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**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JULY 18, 2021 – 9:00 AM**

Prelude: *"He Hideth My Soul"* – Lloyd Larson

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Gathering Song: *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"* ELW 611

Prayer of the Day

First Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 23

Second Reading Ephesians 2:11-22

Gospel Acclamation: *"Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet"*

Gospel Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Children's Message Deacon Lynn Egesdal

Sermon Pastor Jeff Geiger

Hymn of the Day: *"Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"* ELW 777, vv. 1, 2, 5

Blessing of Kits and Quilts

The Apostles' Creed and Prayers of the Church

Offering: *"Blessed Assurance"* - Larry Shackley

Offertory: *"We Are an Offering"* ELW 692

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

Communion Music: *"Lamb of God"* ELW Setting 8, p. 191  
*"At the Table"* – Brian Gibson

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn: *"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"* ELW 545

Postlude: *"Love Lifted Me"* – Jina Park

## ♪ 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.

Today’s worship service includes a special dedication and blessing of kits and quilts that our Fun & Fellowship ladies have sewn and assembled for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) missions. Over this past year their labor of love, along with the generous donations of many, has yielded many quilts and kits that will be loaded on to an LWR truck on Saturday, August 7 and delivered to the warehouse in St. Paul, MN. From there, items will be distributed around the world, providing basic necessities to those living in adverse conditions, like refugee camps and poverty-stressed regions and in the wake of natural disasters. Thanks be to God!

Our service also 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.

Today’s worship leaders are: Pastor Jeff Geiger, Deacon Lynn Egesdal and Elina Leander Ozolins. Many thanks to our worship volunteers:

Greeter & Reader: Susan Geiger

Communion Assistants: Jody Vollmer, Sue Boblit

Ushers: Kirby & Sandi Schmidt

### **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 Mike Syvertson (*John Syvertson’s brother*)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**“WOW” TIME FOR THE KIDDOS** Our weekly on Wednesday sessions have been well attended and a big hit with the kids. 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. For more details and to find a sign up link, log on to our website ([www.bethluthspencer.com](http://www.bethluthspencer.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 17, 2pm – Matchbox Storybook
- Saturday, July 24, 10am – Flower Creations

**YOU CAN HELP** July presents lots of opportunities to help with various ministries at Bethany – you can help present a short program for Friday Fellowship 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.

**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.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LLOYD SENNE** A memorial service for Lloyd Theodore Senne will be held here at Bethany on Saturday, July 24 at 2pm. Lloyd passed away on Thursday, February 4, 2021. All are welcome to attend this service of remembrance.

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE & POTLUCK BRUNCH** Don’t forget about our upcoming outdoor worship service next Sunday, July 25 at 9:00am at the East Leach Park Band Shell. A potluck brunch will follow the service. Bring your own table service and food to share. Beverages will be provided. During brunch we will be having some important conversation about Bethany’s mission statement. Your input is greatly appreciated. Please plan to join us!! In the case of rain, all activities will be held at the church.

**WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY** Join your sisters in Christ at Bethany for a Bible study in the church parlor on Monday, July 26 at 10am. In the study, "Just Truth", we will travel with Paul on the road to Damascus and experience his life-changing transformation. We will also take a closer look at how our Savior chose to share difficult truths with God's people, and will witness his boldness in speaking truth to power. Look for copies of the Bible study, available at the Welcome Center!

**MOBILE FOOD PANTRY** On Tuesday, August 3, from 4-6pm, the Spencer Seventh Day Adventist Church (1910-10th Ave E) will partner with Food Bank of Iowa to offer a mobile food pantry. This is free/open to the public, targeting individuals in need of food assistance. Participants are reminded that COVID-19 protocols are in place: please remain in your car and follow traffic directions. Volunteers will load the food into your trunk. Masks are optional. If you are interested in helping as a volunteer to load food (pre-boxed, about 20+ lbs) or direct traffic, please call Joan at 712-262-5213. For more information on the Spencer Mobile Food Pantry, call Spencer Seventh Day Adventist Church 262-5766/262-5213 or email: [spencerda@imsda.org](mailto:spencerda@imsda.org). Please help to get the word out! Thank you!

## **CALENDAR:**

### Sunday, July 18

*Confirmation Camp Week through July 23*

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

### Tuesday, July 20

5:00 pm   Service Rebroadcast-SMU Channel  
6:00 pm   Church Council Meeting

### Wednesday, July 21 - Eblast Bimonthly edition

9:00 am   WOW Time for the Kiddos  
9:30 am   Bible Study and Prayer Group  
12:00 pm   Pastors Text Study  
10:00 am   Service Rebroadcast-SMU Channel 2

### Saturday, July 24

7:30 am   Men of Bethany Bible Study (In person & via Zoom)  
10:00 am   God's Masterpiece Workshop: Flower Creations  
2:00 pm   Lloyd Senne Memorial Service

### Sunday, July 25

9:00 am   Outdoor Worship Service at East Leach Park Band Shell  
10:00 am   Potluck Brunch Picnic at East Leach Park Gazebo with discussion on the  
              development of Bethany's mission statement.