices together in the 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.

We Are Sent

Announcements

Blessing of Mothers

God of all creation, pour out your blessing on all mothers and those who provide motherly care. You have made them in your image and given them children to love and care for in your name. Bless them with a heart like your heart: loving and kind, comforting and strong, nurturing and grace-filled.

As they participate in your ongoing creativity, give them discernment to help their children discover their unique gifts. As they teach their children, grant them wisdom to know what is truly valuable. As they strive to share your unconditional love, give them long-suffering patience and a lively sense of humor. As they model your mercy, help them extend the forgiveness they themselves freely receive from you. In all circumstances fortify their faith, that they may love you above all. We ask this in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

Blessing

Sending Hymn

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

ELW 857: Bulletin Page 9

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

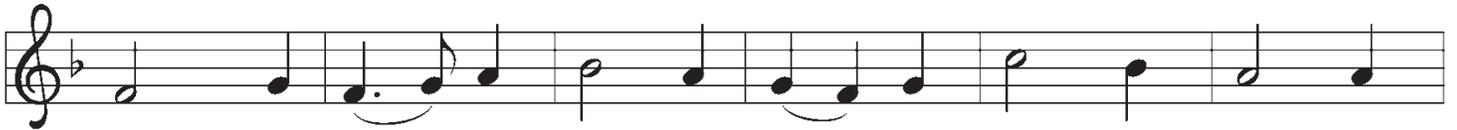
Susan Barta

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



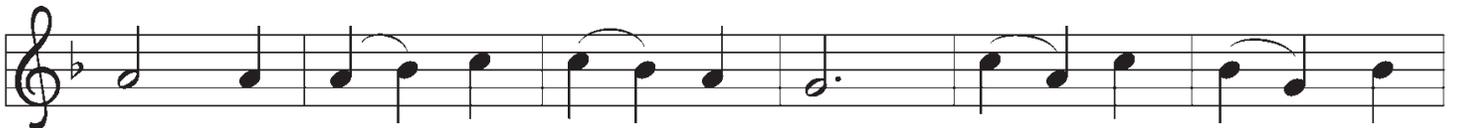
1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



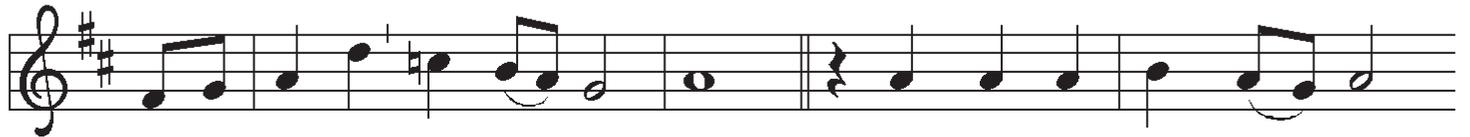
thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

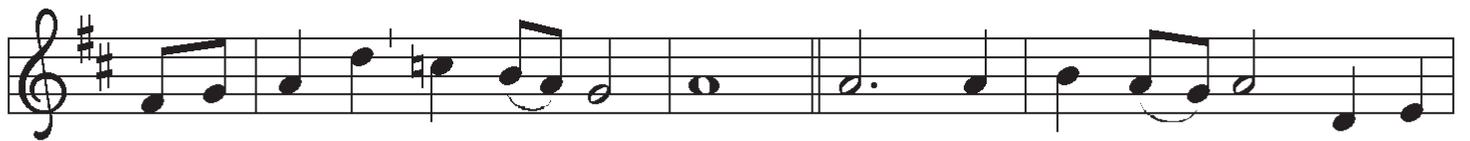


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

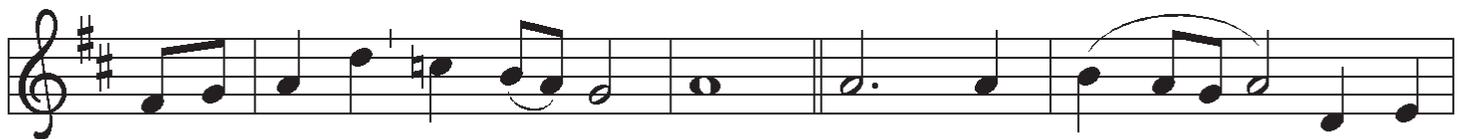


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



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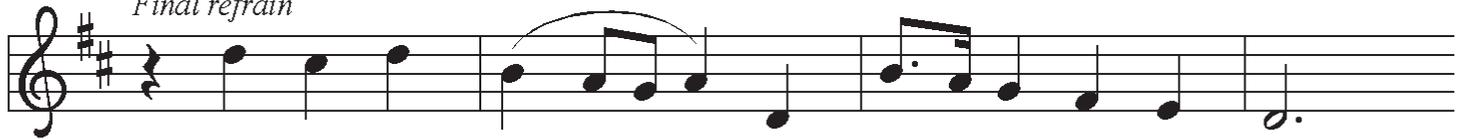


al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

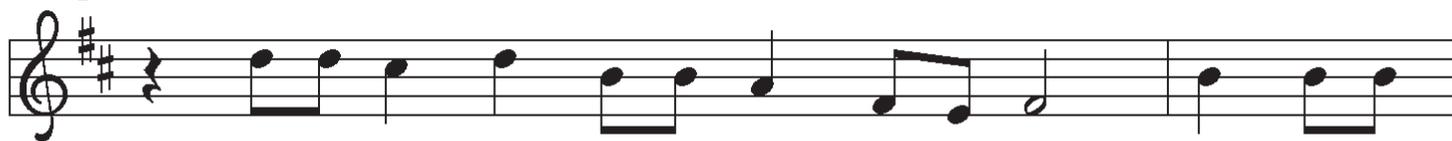


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

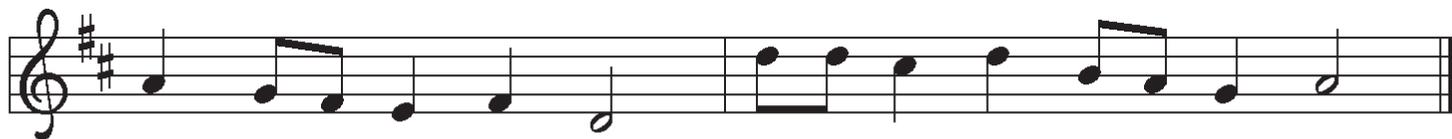


Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Hymn of the Day

What a Friend We Have in Jesus



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

My Life Flows On in Endless Song



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

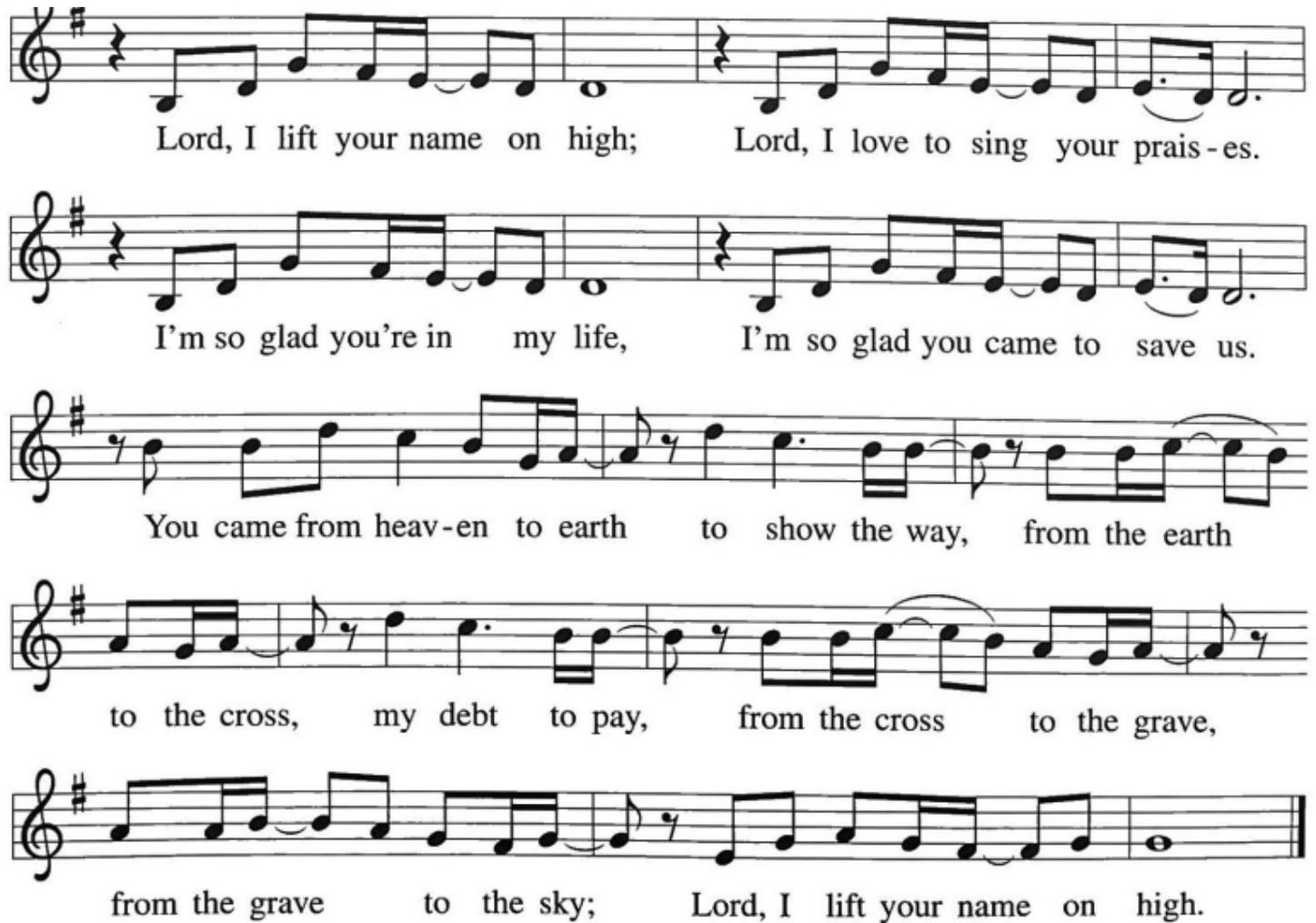


Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High



Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth
to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

Text: Rick Founds, b. 1954

Music: Rick Founds

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LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME

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Announcements, Announcements, Announcements!

Weekly Worship Opportunities:

- Tune in every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. to WJMC FM 96.1 & AM 1240
- 8:00 a.m. worship is streamed live on Bethany's website and Facebook page
- Watch on local access cable channels 992 (Charter) & 993 (Mosaic) on Sundays at 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM and Thursdays at 7:00 PM
- In person 10:00 a.m. worship on Sundays. Reserve a spot through Bethany's website under the Signups tab or contact the church office at 715-234-9028 or lhullinger@bethanyricelake.org. ***Bethany will continue to follow the county guidelines of wearing masks and physical distancing at worship and for all activities inside the building.***

Pastoral Support for Urgent Need this Friday-Sunday: Pastor Peter is out of town this weekend, May 7-9. In the case of a pastoral emergency, he has provided a number of local ministers who can provide care. In the event of a pastoral crisis, contact any of the following Bethany leaders who will make sure that pastoral care can be provided in a timely manner. Call Pam Crouse at 608-712-2684, Amy Brekke at 715-651-6991 or Dawn Paul at 715-296-2817. Friday morning you may also call the church office at 715-234-9028 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

May 12 CrossTalk - Growing into our Mission: Bethany, a Reconciling in Christ Church – Next Step

Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Bethany Sanctuary and via Zoom

Come to share; discussion will be hosted by Church Council. The CrossTalk session will focus on our Reconciling In Christ ministry: Welcome and Inclusiveness. Please add May 12 to your calendars.

Sign up for the in-person through the Signups tab on the Bethany website. For those of you preferring to attend with Zoom, please contact the office at 715-234-9028 or lhullinger@bethanyricelake.org.

Spring into the Garden! Bethany is looking for someone who wants to get their hands dirty...with soil, that is! If you are interested in working in Bethany's flower gardens, as an individual or a group, please contact Dawn Paul at 715-296-2817 or dpaul@bethanyricelake.org.

Baccalaureate: We will be celebrating Baccalaureate on Sunday, May 16! We are planning an additional special worship for graduates and their families at 11:00 a.m. Bethany members can tune in to the live stream to celebrate with them!

Confirmation: Bethany Confirmands will affirm their baptism on Sunday, May 23! We are planning an additional special 11:00 a.m. worship for confirmands and their families. Bethany members can tune in to the live stream to celebrate with them!

HYMNALS to Give Away! Help us find a home for our previous Lutheran hymnals. Available for pick up in the Narthex until May 30. Pass along the gift of music.

- Give to a music student
- Take one for your neighbor
- Add to your personal library
- Use for a music craft

Safely Regathering Task Force Update: This week's message is one of those, "Good News-Bad News" situations. The bad news is that Barron County's daily count of new Covid cases stubbornly remains in the "Accelerated Spread" category preventing us from moving from Phase 2 to Phase 3. Also, the rate of Covid vaccinations in Barron County has drastically declined leaving us at 38.4% with the first vaccination and 29.4% with completed vaccination. This is far from the needed goal of 70%.

The good news is that we now have everything needed to put this pandemic behind us. What has changed to make such an optimistic statement? The vaccine is no longer in short supply. We no longer have to scheme and plot in order to find a site to be vaccinated. The community vaccine clinic at Barron County campus, which is open from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. every Tuesday through Saturday, has the capacity to vaccinate 1,170 people each week. Last week, only 122 people took advantage of this free service!

Registration is simple, either by phone (1-844-684-1064) or online (vaccinate.wi.gov). Do you need a ride? Barron County Public Health will provide one by calling 715-537-6123. Are you homebound? Barron County Public Health will come to your home and vaccinate you, again by calling 715-537-6123. For the first time since this pandemic began, we are now in control of when we can return to normal life without restrictions. It starts with a phone call!

If you have questions, do not hesitate to reach out to one of our members or contact Mark Nymo, chair of the Safely Regathering Task Force, at nymomtn@gmail.com. Also check the COVID-19 page on Bethany's website.

From the Call Committee: The Call Committee and Council met with our Synod liaison on Monday, April 26 to review the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). The council offered input and voted to approve the profile. The MSP has been officially submitted to the Synod office and a description of the position will be posted on the ELCA website. The Synod will begin to look for candidates for us to consider that meet the leadership skills identified in the MSP.

If you know of a clergy person that you think would be a good candidate, you can email contact information and name of the candidate to lutheranbethany21@gmail.com or call Carol Hakala at 715-450-4031. This will be forwarded to the Synod and our representative will follow up with candidates. A summary of the MSP is available on the Call Committee's web page. If you have questions or comments, you can contact any of the call committee members. Exciting times!

For more information, please email lutheranbethany21@gmail.com. You can also find updates and information on the Call Committee's web page!

The Bethany WeekAhead • May 9 - 15, 2021

Sunday *Mother's Day*
9 8:00 AM Worship/Streamed Online & Radio 10:00 AM In-Person Worship/SA
Sunday School Lesson Available Online

Monday
10 11:30 AM "a Just You" Book Study/Zoom
12:00 PM Green Team/CR 6:00 PM Property Committee/Zoom
1:00 PM Quilting/QR

Tuesday
11 8:45 AM Staff Meeting/Zoom
10:30 AM Executive Committee/Zoom
12:00 PM Lunch Box/Parking Lot

Wednesday
12 6:00 PM CrossTalk with your Church Council/SA, Zoom

Thursday
13 9:30 AM Caring Community Coords/Zoom
3:00 PM Food Pantry Board/CR 7:00 PM AA/3F
5:00 PM Worship & Music/Zoom

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

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Introduction to Pastor Jennifer Hatleli: Hi, I'm Pastor Jenny and I have the honor and privilege of worshipping with you all this morning. I am originally from SoCal, (I know, what am I doing here) but love living for the past 17 years in Wisconsin! I am in my final semester at Luther Seminary and interviewing with congregations for my first call (though I have been in ministry for 15 years). I have been married to my wonderful husband, Matt, for 19 years and together we have two daughters, Emily (17) and Jenna (16). When I'm not spending time with my family or a faith community, you can find me playing in my garden. I am a re-development/mission development pastor. This means that I join congregations as we discover where God is at work in the community and together we find ways to actively engage with God's mission. I love doing this type of ministry as I feel that it is a wonderful way to be the church.

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Live Streaming: Sundays 8:00 a.m. on Bethany's website and Facebook page

Cable Broadcast: Channels 992 (Charter) & 993 (Mosaic)
Sundays 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM; Thursdays 7:00 PM

Prayer Ministry

New Prayers for Members:

Ongoing Prayers for Members: Sandie Anderson • Ray Arnevik • Red Axtell • Laif Bever • Cady Buchli • Ron Debner • Bob Gerber • Jim Hagen • Lee Haight • Kevin Jacobson • Doug Karis • Carolyn Kochel • Maci Lundequam • Alyssa McCullough • Dick Moe • Regina Mueller • Leon Mundt • Kaylee Musil • Randy Read • Shirley Stokes • Virginia Tronstad • Ray Vaughn

New Prayers for Family & Friends of Members: Bob (Roxie) Berg

Ongoing Prayers for Family & Friends of Members: Bonnie Brandt • Vanessa Gagner (Coe) • John Jaros • Clara Kern • Paul Klancher • Marianne Koser • Charlie Lawton • Mark Loehlein • Gloria Mattakat • Colin McCann • Bruce Olson • Kaye Olson • Nolan Passint • Mary Simma • Holly Thompson • Kelly White (Anderson) • Paul Wilker

Active Military Duty: Tanner Ely • Alex Kusilek • Jonathan Marsh • Ethan Nieman • Alain Pierre • Jason Randall • Abby Ring

Radio Broadcast: In Memory of Ben Jacobson by friends of the family.

Sympathy and Grief: Gail Weber and family upon the death of her mother, Francis Bauch.

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 • Randy Read • Nadyne Reiten • Janie Riggs

Congregational Leaders & Staff

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