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**PENTECOST 13 – September 7, 2025 – 9:00 A.M.**

Prelude: *"At the Name of Jesus"* arrangement by Douglas E. Wagner  
Tune: ZUNDEL by John Zundel

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Opening Hymn: *"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"* vv. 1, 3, 4 ELW #335

Greeting

Canticle of Praise *"Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs"* ELW #847

Prayer of the Day

First Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm Psalm 1

Second Reading Philemon 1-21

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

Gospel Luke 14:25-33

Sermon Pastor Erma Wolf

Hymn of the Day: *"Will You Come and Follow Me"* vv. 1, 2, 4, 5 ELW #798

Apostles' Creed

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

Share the Peace

Offerings: *"Take My Life, That I May Be"* vv. 1, 3, 4 ELW #583

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: *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"* vv. 1, 2, 4 ELW #810

## Post Communion Prayer and Blessing

Sending Hymn: *"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"*

ELW #808

Postlude: *"Go Ye Into the World"* composed by John Turner

## 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.

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own. (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: Russ & Onalee Wright; Reader: Judy Hiemstra

Communion servers: Onalee Wright and Mary Marske

Usher: Kent Baker

Count: Sue Boblit

Fellowship Hosts: Judy Hiemstra

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!

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

**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 4 p.m. and Choir will meet every other week at 6pm beginning on September 17<sup>th</sup>. We hope some new musicians and voices can join us! *Mark your calendars for Handel's "The Messiah" rehearsals beginning October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church.*

**RALLY DAY** will take place Sunday, September 21st, 2025. We are making plans to welcome back kids to Sunday School and confirmation. Bibles will be given to the 3rd grade kids on Rally Sunday. Please plan to join us. *(Kids and families). WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE!*

**FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL** 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.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** will also begin after the fair. A meeting of the confirmation students and their parents will be scheduled in the coming weeks. Watch your email for more information. We look forward to seeing you!

**ONLINE DISCUSSION GROUP** This fall you can participate or listen in on seven online discussion sessions based on Krista Tippett's "Hope Portal" series. Tippett is the award-winning NPR host of the OnBeing podcast who interviews authors, artists, scientists, poets, etc. on the spirituality of being human together. Deb Mechler will facilitate the sessions on Sunday nights, October 5-November 16, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Please contact her at

[dsmechler@gmail.com](mailto:dsmechler@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom and Hope Portal links before October 2.

## **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

### Other Prayer Requests

Bethany Lutheran's Call Process

Denise Kramer Tolzmann currently working with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania – pray for safe travels, good health, and meaningful experiences with siblings in Christ halfway around the globe!

## **CALENDAR**

### Sunday, September 7th Pentecost 13

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

10:15 am Fellowship

### Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

### Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

### Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> Pentecost 14

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

10:15 am Fellowship



### **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 IA)*