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PENTECOST 12 – August 31, 2025 – 9:00 A.M.

Prelude: *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"* Music by William M. Runyan
Arrangement by Joel Raney, Piano Duet Elina Leander Ozolins with Deb Melcher

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Opening Hymn: *"God is Here!"* ELW #522

Greeting

Kyrie ELW pg. 203

Prayer of the Day

First Reading Proverbs 25:6-7

Psalm Psalm 112

Second Reading Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

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

Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-17

Sermon Pastor Erma Wolf

Hymn of the Day: *"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"* ELW #551

Baptism of Wesley Guy Falline

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

Share the Peace

Offerings: *"Let All Things Now Living"* Arrangement by Douglas E. Wagner
Tune: ASH GROVE, Traditional Welsh

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: *"I Know Whom I Have Believed"*

Arrangement by Lloyd Larson, Tune: EL NATHAN by James McGranahan

Post Communion Prayer

Affirmation of Christian Vocation

ELW pg. 84

Blessing

Sending Hymn: *"Oh Christ the Same"*

WOV #778

Postlude: *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"* Arrangement by Lloyd Larson,

Tune: ASSURANCE, by Phoebe P. Knapp

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.

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still. (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: Danny & Candi Huber; Reader: Judy Hiemstra

Communion servers: Onalee Wright, Candi Huber, Lucille Huber, and Jody Vollmer

Ushers: Kent Baker & Francis Hiemstra

Count: Francis Hiemstra

Fellowship Hosts: Dale & Sandi Witt

Everyone in the Audio/Visual Booth

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 joining the talented and dedicated musicians of Bethany Bells or Bethany's Choir talk with Elina Ozolins. Bell rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 4pm and Choir will meet every other week at 6pm beginning on September 17th. We hope some new musicians and voices can join us!

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION CLASS Kidz Time will start on Sunday, September 28th. We are excited that the Ministry team from Lutheran Lakeside will again be leading Kidz Time, we look forward to welcoming them back. We will be scheduling a meeting of the confirmation students and their parents after the fair. Watch your email for more information. We look forward to seeing everyone!

BETHANY LUTHERN CHURCH OFFICE HOURS will change slightly as the school year begins and *all three* of Elizabeth's children begin school! The Bethany office will continue to be open Tuesday through Friday with office hours of 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Thank you for your prayer support as I move into this new season of life.

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

FUN & FELLOWSHIP Mark your calendar the upcoming month of September, Fun & Fellowship will postpone quilting a week (September 18th) due to the Clay County Fair taking place September 6th through the 14th. 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.



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.

PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Health Concerns

Kirk Andersen, Cindy Heiter, Liz Vulk, Sylvia Moore, Don Moore, Steve McAllister, Jill Meyer, Donna Jones, Lee Youde
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 Wesley Guy Falline

Those Who Mourn

Family of Richard (Dick) Schmidt

Other Prayer Requests

Bethany Lutheran's Call Process

The four people working with 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 31st Pentecost 12

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

10:15 am Fellowship

Tuesday, September 2nd

4:00 pm St Luke Auxiliary Meeting

Wednesday, September 3rd

9:30 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

4:00 pm Bethany Bells Rehearsal

Thursday, September 4th

4:00 pm Caring Friends

Saturday, September 6th

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

Sunday, September 7th Pentecost 13

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

10:15 am Fellowship

Worship is rebroadcast on SMU CH #2:

Tuesday-5pm, Wednesday-10am

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