

PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Health Concerns

Kirk Andersen, Cindy Heiter, Liz Vulk, Sylvia Moore,
Steve McAllister, Jill Meyer, Donna Jones, Lee Youde
Kevin Vaudt (Steve & Rhonda Salts son-in-law)
Deb Albert (Cheri Klemme's sister)
DeAnna Bensen (Bill Bensen's mother)
LuAnn Becker (Bob Becker's sister), Nora Zehrug (Jaci Schrier's cousin),
Kiki Marske (Doug and Mary Marske's sister-in-law),
Sue Burg (Liz Essick's cousin), Bibi Sangho (Deb Mechler's friend),
Shannon VanDaalen (Lois Becker's sister-in-law),

Those Who Mourn

The family of Bill Burgeson (brother-in-law of Jill Meyer; his daughters
are Michelle and Natalie)

Other Prayer Requests

Bethany Lutheran's Call Process

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 20th Pentecost 6 - no communion

9:00 am Worship followed by Fellowship

Tuesday, July 22nd

4:00 pm Planning Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 23rd

9:30 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

Saturday, July 26th

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

Sunday, July 27th Pentecost 7- Summer Worship led by Pastor Jen Henry

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion, Baptism, and "Sending"
Prayers

10:45 am Maidrites for Brunch/Lunch – Dining Hall Downstairs



ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

If you would like to give online to support the ministries of
Bethany Lutheran Church,
scan this code for giving page on our website.

Worship is rebroadcast on SMU CH #2:

Tuesday-5pm, Wednesday-10am

or can be found on YouTube® (Search Bethany Lutheran Church, Spencer)



A Christ-centered family who serves by sharing God's love and hope with all.
15 West 14th Street, Spencer, IA 51301 www.bethluthspencer.com
PENTECOST 6 – July 20, 2025 – 9:00 A.M.

Prelude: *"Speak, O Lord"* - Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
Arrangement by Mary McDonald

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Hymn: *"Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak"* vv. 1 & 4 ELW #676

Prayer of the Day

First Reading Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalm Psalm 15

Second Reading Colossians 1:15-28

Gospel Acclamation: *"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"* v. 1 ELW #519

Gospel Luke 10:38-42

Message Denise Kramer Tolzmann

Hymn of the Day: *"For All the Faithful Women"* vv. 1, 7, last ELW #419

Prayers of Intercession: God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Offerings

Offertory Hymn: *"God, Be the Love to Search & Keep Me"* vv. 1, 4, 5 ACS #1084

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer for Forgiveness

Assurance of Pardon

Sending Hymn: *"O Savior, Precious Savior"* vv. 1 & 4 ELW #820

Postlude: *Postlude on "Faithfulness"* Music by Douglas E. Wagner

WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome to worship at Bethany Lutheran Church! It is our hope that you experience the love of Christ and His presence during our worship service this morning. If you are visiting today, please sign the guest book in the narthex. All who seek Christ's true presence promised to us through the bread and wine, body and blood, are welcome and invited to commune. 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! Please be sure to mark this if you partake in Holy Communion. Thank you for filling out the Fellowship Pad! Large- print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available. If you benefit from either of these, please speak with an usher.

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.20240130.1140 Copyright © 2025 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.)

Please take this bulletin home with you as a reference for this week's calendar of events, as a reminder of Bethany family and friends to keep in your prayers, and for other useful information.

Today's worship leaders are:

Denise Kramer Tolzmann & Elina Leander Ozolins, pianist-organist

Many thanks to our worship volunteers:

Greeter: Janet Keck

Reader: Judy Hiemstra

Ushers: Kent Baker & Francis Hiemstra

Count: Francis Hiemstra

Fellowship Hosts: Dale & Sandi Witt

Everyone in the Audio/Visual Booth



"You are worried and distracted by many things."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP will be after worship in the parlor. This gathering time is a great time to chat over a cup of coffee and sweet treat. Meet new friends or catch up with old ones. All are welcome for fellowship and lively conversation! May this time of sharing in Christ's love be a blessing to us all. Hope to see you there!

JULY WORSHIP – Summer is flying by but things are not slowing down at Bethany! Many hints have been dropped about the Summer Fun Worship on July 27th – hopefully, you've already circled the date on your calendar! Two people will be commissioned for a mission trip to Tanzania in August by someone who has also visited Tanzania – Rev. Jennifer Henry! (We rejoice in Bethany's long-term commitment to these missions.) Learn more about companionship in a lively worship service with special music and lessons. We'll also have a Baptism and Holy Communion! There will be a brief intermission (bubbles might be involved! – "you never know what's going to happen at Bethany"!) giving children - and adults - a chance to move about before maidrites for brunch/lunch around 10:45! All activities will be held indoors so we don't have to worry about heat, rain, ants, or creepy crawlers! It will be a fun morning – let's 'pack the pews' like it's 'Christmas in July'!!

Speaking of -'**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**' – Thanks goes out to everyone who helped with VBS this year! There were many great helpers of a variety of ages to assist the children in a meaningful experience. Special thanks to Sue Boblit for coordinating with First Congregational Church.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS - If you are interested in sharing a special piece of music over the final summer months please contact Elina Leander Ozolins.

"CHRISTIAN WOMEN SPEAK" is a radio program that airs on KICD-AM 1240 at 7:50 am each Sunday morning. Last year "Christian Women Speak" celebrated its 75th anniversary since its first broadcast was in October of 1949!! Speakers from *many* area churches take to the air waves sharing the "Good News" through this program. Might you be interested in helping with these efforts? If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please call the church office or speak with Denise. Thank you! Tune in on August 3rd, September 21st, as well as November 2nd to listen to women from your Bethany family.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the upcoming months of August and September. Sign-up at the Welcome Center!