



Bethany Lutheran Church

welcomes you to worship!

Holy Trinity

May 30, 2021

8:00 a.m.

First Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

We Gather

Prelude

Susan Barta

Welcome

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 Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"

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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

God of heaven and earth, **before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

Psalm with Sung Response

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;

worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;

the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;

the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor. R

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.

⁷The voice | of the LORD
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

⁸The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh. R

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, “Glory!”

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. R

Special Music

“New Doxology”

Mark Nymo

Reading

Romans 8:12-17

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

Message

“Saint (Sinner!) Curiosity”

Pastor Peter Muschinske

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 Music

“American Overture”

Bethany Belles, 2019

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.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

Invitation to Communion

Communion Music

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Lindsey Graff

Prayer after Communion

We Are Sent

Announcements

Blessing

Memorial Day Prayer

Moment of Silence

Sending Hymn

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

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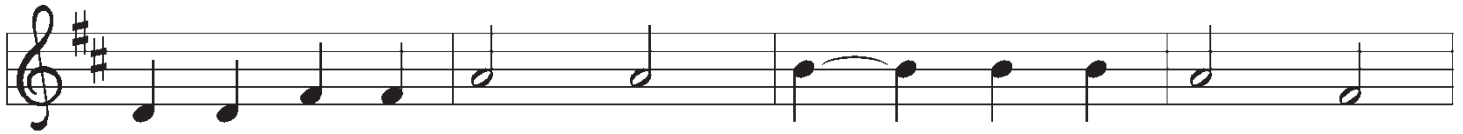
Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Susan Barta

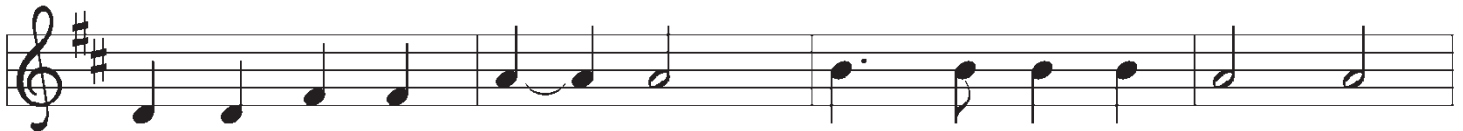
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

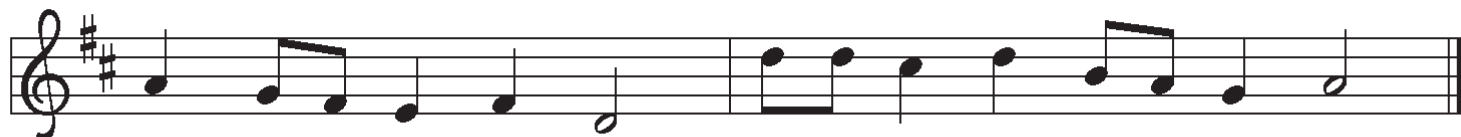


God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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.

Bless Now, O God, the Journey



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

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Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
 2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
 3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
 he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
 with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
 Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
 As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.
 Our God is march - ing on.
 while God is march - ing on.

Refrain



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

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. ***Bethany will continue to follow the county guidelines of wearing masks and physical distancing at worship and for all activities inside the building.***
- Beginning Sunday, June 6, the 10:00 a.m. worship will be held outside under a tent in Bethany's green space!

Safely Regathering Task Force Update: One of the places I most enjoy spending time is the North Shore of Lake Superior. It is a lake like no other, and that commands respect. It is both beautiful and dangerous at the same time. One needs to pay attention to surroundings and weather when on or near the lake, and have a plan for your activities there. Sometimes one needs to change their plans for the day.

Barron County's numbers have shown dramatic improvement in the past two weeks. The daily case rate has decreased from 20.8 cases/100K, to 7.9 cases/100K. The IR (infection rate) is 0.64 (well below 1) and the percent positive test rate is 3.7% (below the under 5% target. All these numbers move us closer to the goal of safely regathering. The one number that lags is our vaccination rate. We are currently at 40.8% for the first dose and 33.4% for fully vaccinated. The target has been 70% fully vaccinated to be the safest.

Covid-19 has been a virus that unfortunately "commands respect." It is dangerous and has consumed our lives this past year. We have lost 82 people to Covid in our county alone, and have had nearly 5900 cases. The good news is our numbers and surroundings are changing for the positive. Our numbers look the best they have since last October. Masking orders are changing for those that are vaccinated, but recommendations for those who are unvaccinated remain in place to continue to mask when indoors and around others. What is your plan? It is certainly normal to have fear or misgivings about a vaccine, especially when there are "stories" of how it can have certain side effects. All of our task force members with medical background, (Mark Nymo, Melissa Tomesh and Pat McCann) would be happy to listen to your concerns or hesitation should you be interested.

Feel free to contact us. Thank you all for your patience, understanding and respect you have shown others. We are seeing changes bringing us closer to what we all want, to worship together in God's love with respect for all.

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.

Luther Park Ministry Center Dedication: You are invited to the Luther Park Ministry Center dedication on Saturday, June 5 at 1:30 p.m. There is an open house from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and a lunch is being served at 12:00 p.m. Attire is camp apparel, no matter the camp! RSVP for program to info@lutherpark.org or 715-859-2215 as soon as possible.

Aquafest Parade Fun: Bethany is taking to the streets! Join us, we're marching the Aquafest Parade on June 13 at 12:30 p.m. There will be fun for all ages!

We need: Bell Ringers (Absolutely no experience needed!), people to hand out parade gifts and people to ride on the bus.

Contact Amy Brekke at 715-651-6991 or brekke.amy@gmail.com to sign up!

Lunch Box Needs You! Can you support Bethany by serving a LunchBox meal? We are in need of additional help to serve this free community meal from 12:00-1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. Any individual, group or even family that would consider taking a Tuesday LunchBox, would be very appreciated. Serving involves making a few sandwiches (20ish), including a serving of fruit or raw veggies and a cookie or two. On chosen Tuesday, the volunteers stand outside the church's Newton Street door to pass bag lunches to guests. If you would like more information, please call Carol Kohlmeyer at 715-651-3344 or Judy Jacobs at 715-832-4522! You can also sign up to serve online through the Signups tab on Bethany's website.

Flat Jesus! Summer is almost here and Flat Jesus is back! Summer is a time for lots of fun and exciting adventures: camping, travel, vacation, going to the beach, spending time with family and more. We want everyone to stay connected with their faith, church family and to remember that Jesus is with you wherever you go!

Take Flat Jesus with you this summer—everywhere you go. Take pictures of Flat Jesus on all of your adventures this summer and send us pictures and stories back to Bethany so that everyone can stay connected and enjoy hearing about one another's adventures. When sharing your Flat Jesus adventures with us include a photo, your name, and a comment about where you are, and send it to abuchli@bethanyricelake.org or share with us on Facebook.

Flat Jesus will be available in the Narthex starting on May 30. You can pick up a printed Flat Jesus and paint stick on the long table in the Narthex. Or you can print one [HERE](#) and attached to your own paint stick (or anything you choose). You can also make your own Flat Jesus.

Prayers of the People: Bethany is seeking those willing to serve as Assisting Ministers primarily to prepare and lead the Prayers of the People (or of "Intercession") for our 8:00 a.m. Sunday worship broadcast services. Please contact the office at 715-234-9028 or lhullinger@bethanyricelake.org OR sign up for a time through the Signups tab on Bethany's website.

Not sure what an Assisting Minister does or the practice of public prayers of the Church? Pastor Peter will be leading a training session for those interested in serving!

Ushers Needed: Will you support Bethany by ushering during worship? You can sign up online to usher. The signup link can also be found on the Signups tab of the Bethany website. You will be given instructions and training for your role.

Bug Safari VBS: July 19-22, 2021
5:00-5:30 p.m. - Supper available
5:30-7:15 p.m. - VBS
VBS for ages 4 y/o - 5th grade.
Volunteers needed ages 6th grade - adult.
Register online beginning June 1, 2021.

Bethany Summer Fun ~ 3 Events = 3x the fun! You are invited to a Barn Tour on June 16, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.! Come and watch ROBOTIC moms feed calves, pet the calves, climb hay bale towers and play in the corn pit. There will be yard games for all ages, music by a DJ, grilled hot dogs & fixin's and ice cream treats.

Country Fun at Four Mile Creek Calf Barn
835 13th St., Hillsdale, WI
Hosts: Jim & Audrey Kusilek
July 14 - Airplane Fun @ Cumberland Municipal Airport
August 11 - Boating & Fishing Fun on Rice Lake

Summer Worship: All are welcome to Summer Outdoor Worship on Sundays, June 6 through September 5 at 10:00 a.m. Bring a chair and meet us under the tent! Ushers will be available to help with wheelchairs and walkers. Church restrooms will be open. In the event of bad weather, worship will move to the Sanctuary.

Thank you Bethany Trust Fund for the generous gift allowing the Worship & Music Team to create an outdoor space for worship and to gather. With this gift we were able to rent a durable tent and purchase six picnic tables. The tent will remain up for the entire summer and is open to any group of Bethany for use. Simply call Leah in the church office at 715-234-9028 to reserve the outdoor space as you would any other room in the church.

Thank you Trust Fund in bringing our ministry outside and into the community!

Live Music (x5!) 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. We think you deserve a mid-week break, so let us treat you to a pizza and some live music on Wednesdays, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

June 9: Adam Bever and Jake Arnold
June 23: Resurrection String Band
July 7: Bethany Brass
August 4: Jake Donze
August 18: Bethany's PRAISE!

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

The Green Team is Collecting Again: The Green Team is once again collecting gently used shoes for Sole-4Souls, used AA, AAA, C, D and 9-volt batteries 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 90% cotton. The second new collection is cork. It must be real, not synthetic cork.

The Bethany Week Ahead • May 30 - June 5, 2021

Sunday
30 8:00 AM Worship/Streamed Online & Radio
10:00 AM In-Person Worship/SA

Monday
31 *Memorial Day / Office Closed*

Tuesday
1 8:45 AM Staff Meeting/Zoom
12:00 PM Lunch Box/Parking Lot

Wednesday
2

Thursday
3 7:00 PM AA/3F

Friday
4

Saturday
5

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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Sundays 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM; Thursdays 7:00 PM

Prayer Ministry

New Prayers for Members:

Ongoing Prayers for Members: Marie Anderson • 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:

Ongoing Prayers for Family & Friends of Members: Bob (Roxie) Berg • Bonnie Brandt • Matt Dahl • 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 • Paul Rindsig • Mary Simma • Nick Sovacool • Holly Thompson • Ingvold Tronstad • 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 Edie Giese by Elizabeth Circle.

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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