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PENTECOST 19 – October 19, 2025 – 9:00 A.M.

Prelude: *"Day By Day"* arrangement by Lloyd Larson,
Tune: BLOTT EN DAG by Oscar Ahnfelt

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Opening Hymn: *"Day By Day"* ELW #790

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

First Reading Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm Psalm 121

Second Reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

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

Gospel Luke 18:1-8

Sermon Pastor Erma Wolf

Hymn of the Day: *"There is a Longing in Our Hearts"* ACS #1087

Apostles' Creed

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

Share the Peace

Offerings: *"Love Lifted Me"* arrangement Ruth Elaine Schram,
Tune: SAFETY by Howard E. Smith

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: *"Give Me Jesus"* arrangement by Sandra Eithun,
Early American Spiritual

Post Communion Prayer and Blessing

Sending Hymn: *"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"*

ELW #769

Postlude: *"To God Be the Glory"* arrangement by Lloyd Larson,

Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY, Composed by William H. Doane

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.

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed. (Sundays and Seasons v.20240130.1140 Copyright © 2025 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.)

The liturgical color for the season of Pentecost is green. Green is the color of vegetation, living things and the promise of new life. It is used for the Seasons of Epiphany and Pentecost. As we speak of Pentecost Sunday as the "birth of the Church," so the lengthy Pentecost season reflects the life and growth of the Church.

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: Sue Metcalf; Reader: Kirby Schmidt

Usher: Kent Baker, Count: Sue Boblit

Communion Servers: Onalee Wright, Twilla Henning, Mary Marske, & Jody Volmer

Acolyte: Aleyah Falline,

Fellowship Hosts: Kirby & 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. 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!

NEXT SUNDAY is Reformation Sunday and Confirmation Sunday. **WEAR RED!** Remember Brecken in your prayers as he affirms his baptism and professes his faith.

UDMU FOOD PANTRY Bring food and hygiene items to Bethany. A basket is near the Welcome Center. We will deliver them to the pantry. Thank you all for supporting this ministry! Your gifts truly do make a difference in our community. Please see the list posted around the church of needed items.

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL - the weekly Kidz Time - continues today after worship! We are excited that the ministry team from Lutheran Lakeside is leading Kidz Time.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES are **Wednesday evenings at 6 pm**. Confirmation class is a time for students to learn more about the Bible, Small Catechism, and about their own faith life.

THE SPENCER MESSIAH BOARD will be presenting "Selections from Handel's Messiah" with on Sunday, Dec. 7th at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Spencer. *Rehearsals for Handel's "Messiah" are on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church.*

OCTOBER'S ST LUKE RESIDENT BIRTHDAY PARTY will take place on tomorrow, October 20th. It is Bethany Lutheran Church's turn to help out with this event. Join us at 2:30 to party!

BFFFF'S (Bethany Fun & Fellowship, Food & Friends) will meet at THE DOCK in the North Mall for a dutch-treat lunch on Wednesday, October 22nd at 11:30 am. Ladies, come join in this relaxing, fun-filled fellowship lunch. All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

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

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, Donna Jones, Jill Meyer, Steve McAllister, Sylvia Moore, Don Moore, Jaci Schrier, Liz Vulk
Deb Albert (Cheri Klemme's sister), DeAnna Bensen (Bill Bensen's mother), LuAnn Becker (Bob Becker's sister), Bill Boblit (brother of Tom Boblit), Kiki Marske (Doug and Mary Marske's sister-in-law), Sue Burg (Liz Essick's cousin), Shannon VanDaalen (Lois Becker's sister-in-law), and Rebecca Wolf (daughter of Revs. Erma & John Wolf)

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 19th Pentecost 19

- 9:00 am Worship followed by Fellowship Time
- 10:15 am Sunday Kidz
- 6:00 pm "Messiah" Rehearsal at Sacred Heart
- 6:00 pm "Hope Portal" Online Discussion Group

Monday, October 20th

- 2:30 pm St Luke Resident Birthday Party

Tuesday, October 21st

- 4:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 22nd

- 9:30 am Bible Study & Prayer Group
- 11:30 am BFFFF's at The Dock
- 4:00 pm Bethany Bells Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Confirmation Class

Saturday, October 25th

- 7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study
- 10:00 am WISWO Fall Retreat at Lakeside Lutheran in Spirit Lake

Sunday, October 26th Reformation Sunday and Confirmation

- 9:00 am Worship followed by Fellowship Time
- 10:15 am Sunday Kidz
- 6:00 pm "Messiah" Rehearsal at Sacred Heart
- 6:00 pm "Hope Portal" Online Discussion Group



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.