

Bethel Lutheran Church

June 7, 2026



**THE
SECOND
SUNDAY
AFTER
PENTECOST**

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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“Holy Communion Setting Ten”

**Congregation Stands*

Congregation responses in bold

WELCOME

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “Have No Fear Little Flock” by Hildebrand

***BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love. **Amen.**

*Gathering Hymn “Morning Has Broken” intro by Wagner ELW #556

Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune
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*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

First Reading

Hosea 5:15-6:6

A reading from the fifth chapter of Hosea

¹⁵ I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor:

^{6:1} “Come, let us return to the LORD, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up.² After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.³ Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.”

⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light.⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50: 7-15

Congregation will read responsively

⁷ “Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

⁸ **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.**

⁹ I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats from your pens;

¹⁰ **for all the wild animals of the forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**

¹¹ I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine.

¹² **If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

¹³ Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴ Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.

¹⁵ Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

A reading from the fourth chapter of Romans.

¹³ The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³ Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.



*Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Kara Thurston

Sermon

Dr. Peggy Terhune

*Hymn of the Day

“There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy”

ELW #588

Intro by Sims

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

***Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession**

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy. Ground us in following Christ, that we might extend the mercy we receive.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, all you have made is yours. Revive lands in need of healing and make us wise stewards of all you have given us to tend.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, you promise to deliver those who call on you. Bring an end to conflict, bigotry, and injustice in all their forms wherever they are found.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, you provide for those in need. Bring an end to addiction.
Comfort people as they mourn. Provide tenderly for those in need (*especially*).
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of blessings, you send the Holy Spirit to provide varieties of gifts in the body of Christ. Accompany those who travel this summer, make our gatherings joyous, and grant us a spirit of hospitality and togetherness.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, we give you thanks for saints whose lives revealed your faithfulness.
May remembering their faithfulness strengthen our own.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

*Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say "Peace be with you" or similar words.

The assembly is seated

Offering

Anthem "We Come to Your for Healing Lord" by Schram Adult Choir

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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***Offertory Prayer** Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

**It is right to give our thanks
and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***Words of Institution**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying; This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

***Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

***Communion Music**

“Come Ye Disconsolate” by Jones

“Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

ELW #488

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur -
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and



haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's splen - dor,
glad - ly greet him. There he stands al - read - y knock - ing;
pass - ing won - der that the bread of life is bound - less
dear - est trea - sure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing,



there with joy your prais - es ren - der. Bless the one whose grace un -
quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing, o - pen wide the fast - closed
though the souls it feeds are count - less; with the choic - est wine of
joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing: hum - bly now, I bow be -



bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed; Christ, though heav' - n - ly,
por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal: "Come, and leave your
heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious
fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you; wor - thi - ly let



high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."
con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
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*Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*Postlude

***Our worship service has ended.
Our worship through service begins.***

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HOMEBOUND/HOSPITAL/NURSING HOME

Betty Shuping	Home of Daughter, 336-513-4035
Katrina Kurfees	Home of Daughter,
Linda Plummer	Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab., Memory Unit
Peggy Swicegood	Continue prayers
Carolyn Hicks	Continue prayers
Marcia Miller	Continue prayers
Eric & Dawn Leach	Continue prayers
Danny Norman	Continue prayers (brother of Ellen Webb)
Judy Kennerly	Continue prayers
Robert & Gathel Meachem	Brookdale, Room 34, 2201 Statesville Blvd.
Cody McDowell	Continue prayers
Eddie Rabon	Recovering at his home
Carolyn Hicks	NH Rowan Medical Center

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome everyone to Bethel Lutheran Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship and bid a special welcome to guests in our midst. May you find peace, comfort, strength, and hope as our Lord comes to us in his word. Please take a moment to register your attendance by signing your name to the fellowship pad as it is passed on each pew.

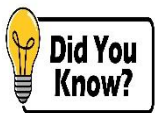
Today, we will celebrate Holy Communion and wish to share the following with you. Holy Communion is offered to all baptized believers, regardless of denomination or home church. Lutherans believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the meal we call Holy Communion. (ELCA.FAQ) in the principal service of Christian worship, the Holy Spirit gathers people around the means of grace – the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of communion where Jesus Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and to care for those in need. (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 2006)

Here at Bethel Lutheran Church:

- The ushers will direct you forward to the communion table. If you prefer to receive communion in your seat, simply share your wish with one of the ushers.
- You are not required to kneel and may be more comfortable standing.
- Grape juice is offered in the center of each tray. (The majority of the cups contain wine).
- After you have communed, the pastor will dismiss your table.
- Children who have not received communion training are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing.

The Eternal Flame for June is given to the Glory of God by Mike and Monica Raney in loving memory of Monica's mother, grandmother, and "the girls".

The Church Council will meet on Sunday, June 21st at 8:30 a.m. instead of the previously scheduled date of June 14th. Council members, please note this change.



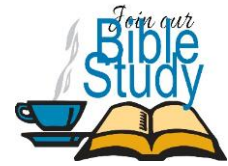
There is a Sunday School class from 9:00 until 9:30! It is designed to accommodate the choir members because we could not go to Sunday School and Choir. Our material was purchased from Cokesbury and is titled Adult Bible Studies. Everyone has a book which they can read/study with commentary. Like all bible studies the more you study the more you are blessed. However, not even reading before class does not mean you will not be blessed. You will be blessed. Books for the summer have already been purchased and are available in the choir room. If you have any questions, call Jerry Trier (804) 586-9606.

Laura's Children's Closet will be open on Saturday, June 20th from 10 a.m. until noon. Please share this with anyone who has need.



The Blessing Box continues to be a steady source of activity.
Please remember this outreach when you're grocery shopping for your family.

A Lectionary study led by Scott Parrish on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. will continue. Previously reported ending in May will not happen.



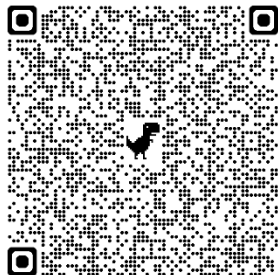
On July 11, from 10-2:00, we will have a summer Bible Camp.

Adults, meeting from 10-12 will begin a bible study of Galatians, using the text Galatians His Kingdom Forever. You can choose to come just to Bible camp, or can plan to continue the study which will resume in August, both during the day and virtually. Young kids will have a special program for them from 10-12. School age children will have a different program, or join the adult study. Teens are encouraged to join the adult study. Books will be provided in advance and the day of the Bible camp. We will then have a hotdog lunch and fellowship, followed by a short service held outside, depending on weather. Everyone is welcome!

There is a list on the bulletin board of usher and altar guild groups as well as worship assistants through the end of 2026. If for some reason you are unable to fulfill your duty on any given Sunday, please work out to switch with someone on the list. Thank you for your willingness to serve in this capacity.



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ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY

Second Sunday after Pentecost June 7

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Lectionary Study

9:45 a.m. Choir Practice

10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Holy Communion

THURS:

10:00 a.m. NO JOY Ringers Practice *Summer Break*

NEXT SUNDAY:

Third Sunday after Pentecost June 14th

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grateful
THANKFUL
AND blessed

Attendance/Contribution Information for 5/31/2026

Worship Service 78

	Given 05/31/2026	Given Year to Date	Needed Weekly to Attain Budget
Current	\$8,166.03	\$68,062.83	\$ 2,630.00
Benevolence	\$110.00	\$4,785.00	\$ 77.00
Missions & Outreach		\$750.00	
Building Improvement	\$25.00	\$1,185.00	

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