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**PENTECOST 10 – August 17, 2025 – 9:00 A.M.**

Prelude: *"Be Still My Soul"* Tune: FINLANDIA by Jean Sibelius, arr. by Joel Raney  
Performed by Bethany Bells

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Opening Hymn: *"How Firm a Foundation"* ELW #796

Greeting

Kyrie ELW pg. 203

Prayer of the Day

First Reading Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalms Psalm 82

Second Reading Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2

Gospel Acclamation: *"Alleluia! Lord and Savior"* ELW pg. 205

Gospel Luke 12:49-56

Sermon Pastor Erma Wolf

Hymn of the Day: *"If God My Lord be For Me"* ELW #788

Prayers of Intercession: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Share the Peace

Offerings: *"All Creatures of Our God and King"* Arrangement by Linda R. Lamb  
Performed by Bethany Bells

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**

Communion Music: *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"* by Mark Hayes,  
Tune: Morecambe by Frederic C. Atkinson

Post Communion Prayer and Blessing

Sending Hymn: “*God of Grace and God of Glory*”

ELW #705

Postlude: “*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*” Stephen Aber,

Tune: SHOWALTER by Anthony J. Showalter

## 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!

**BACKPACK BLESSING** Back to school is right around the corner! Bring your backpack to church on August 24th for special prayers and a milestone token!

**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.

**FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION CLASS** scheduling is in the *process of being finalized*. Classes will begin after the “Clay County Fair”. Watch for details to come!

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for the upcoming month of September. Sign-up at the Welcome Center!

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

**BIBLE STUDIES** are held on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM and on Saturdays at 7:30 AM. Each group studies the lessons for the upcoming Sunday.

**TRAVEL TO TANZANIA** If you were traveling to an East African country for three weeks, what would you hope to learn from the people there? Please write your thoughts/ideas/questions below and leave the bulletin in the recycle basket!

## 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.

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." (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: Jan Keck

Reader: Kirby Schmidt

Communion servers: Onalee Wright, Twila Henning, Kirby Schmidt, and Jody Vollmer

Ushers: Kent Baker

Count: Sue Boblit

Fellowship Hosts: Jim & Jan Keck

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)*

## **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),

### Those Who Mourn

Family of Dick & Polly Phillips (brother & sister-in-law of Donna Jones)

### Prayers of Thanksgiving

Baptism of Landon and Lennox Joynt

### Other Prayer Requests

Bethany Lutheran's Call Process

The four people traveling to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania in Aug-Sept – pray for safe travels, good health, meaningful experiences with siblings in Christ halfway around the globe!

## **CALENDAR**

### Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> - Pentecost 10

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

10:15 am Fellowship

### Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm Church Council

### Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

4:00 pm Bethany Bells Rehearsal

### Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

### Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> Pentecost 11

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

10:15 am Fellowship



### **ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE**

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