



Bethany Lutheran Church

welcomes you to worship!

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021

8:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Susan Barta

Welcome

Call to Worship

We've come to worship, to sing and pray and hear God's Word, because:

God's love lasts forever!

Even when God seems far away, we know:

God's love lasts forever!

Even when nothing is going right, and we're ready to give up, we know:

God's love lasts forever!

When people treat us badly, we know:

God's love lasts forever!

When we're all alone, and we feel like no one loves us, we know:

God's love lasts forever!

Let's worship God together!

~ Christine Longhurst, re: Worship

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

"He Came to Set Us Free"

He came to set us free; to set us free; to
set us free from op-pression. He came to set us free; to
set us free; to set us free from op-pression.
To bring good news to the poor in the world. To grant re -
lease to the cap - tives in the world. To re - store sight to the blind
To break the chains of sin that hold us tight. To con - quer
death so that all may have new life. To be our light in our dark -
ness in the world. We are cap - tured by the world; cap - tured by the world. He came to
ness like the night. We are cap - tured by the night; cap - tured by the night. He came to

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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 the covenant, **in our baptism you free us from sin and death and call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully exercise our freedom for the sake of this world you so love. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Psalm

Psalm 107:1-9

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

²Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those he redeemed from trouble

³and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

⁴Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;

⁵hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.

⁶Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress;

⁷he led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.

⁸Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.

⁹For he satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

Special Music

“Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone”

Anakah Denison,
Lainie Tomesh, Sarah Buchli

Reading

Galatians 4:4-7; 5:1

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

^{5:1}For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

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

Children’s Moment

Angie Buchli

Gospel Acclamation

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines”

ACS 1087



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be. A - men.

Text: Paul M. Vasile, b. 1976, based on the Gloria Patri
Music: GLORY TO GOD (VASILE), Paul M. Vasile
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Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1; 16-20; 29-34; 40-45

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

⁴⁰A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, “If you choose, you can make me clean.” ⁴¹Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, “I do choose. Be made clean!” ⁴²Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. ⁴³After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, ⁴⁴saying to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.” ⁴⁵But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

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

Message

Pastor Peter Muschinske

Hymn of the Day

“Oh, Praise the Gracious Power”

ELW 651

1 Oh, praise the gracious pow'r
that tumbles walls of fear
and gathers in one house of faith
all strangers far and near:

Refrain

We praise you, Christ!
Your cross has made us one!

2 Oh, praise persistent truth
that opens fisted minds
and eases from their anxious clutch
the prejudice that blinds: *Refrain*

5 Oh, praise the tide of grace
that laps at ev'ry shore
with visions of a world at peace,
no longer bled by war: *Refrain*

7 Oh, praise the living Christ
with faith's bright songful voice!
Announce the gospel to the world
and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

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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.

Offering

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Offering Hymn

"This Is My Song"

ELW 887

1 This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
myself I give you; let your will be done.

2 My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

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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 Hymn

"Who Am I"

Sarah Buchli, Lainie Tomesh
Anakah Denison

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

ELW 888

- 1 O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain:
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.
- 2 O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life:
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and ev'ry gain divine.

- 3 O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears:
America! America!
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859-1929

Dismissal

Go now, and wherever people will hear you, proclaim the life-changing love of God. Do not fear your weakness, for when you are weakest, Christ's strength is known. Travel lightly, live simply, and honour those who welcome the gospel.

And may God be your protection and safe haven; May the power of Christ Jesus dwell in you; and may the Holy Spirit be your guide forever.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Susan Barta

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 under the tent in Bethany's green space!
- If you are fully vaccinated, masks are optional inside Bethany's building. We ask that those who are NOT fully vaccinated to please continue to wear their masks indoors.

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, July 7!

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.

July 7: Bethany Brass

August 4: Jake Donze

August 18: Bethany's PRAISE!

New Study Group: A new study group, Courageous Conversations for the Curious (formerly A JUST You), begins the week of July 12. We will read and discuss *The Space Between Us – How Jesus Teaches Us to Live Together When Politics and Religion Pulls Us Apart* by Sarah Bauer Anderson. Please contact Bea Evans at beaevans2@gmail.com or 262-565-3327 if you are interested in participating. Four study sessions, lasting an hour each, are anticipated. Individuals expressing interest will be asked to complete a survey to determine a meeting time that works for the majority of the group.

Bethany Summer Fun ~ 3 Events = 3x the fun!

Join us @ the Cumberland Municipal Airport
Wednesday, July 14 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Airplane display ~ Drone & Remote Control Airplane demonstration ~ Bethany Convertible Club display ~ Visit by Civil Air Patrol and Life Link ~ Live Music by the Songsmiths ~ Games ~ Louie's Hotdogs ~ & More!

Need a ride? Call the church office at 715-234-9028 and we will help with transportation.

Summer Fun Event Coming Up:

August 11 - Boating & Fishing Fun on Rice Lake

French Fry Booth: Summer is upon us and it is almost time for our Bethany French Fry Booth at the Barron County Fair, July 14-18. This is an awesome fundraiser for our youth activities such as our summer trips and especially the ELCA Youth Gatherings every three years. We rely on our middle school youth, high school youth and Bethany family to help staff our French Fry Booth. Please consider signing up to work a shift.

Each shift is three hours and needs four people. One of those four has to be an adult. We also need help the Monday and/or Tuesday before the fair (July 12-13) to clean the booth and get it ready, and again after the fair, July 19-20, to clean up the booth for the winter.

This is our biggest youth activity fund-raiser each year bringing in over \$5,000 annually. It helps fund youth activities, ELCA Youth Gatherings and alternating high school mission trips. Please consider helping us out.

This is a great way to support Bethany's youth!

The signup can also be found on the Signups tab of Bethany's website!

Bug Safari VBS: July 19-22, 2021

5:00-5:30 p.m. - Supper available

5:30-7:15 p.m. - VBS Programming

VBS is for ages 4 years old - 5th grade.

Volunteers needed ages 6th grade - adult.



Participant
Registration



Volunteer
Registration

The registration link is also on Bethany's home page.

Flat Jesus! Summer is 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 is available in the Narthex. You can pick up a printed Flat Jesus and paint stick or you can print one HERE and attach to your own paint stick (or anything you choose). You can also make your own Flat Jesus.

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

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!

Follow Along with Worship: The Sunday bulletins are available here, on Bethany’s website homepage and archived on our bulletin publications page! We invite you to print a copy or follow along on your device with our order of service.

The Bethany Week Ahead • July 4 - 10, 2021

Sunday **Independence Day**
4 8:00 AM Worship/Streamed Online & Radio
 10:00 AM In-Person Worship/GS

Monday **Independence Day Observed**
5 **Office Closed**

Tuesday 8:45 AM Staff Meeting/Zoom
6 12:00 PM Lunch Box/Parking Lot

Wednesday
7 6:00 PM Music Under the Tent/GS

Thursday 9:30 AM Caring Community Coordinators/Zoom
8 5:00 PM Worship & Music/Zoom
 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

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Live Radio Broadcast: Sundays 8:00 a.m.
WJMC 96.1 FM & 1240 AM

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

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: Bonnie Dahl • Donna Grilley • Sharon Peterson • Cole Rindsig

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 • Leon Mundt • Kaylee Musil • Whitney (Passint) Prestby • Shirley Stokes • Virginia Tronstad • Ray Vaughn

New Prayers for Family & Friends of Members:

Ongoing Prayers for Family & Friends of Members: Bob (Roxie) Berg • Matt Dahl • Vanessa Gagner (Coe) • John Jaros • Felecia Keleven • Clara Kern • Paul Klancher • Charlie Lawton • Mark Loehlein • Gloria Mattakat • Troy Miller • Bruce Olson • Kaye Olson • Paul Rindsig • Mary Simma • 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

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 • Regina Mueller • Randy Read • Janie Riggs

Congregational Leaders & Staff

Ministers: All Members • **Ministry Team:** Peter Muschinske, *Interim Pastor* • **Director of Education, Youth & Congregational Ministries:** Angie Buchli • **Interim Director of Music, Worship & Congregational Engagement:** Amy Brekke • **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