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Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 10, 2026 – 9:00 AM

Prelude: "A Mother's Care" Tracey Craig McKibben

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness **ELW pg.94**

Gathering Hymn: "Come Thou Almighty King" **ELW #408**

Canticle of Praise: "Glory to God in the Highest" **ELW pg. 138**

Prayer of the Day

First Reading Acts 17:22-31

Psalms (read responsively) Psalm 66:8-20

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:13-22

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go?" **ELW pg. 142**

Gospel John 14:15-21

Sermon Pr. Erma Wolf

Hymn of the Day: "Come Down Oh Love Divine" **ELW #804**

Senior Recognition

Prayers of Intercession Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Offerings Received: "For the Beauty of the Earth"
Tune: DIX by Conrad Kocher

Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving ELW pg. 144, "Holy, Holy, Holy" ELW pg. 144,
Words of Institution, Lord's Prayer ELW pg. 145, Communion Song -
"Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world" ELW pg. 146, Distribution

Communion Music: "Children of the Heavenly Father" with "Day by Day"
Jonathan W. Lee, Tunes: TRYGGARA by Kan Ingen Vara,
Swedish Folk Melody BLOTT EN DAG by Oscar Ahnfelt

Post Communion Prayer & Blessing

Sending Hymn: "Oh Sing to the Lord" **ELW #822**

Dismissal

Postlude: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Tom Fettke

Tunes: HYFRYDOL and BEECHER by Rowland Prichard

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. Everyone please sign the Fellowship Pad in your pew.

Large-print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available. If you benefit from either of these, please speak with an usher.

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world. (Sundays and Seasons v.20240130.1140 Copyright © 2026 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.

Each worship service comes together through the help of many people. Please consider being a worship volunteer. Find schedules at the Welcome Center and help fill in the blanks. Thank you for volunteering!

Today's worship leaders are:

Pr. Erma Wolf & Elina Leander Ozolins, pianist-organist

Many thanks to our worship volunteers:

Greeters: Rhonda Salts; Reader: Sub Boblit

Communion Servers: Onalee Wright, Jaci Schreier, and Jody Vollmer

Usher: Kent Baker;

Fellowship Hosts: Kirby & Sandi Schmidt

Count: Francis 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. All are welcome for fellowship and lively conversation! Hope to see you there!

SUNDAY KIDZ TIME All children from kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to join Hunter, Kyle, Scott, Autumn or whoever comes from Lutheran Lakeside Camp for our last KIDZ TIME at 10:15 today. Come join in the fun! All are welcome.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY available free of charge on Thursday, May 14th from 4-6 pm at Spencer Seventh-day Adventist Church located at 1910 10th Avenue East here in Spencer. Volunteers will register you and direct you where to go.

Volunteers are also needed. Please come help if you are able. Volunteers are asked to meet at the church between 3 and 3:30 pm. Thank you to all those who help. If you have any questions please contact Eddie Luke at 402-432-7759.

BABY BOTTLE MONEY COLLECTION for the Cherish Center continues and will wrap up at the end of the month on May 31. Talk with Candy or grab a bottle from near the welcome center.

RED GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST We invite you to share a geranium to decorate the sanctuary on Pentecost Sunday, May 24. You may take them home after the service that day. The cost is \$6.00 each. See the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center.

FLAGFEST OUTREACH On Saturday, June 12th, Bethany Lutheran Church will host a God's Work, Our Hands hospitality outreach event for the community members watching the Flagfest parade on our lawn. Join the Faith in Action planning meeting on Tuesday, May 12 at 4 pm in the church parlor. If you'd like to be a part of this activity, please come to this meeting!

UDMO FOOD PANTRY Bring food and hygiene items to Bethany – we'll deliver to UDMO. Not sure what to get/give? Get a shopping list at the Welcome Center.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BETHANY SENIORS Maddie McWhirther, Ryan Reardon, and Mikalah Prickett as they graduate High School and begin the next steps in their pilgrimage of life. Let us thank God for their presence in our congregation as well as ask Him to grant them the peace of Christ as they move through this busy season and conclude this chapter of their lives.

VBS! Mark your calendars for the evenings of July 6-8 as Bethany will be partnering with First Congregational Church, and also joining us is Grace United Methodist Church for Vacation Bible School. Watch for the registration link coming your way soon!

PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Kirk Andersen, Sylvia Moore, Liz Vulk, Lee Youde,
Greg Manwarren, Judy Hiemstra,
Carlos Barreta (Rita Storm's grandson-in-law)
Lois Sanchez (Deb Mechler's sister),
DeAnna Bensen (Bill Bensen's mother),
Michael Olsen (Kristin Bensen's uncle),
Jerry Faulkner (Tammy Nighwonger's brother),
Lucille Faulkner (Tammy Nighwonger's sister-in-law),
Tara Nighswonger (Tammy Nighwonger's daughter),
Aaron Sweet (Tammy Nishwonger's stepbrother)
Peace in All Nations

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 10 – Sixth Sunday after Easter

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion followed by Fellowship

10:15 am Final Week of Sunday Kidz

Tuesday, May 12

4:00 pm Faith In Action Flagfest Meeting – *please join us!!*

Wednesday, May 13

9:30 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

Thursday, May 14

9:00 am Quilt Gang

Saturday, May 16

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study (in person & via ZOOM)

Sunday, May 17 – Seven Sunday after Easter

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion followed by 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)