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A Christ-centered family who serves by sharing God's love and hope with all.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Thank you for coming to our outdoor worship service or joining via livestream to homes near and far away! A special welcome to visitors joining us for the baptisms today. It is our hope that you experience the love of Christ this morning and His presence during our worship service!

We have entered the Season of Pentecost, also known as “Ordinary Time”. The liturgical color for the Season of Pentecost 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.



Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!”—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life. (Sundays and Seasons v.20220712.1013 Copyright © 2022 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.)

Baptized today are: Brayton Robbins, Bryzon Robbins and Ayden Lidman, children of Karisa Robbins; Hugo Manzano, Cualli Manzano, Stella Manzano and Lileelin Manzano, children of Hugo Manzano and Jennifer Jones. Baptismal sponsors include: Danny & Candy Huber, Ron & Lucille Huber, Lois Christians, Madison Carpenter and Morgan Carpenter. The roses on the altar are to honor the newly baptized and may be taken home by their families.

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.

Worship leaders are: Pastor Jeff Geiger, Deacon Lynn Egesdal and Elina Leander Ozolins. Many thanks to our worship volunteers: Sue Boblit, reader; Kirby Schmidt, usher; Twila Henning and Mary Marske, communion servers.

PRELUDE: "Standing on the Promises" Ralph Long

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: "All Are Welcome"

Chorus:

All are welcome, friend and stranger at the banquet of the Savior
All are welcome, all are welcome here.

From the woman who comes crying leaving tears at Jesus feet

To the man who knows the right way but cannot see (Chorus)

From the ones who feel forgotten those who sense their place is gone

To the ones who live in hunger, here you belong (Chorus)

Go into the streets and cities to the farms and families

Tell about the splendid table God's mercy (Chorus)

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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15

Read responsively

P: Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

C: Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;

P: they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

C: In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

P: They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes
against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:15-28

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

R: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet"

Refrain only

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (repeat)

GOSPEL**Luke 10:38-42**P: The Holy Gospel according to.... C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Deacon Lynn Egesdal

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Geiger

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Borning Cry"

ELW 732, all

"I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise."

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HOLY BAPTISMS:

Brayton Robbins, Bryzon Robbins, Ayden Lidman
Hugo Manzano, Cualli Manzano, Stella Manzano, Lileelin Manzano

BAPTISM SONG: "Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so!

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: L: Lord in your mercy. C: Hear our prayer.

OFFERING: "Love Lifted Me Up" Jina Park

OFFERTORY: "We Are an Offering"

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We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands, Lord use our lives they are yours,
we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You,
we are an offering, we are an offering.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

*All who seek Christ's true presence promised to us through the bread and wine,
body and blood, are welcome and invited to commune. Communion today is served with
individual cups. If you did not receive one and would like to take communion, please speak
with an usher. Following the Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer you will be instructed
on how and when to open your packet that contains a wafer and grape juice.*

COMMUNION MUSIC: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" C. E. Walz

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Refrain

Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. *Repeat*

Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger. *Refrain*

Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel. *Refrain*

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DISMISSAL

P: (We are) A Christ centered family who serves

C: By Sharing God's love and hope with all.

POSTLUDE: "Blessed Assurance" Larry Shackley

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Health Concerns:

Lloyd Duffney, Mary Rose Hemme, Donna Jones, Gerald Koester,
Doug Marske, Steve Salts, Marv & Ethel Schmidt, Jason Van Ampting, Skip Vanderpool
Angela Gillespie (*Elina Leander Ozolin's niece*); Ed Duffney (*Lloyd Duffney's son*)
Sheila King (*Tim Youngdahl, Lyle Youngdahl & Brenda Miller's sister*)
Karen Aasgaard (*Val Van Ampting's sister-in-law, former member*)

Those who mourn (the families of):

Marilyn Meyer
Beverly Walstrom
Jack Lyster (Jill Meyer's brother)

Thanksgiving:

Ryan & Cayla Sundall on the birth of a new baby boy, Lucas Dean, born 7/14, joinin
big sister Sydney at home. Grandparents at Bethany are Mike & Lynn Egesdal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP TIME Sundays after worship are a great time to chat over a cup of coffee and sweet treat. Meet new friends, catch up with old ones. All are welcome for coffee, goodies and lively conversation.

ADULT FORUM Pastor Jeff's adult forum on Luther's Small Catechism concludes today. YOU are encouraged to join the conversation! Grab some goodies and come to the Archive Room on the lower level of the church, starting at about 10:15!

WHAT IS YOUR WHY? As the Church Council reviews Strategic Planning Committee current and long-term goals, they are looking for your input. *What is your Why?* for being here at Bethany Lutheran Church. You are encouraged to share your "why" at 8:45am today.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS Greeters, readers, ushers, communion servers – these people are vital to providing a smooth running and enjoyable worship service. Please consider serving as a worship volunteer! Look for sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center or sign up online at Sign-up Genius. Find the links to sheets on our website under the "News" tab. Thank you!

WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY Join your sisters in Christ at Bethany for a Bible study in the church parlor on Wednesday, July 27 at 10:40am. This session "Crafted in Christ, Quilt cutting and piecing," explores how our lives and Christian communities come together into a cohesive whole, including people of all shapes and sizes, abilities and talents. Look for copies of the study at the Welcome Center.

2ND ANNUAL HEART OF BBQ The Western Iowa Synod is hosting this event to support the Fund for the Future: Feeding Hungry Bodies & Souls, A Day of Food, Fun and Faith on Saturday, July 30, 2022 at Four County Fairgrounds in Dunlap. Gates open at Noon – Dinner at 5:30 PM (Roast Pork & Sides \$15/plate \$30/family. Buy a treat at the Dessert Auction, stay and play games, enjoy music, compete in the Bags/Cornhole tournament. All are welcome! Find more details at: www.wisynod.org.

QUILT AUCTION Ingham-Okoboji's 34th annual quilt auction weekend is coming up August 5 & 6. There are lots of activities planned including the traditional Scandinavian feast, a concert, 5K walk-run, and of course the quilt auction. Log on to: www.okoboji.org/quilt for details.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK The Spencer Daybreakers Kiwanis is holding a "Touch-A-Truck" event at the Clay County Events Center parking lot on Saturday, August 13 from 10am to 1pm. The cost to attend is \$10 per family. This family-friendly fun and educational event features numerous vehicles on display, including firetrucks, law enforcement vehicles, race cars, construction and farm equipment. All proceeds from the event support Kiwanis projects.

THE WAY STATION invites you to join them at upcoming events – for inspiration and fun! Several creativity workshops are being offered in July and August! And, a back-to-school Luau Party is set for August 18! All are welcome. For more information, speak with Deacon Lynn.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Bethany Lutheran Church,

I am sincerely honored to have been selected as a recipient of this scholarship. Thank you for your generosity, as this will help me fund my college journey. I plan to attend Iowa Lakes in the fall, majoring in either business or engineering. I greatly appreciate all of your support throughout the years.

Thanks again, Cole DeVlaeminck

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 17

- 8:45 am What's Your Why?
- 9:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Fellowship Time; Adult Forum on Small Catechism

Tuesday, July 19

- 6:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, July 20 - Eblast – Check your email

- 9:30 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

Thursday, July 21

- 9:00 am Confirmation Leader Meeting
- 10:15 am Youth Leader Gathering
- 10:45 am Meals on Wheels, pick up at the Spencer Area Activity (Senior) Center
- 7:00 pm Mutual Ministry Meeting

Friday, July 22

- 10:45 am Meals on Wheels, pick up at the Spencer Area Activity (Senior) Center
- 2:30 pm Friday Fellowship at Longhouse

Saturday, July 23

- 7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study (in person & via ZOOM)
- 1:00 pm Baby Shower (parlor)

Sunday, July 24

- 9:00 am Worship; Mission Trip Blessing & Send-off;
Blessing and Sending of Lutheran World Relief Kits & Quilts
- 10:15 am Fellowship Time

*NOTE-Worship is rebroadcast on SMU CH #2: Tuesday-5pm, Wednesday-10am
or can be found on You Tube (search Bethany Lutheran Church, Spencer IA)*

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Order for Holy Baptism

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

— Mark 10:13-16

PRESENTATION

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of holy baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us up to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture them in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support them and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

Response: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: 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 into hell. 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: 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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah & his family and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.:

All: Amen. Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

Let us pray...

We give you thanks, O God, that through the water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin and raise them to eternal life. Sustain them with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Children of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

WELCOME

Jesus said, I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Let us welcome the newly baptized:

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Bethany Milestone Ministry presents the faith chests following the baptism.