



A Christ-centered family who serves by sharing God's love and hope with all.
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PENTECOST 15 – September 21, 2025 – 9:00 A.M.

Prelude: *"I Will Trust"* composed by Ruth Elaine Schram

Tunes: I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN and I WILL TRUST, both American Spirituals

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Opening Hymn: *"Son of God, Eternal Savior"* ELW #655

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

First Reading Amos 8:4-7

Psalm Psalm 113

Second Reading I Timothy 2:1-7

Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders Milestone Ministries

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

Gospel Luke 16:1-13

Sermon Pastor Erma Wolf

Hymn of the Day: *"Let Streams of Living Justice"* ELW #710

Apostles' Creed

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

Share the Peace

Offerings: *"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"* arrangement by Lloyd Larson

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: *"Mercy, Wide and Deep"* arranged by Ruth Elaine Schram

Tune: WELLESLEY by Lizzie S. Tourjee, Tune: CANTERBURY by Orlando Gibbons

Post Communion Prayer and Blessing

Sending Hymn: *"Rise Up, O Saints of God"*

ELW #669

Postlude: *"Saints Bound for Heaven"* arrangement by Lloyd Larson

Tune: BOUND FOR HEAVEN by J. King and William Walker

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.

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need. (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: Kirk & Sue Andersen; Reader: Sue Boblit

Communion servers: Onalee Wright, Jody Vollmer, and Sue Boblit

Usher: Kent Baker

Count: Francis Hiemstra

Fellowship Hosts: Kirby and Sandi Schmidt

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!

RALLY DAY will take place TODAY. We are excited to WELCOME kids back Sunday Kidz Time and Confirmation this year. Please plan to join us today after worship. (Kids and families). WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE!

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 at 4 pm on Wednesdays and Choir will meet at 6pm at First Congregational Church. We hope some new musicians and voices can join us! *Mark your calendars for Handel's "Messiah" rehearsals beginning October 19th at 6:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church.*

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL Kidz Time will start next Sunday, September 28th. We are excited that the Ministry team from Lutheran Lakeside will again be leading Kidz Time. Bethany looks forward to welcoming them back!

CONFIRMATION MEETING will be **Wednesday, September 24th at 6 pm.** Confirmation class is a time for students to learn more about the Bible, Small Catechism and about their own faith life. We will have a parent and student meeting for all 7th and 8th grade students, along with the 9th grade students that will be confirmed in October. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss what the plans are for the upcoming church year, and what we will expect of the students. We are also looking to start youth group up again. Lynn Egesdal will be leading confirmation this year, and youth group. All are encouraged to attend, if you have a conflict please let Sue Boblit know and we can arrange to meet at a time convenient to you. -Lynn Egesdal and Sue Boblit (sdboblit@gmail.com)

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, 6-7:30 p.m. Please contact her at dsmechler@gmail.com to receive the Zoom and Hope Portal links before October 2.

ROOM AT THE TABLE Bethany has helped raise funds to cover the cost of milk for elementary kids for many years. There are milk cans in the narthex where you can drop your donations to help with this. We make sure that all kids are able to receive milk. Thank you all for your donations over the years. -Faith in Action Team

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)

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 21st Pentecost 15

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

10:15 am Fellowship

10:15 am Rally Day Activities

Wednesday, September 24th

9:30 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

4:00 pm Confirmation Meeting

Saturday, September 27th

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

Sunday, September 28th Pentecost 16

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion followed by Fellowship

10:15 am Fellowship

10:15 am Sunday Kidz



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)