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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JULY 24, 2022–9:00AM

Prelude: *"This is My Father's World"* arr. Larry Shackley

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn: *"My Life Flows on in Endless Song"* ELW 763, vv. 1, 2, 4

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Scripture Readings: Genesis 18:20-32, Psalm 138, Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

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

Gospel Luke 11:1-13

Children's Message Pr. Jeff

Sermon Pastor Jeff Geiger

Hymn of the Day: *"Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright"* ELW 745, vv. 4-5

Blessing of the Quilts Screen

The Apostles' Creed and The Prayers of the Church

Offering: *"Hyfrydol"* arr. John Purifoy Mary Hugen, flute

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

Offertory Prayer

Holy Communion: Great Thanksgiving, Words of Institution, Lord's Prayer, Distribution

Communion Music: *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"* arr. C. E. Walz

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer and Benediction

Sending Hymn: *"As Rain from the Clouds"* ELW 508, v. 3

Postlude: *"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"* Oliver Holden; arr. Cindy Berry

## ♪ Worship Notes ♪

Welcome to worship! Thank you for joining us for worship here at Bethany or 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.

A special welcome to visitors— please sign the guest book in the Narthex. Everyone please sign the Fellowship Pad in your pew. These can help you get to know the others in your pew and they can help us to keep in touch with you. Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available. If you would benefit from either of these, please speak with an usher.

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.

Worship leaders are: Pastor Jeff Geiger and Elina Leander Ozolins. Many thanks to our worship volunteers:

Greeter, Reader, Usher: Judy Hiemstra;

Communion servers: Janet Keck, Mary Hugen, Francis Hiemstra

### PRAYER CONCERNS

#### Health Concerns:

Kirk Andersen, Lloyd Duffney, Mary Rose Hemme, Donna Jones, Gerald Koester

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*)

#### Those who mourn (the families of):

Beverly Walstrom

Jack Lyster (*Jill Meyer’s brother*)

Carol Koehlmoos (*Lindsey Baxter’s grandmother*)

#### Thanksgiving:

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

Baptized at Bethany July 17: Braydon & Bryzon Robbins, Ayden Lidman,

Hugo, Cualli, Stella and Lileelin Manzano

## 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 downstairs, starting at about 10:15!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** Join your sisters in Christ 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 & sizes, abilities and talents. Copies available at the Welcome Center.

**QUILT AUCTION** Ingham-Okoboji's 35th 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](http://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. And, The Way Station is in need of more items for their food pantry. Items that can make a complete meal would be greatly appreciated. Frozen food can also be given as they have some freezer space. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Mark your calendars! August 21st we will have worship on the lawn with our back to school backpack blessing and a cookout afterward, grilling hamburgers and hot dogs, and enjoying a meal together. More details to come.

**CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS** Two council seats are open at this time and we are seeking people to fill these positions. The term would be from now through January, 2023. If you are interested and able to help, please contact Russ Wright at 346-8913 or call the church office 262-2327.

**GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. PRE-FAIR PAINTING!!** Painters needed!! Jeremy and Allen from the fairgrounds have asked if Bethany has people willing and able to paint prior to the fair. If able to help please let Deacon Lynn know as soon as possible. All ages welcome!

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION COURSE** Deb Mechler is offering an eight-week course for adults based on Henri Nouwen's book *Spiritual Formation: Following the Movements of the Spirit*. Participants will follow readings and try spiritual practices each week to deepen their relationship with God. Sessions will be held Monday nights in the church parlor August 15 through October 10. Order a copy of the book online. Contact Deb at 260-3286 if you have questions or need assistance. Minimum of five students, maximum of twelve. Sign up soon!

**COMMITTEES LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL HELP!** Bethany's Faith in Action Committee and Parish Education Committee are both looking for additional members to help do the work of the church. If interested in either of these committees please tell Pastor Jeff or 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 24

8:45 am Milwaukee Mission Trip send-off

9:00 am Worship-Blessing & Sending of LWR mission kits & quilts

10:15 am Fellowship Time; Adult Forum on Small Catechism

#### Tuesday, July 26

6:00 pm Gnomes Crafting Workshop (at The Way Station)

#### Wednesday, July 27

9:30 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

10:40 am Women's Bible Study (parlor)

#### Thursday, July 28

10:45 am Meals on Wheels-pick up at the Spencer Activity Center

#### Friday, July 29

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2:30 pm Friday Fellowship at Longhouse

#### Saturday, July 30

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study (in person & via ZOOM)

2:00 pm Western IA Synod's Heart of BBQ Fund for the Future Fundraiser (Dunlap)

#### Sunday, July 31

9:00 am Worship

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)*