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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JULY 11, 2021 – 9:00 AM

Prelude: *"Für Elise"* - Beethoven

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Gathering Song: *"Shine Like the Sun"*

Screen

Prayer of the Day

First Reading

Amos 7:7-15

Psalm 85:8-13

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel Acclamation: *"Alleluia, Lord"*

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Gospel

Mark 6:14-29

Children's Message & Sermon

Deacon Lynn Egesdal

Hymn of the Day: *"Jesu, Jesu"*

ELW #708

The Apostles' Creed and the Prayers of the Church

Offering: *"Canon in D"* - Pachelbel

Offertory: *"We Are An Offering"*

ELW 692

The Great Thanksgiving, the Words of Institution and the Lord's Prayer

Communion Music:

"Lamb of God"

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"Prelude #1" - Bach

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn: *"God Be With You"*

ELW #536, vv. 1 & 3

Postlude: *"Victor's Piano Solo"* - Danny Elfman

♪ Worship Notes ♪

Welcome to worship! Thank you for joining us today— here at Bethany and in our livestream to homes near and far away. It is our hope that each and every one of you experience the love of Christ this morning and His presence during our worship service today.

We are in the season after Pentecost. The liturgical color for this season is green (it is also used for the season of Epiphany). Green is the color of vegetation, living things and the promise of new life. As we speak of Pentecost Sunday as the “birth of the Church,” so the lengthy Pentecost season reflects the life and growth of the Church.

Our service includes Holy Communion. All who seek Christ’s true presence promised to us through the bread and wine, body and blood, are welcome and invited to commune.

Our worship leader today is: Deacon Lynn Egesdal. A special thank you to Zoey Metcalf for providing our worship music while Elina is away. Many thanks to our worship volunteers:

Greeter: Jaci Schreier

Reader: Kirby Schmidt

Communion Assistants: Twila Henning, Francis Hiemstra

Ushers: Kirk & Sue Andersen

PRAYER CONCERNS

Health Concerns:

Gerald Koester, LaVonne Kramer, Linda Kunzmann,

Kim McCune, Marsha Nelson, Elaine Sorenson;

Ed Duffney (*Lloyd Duffney’s son*);

Lawrence Johnson (*Susan Rohan’s father*)

Jackie Braunschweig (*Lynn Egesdal’s sister-in-law*)

Ruth Peterson (*Kristin Bensen’s grandmother*)

Those who mourn:

The family of Joel Meyer (*Marilyn Meyer’s son*)

The family of Mike Syvertson (*John Syvertson’s brother*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE Pastor Jeff will be away from the office through July 12. If the need for pastoral care should arise, contact the church office at 262-2327 during office hours (*Mon-Thurs, 9:00am-4:00pm; Friday, 8:30am-12:30pm*). For after-hours emergency care, please contact Deacon Lynn Egesdal (712) 299-2570.

“WOW” TIME FOR THE KIDDOS We had our first “WOW Time” session this past week and it sounded like the kids were having fun! There are still a few openings for the upcoming Wednesdays in July. Sessions are from 9:00-11:30am for kids aged 4 years through Grade 6. Log on to our website (www.bethluthspencer.com) to see more details and find a link to get the kiddos signed up!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL All are welcome at Lost Island Lutheran Church’s annual Ice Cream Social happening on Sunday, July 11 from 4-7pm. They are serving maidrites, pie and ice cream. Come for supper and stay afterward for an organ recital by Glenn Henriksen in the Sanctuary from 5-7pm. Lost Island Church is located at 3797 310th Street in rural Graettinger. Find directions at LostIslandLutheranChurch.com.

GOD’S MASTERPIECE WORKSHOPS Has the last year left you feeling in a rut, trying to work your way out? Creativity can stir your inner being into a new outlook and awareness – often found in some of the simplest things. Let your creativity flow at one of the God's Masterpiece Workshops coming up on Saturdays in July at The Way Station (register on our website):

- Saturday, July 10, 9am – Plaster Animals
- Saturday, July 17, 2pm – Matchbox Storybook
- Saturday, July 24, 10am – Flower Creations

FUN & FELLOWSHIP On Thursday, July 15 we will gather at 9am and work together to decorate the Sanctuary with quilts and prepare a display to show a sampling of the kits for the blessing service on Sunday, July 18. Then, in the following couple weeks we will work to box up items, weigh them and prepare them for shipping. On Saturday, August 7, the boxes will be transported to Southpark Mall and loaded on the truck for delivery to the LWR warehouse in South St. Paul, MN. If you would like to help with any of these efforts, please reach out to Sandi Schmidt for details.

YOU CAN HELP July presents lots of opportunities to help with various ministries at Bethany – you can help deliver meals on wheels, present a short program at Longhouse/Northshire Homes, share a ride to church, or donate prizes for BINGO at St. Luke. For more information, look at the Welcome Center or refer to the JULY Bethany Herald or call the church (262-2327).

CHRISTMAS AT BETHANY It may be the beginning of summer, but it is time to start planning for Christmas at Bethany – yes, it is happening! Mark December 11 on your calendar & start working on those crafts and planning your baking! We will meet on Thursday, July 15 at 6pm in the parlor to start the planning process. Young and old, all are welcome to help with this Bethany tradition!!!

UDMO FOOD PANTRY Bethany is helping combat hunger in our community. The food pantry at the Upper Des Moines Outreach Center (UDMO) here in Spencer is a local resource for individuals and families in need. Items most needed at this time are: macaroni & cheese mixes, pasta, hamburger helper, canned fruits and vegetables and soup. Look for a collection basket in the north foyer or near the Welcome Center and leave your donations there. Also, UDMO is seeking volunteers to pick up donations from HyVee and Walmart on Monday mornings between 7:30 and 8:00am and substitutes for other days. Volunteers picking up at Walmart will need a large SUV or truck. Interested parties should contact Dawn Dahm at UDMO, 262-7409.

CALENDAR:

Sunday, July 11

- 9:00 am Worship followed by fellowship time
- 4:00 pm Lost Island Lutheran Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, July 13

- 5:00 pm Service Rebroadcast-SMU Channel
- 6:00 pm Faith in Action Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 14

- 7:45 am Foster Care Review Board
- 9:00 am WOW Time for the Kiddos
- 9:30 am Bible Study and Prayer Group
- 10:00 am Service Rebroadcast-SMU Channel 2

Thursday, July 15

- 9:00 am Fun & Fellowship Decorating Day
- 6:00 pm Christmas at Bethany Planning Meeting

Saturday, July 17

- 7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study (In person & via Zoom)
- 2:00 pm God's Masterpiece Workshop: Matchbook Storybook

Sunday, July 18

Confirmation Camp Week through July 23

- 9:00 am Worship with Blessing of Kits & Quilts, followed by fellowship time