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PENTECOST 8 – August 3, 2025 – 9:00 A.M.

Prelude: *"No, Not One"* Arrangement by Mary McDonald

Tune: HARPER MEMORIAL by George C. Hugg

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Opening Hymn: *"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"*

ELW #393

Greeting

Kyrie: *"Have Mercy on Us, Lord"*

ELW pg. 203

Prayer of the Day

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Psalms

Psalms 49:1-12

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

Gospel Acclamation: *"Alleluia! Lord and Savior"*

ELW pg. 205

Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

Sermon

Pastor Erma Wolf

Hymn of the Day: *"Be Thou My Vision"*

ELW #793

Apostles' Creed

ELW pg. 105

Prayers of Intercession:

God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

Share the Peace

Offerings: *"All Things Bright and Beautiful"* Arrangement by Mark Hayes

Tune: ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL by William Henry Monk

Offertory Prayer

Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving **ELW pg. 206**, *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* **ELW pg. 207**,

Words of Institution, Lord's Prayer **ELW pg. 208**, Communion Song -

"Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world" **ELW pg. 208**, Distribution

Communion Music: *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

Traditional Spiritual, Arrangement by Lloyd Larson

Post Communion Prayer and Blessing

Sending Hymn: *"We Know That Christ is Raised"*

ELW #449

Postlude: *Postlude on "Hyfrydol"* Arrangement by David Lasky

Tune: HYFRYDOL by Rowland Huw Pritchard

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.

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word. (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:

Pastor Erma Wolf & Elina Leander Ozolins, pianist-organist

Many thanks to our worship volunteers:

Greeter: Rhonda Salts

Reader: Judy Hiemstra

Communion servers: Onalee Wright, Mary Marske, and Jody Vollmer

Ushers: Kent Baker & Francis Hiemstra

Count: Connie Heien

Fellowship Hosts: Kirby & Sandi Schmidt

Everyone in the Audio/Visual Booth

Worship is rebroadcast on SMU CH #2:

Tuesday-5pm, Wednesday-10am

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

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!

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS - If you are interested in sharing a special piece of music over the final month of summer please contact Elina Leander Ozolins. Bethany Bells practices on Wednesdays at 4 pm and choir rehearsal is at 5:00 pm in the summer.

"CHRISTIAN WOMEN SPEAK" is a radio program that airs on KICD-AM 1240 at 7:50 am each Sunday morning. This 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 September 21st, as well as November 2nd to listen to women from your Bethany family. And, thank you to Reve Deb Mechler who provided this morning's program!

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the upcoming month of September. There are also a few August openings! Sign-up at the Welcome Center!

BFFFF'S (Bethany Fun & Fellowship, Food & Friends) will meet at THE DOCK in the North Mall for a dutch-treat lunch on Wednesday, August 6th at 11:30 am. Ladies, come join in this relaxing, fun-filled fellowship lunch. All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

"CHRISTMAS AT BETHANY" planning will be in full swing beginning August 12th at 4 pm. Please join the the Faith in Action meeting as they discuss what this year's event looks like! This beloved tradition of cheer & hospitality takes many volunteers to be successful. *We need everyone's input, and willingness to help.*

FUN & FELLOWSHIP will meet August 14th at 9 am. Join in the fun as they lovingly create beautiful quilts to be sent off to those in need across the world. These ladies meet once a month on the 2nd Thursday. *In order to keep these gals busy there is **a continuous need for cotton fabrics of all colors and patterns!***

PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Health Concerns

Kirk Andersen, Cindy Heiter, Liz Vulk, Sylvia Moore, Don Moore,
Corrine Dahl, 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),

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Baptism of Walker Steven Rusk

Those Who Mourn

The family of Buzz Butler (husband of Dee Butler)
The family of David Lee (son of Betty Lee)

Other Prayer Requests

Bethany Lutheran's Call Process

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 3 Pentecost 8

7:50 am KICD "Christian Women Speaks" Broadcast featuring
Rev. Deb Mechler

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion followed by Fellowship

Wednesday, August 6th

9:30 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

11:30 am BFFFF's Lunch at The Dock, North Mall

4:00 pm Bethany Bells Rehearsal

5:00 pm Bethany Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 7th

4:00 pm Caring Friends

Saturday, August 9th

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

Sunday, August 10th Pentecost 9

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion and baptisms

10:15 am Fellowship



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