

5Bethel Lutheran Church

June 21, 2026



**THE
FOURTH
SUNDAY
AFTER
PENTECOST**

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Lectionary Study 9:30 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 “Children of the Heavenly Father” by Busarow

***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 “Let the Whole Creation Cry” intro by Wold ELW #876

Let the Whole Creation Cry



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

***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!

*Canticle



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** Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD OF GOD

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

A reading from the twentieth chapter of Jeremiah

⁷ O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹ If I say, “I will not mention him or speak any more in his name,” then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰ For I hear many whispering: “Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. “Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him and take our revenge on him.” ¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹² O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 69: 7-10 [11-15] 16-18 *Congregation will read responsively*

⁷ Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.

⁸ **I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother’s children.**

⁹ Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

¹⁰ **I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.**

[¹¹ I put on sackcloth also, and became a byword among them.]

¹² **Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, and the drunkards make songs about me.**

¹³ But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have | set, O LORD:

“In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your un- | failing help.

¹⁴ **Save me from the mire; do not | let me sink; let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of | the deep waters.**

¹⁵ Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swal- | low me up;

do not let the pit shut its | mouth upon me.

¹⁶ **Answer me, O LORD, for your | love is kind; in your great compassion, | turn to me.**

¹⁷ Hide not your face | from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.

¹⁸ **Draw near to me | and redeem me; because of my enemies de- | liver me.**

Second Reading

Romans 6:111

A reading from the sixth chapter of Romans.

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴ “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the rooftops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, ³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. ³⁷ “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son

or daughter more than me is not worthy of me,³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

Children's Sermon

Caroline Monroe

Sermon

Dr. Peggy Terhune

*Hymn of the Day

“Borning Cry”

ELW #732

***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.

Life-giving God, you have called your people to lose their lives for Jesus' sake. Strengthen your church to follow you in the face of difficulty.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, you know every sparrow that falls to the ground. Protect migrating birds, endangered species, and their natural habitats. Empower us to care for your creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect those with marginalized identities to whom we have not shown the abounding love of Jesus. Bring an end to oppression and bigotry in all forms.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help those living with disability. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering (*especially*).

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, strengthen us to live out our diverse callings. We pray especially for fathers and father figures, that they show your compassion and care. We pray for all for whom this day is difficult or painful.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we give thanks for saints who have claimed their baptismal promises. May we follow their example of faith and service.

God of grace, **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

"Blessing"

by Sleeth

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
Offering Song

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and
fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. 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. 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: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948

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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.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **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 for the remembrance of me.

*Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
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	Piedmont Health & Rehab., W. Fisher St., Salisbury
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
Sarah Bame	Recovering at home of daughter (mother of Cathy Williams)

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".

This Father's Day morning we want to welcome everyone to worship with us and give thanks for the fathers in our lives. Also, today we are celebrating Scholarship Sunday and awarding scholarships for the 2026 – 2027 school year. Scholarships will go to:

Isabella Crowell, University of South Carolina @ Beaufort, Granddaughter of Wayne & Joy Chaffin;

Sadie Graham, Virginia Commonwealth, Granddaughter of Bob & Peggy Terhune;

Brooke Kennerly' Appalachian State University, Granddaughter of Bob & Judy Kennerly;

Caroline Monroe, UNC Charlotte, Member, daughter of Mark & Krista Monroe;

Larisa Terhune, Montgomery Community College, Daughter of Bob & Peggy Terhune;

Peggy Terhune, Wartburg Seminary, Member;

Jacob Thurston, Rowan Cabarrus Community College, Member; Son of Aaron & Kara Thurston;

Madelyn VonCanon, Appalachian State University, Granddaughter of Perry & Judy VonCanon

Pride Month Screening of 1946 Join Fairmont United Methodist Church, Raleigh, and the NC Council of Churches for a special screening of the documentary, *1946*, on **Sunday, June 28**, at 3 p.m., at the church. This documentary explores the history behind the translation of the word “homosexual” into the Bible and the lasting impact that translation has had on LGBTQ+ communities and the church. There is no cost. All are welcome.

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church carried out a community outreach effort to support families affected by the Grands Fire in Salisbury. As part of this initiative, the church donated 24 Walmart gift cards, each valued at \$50, ensuring that each of the 24 families impacted by the fire received direct financial assistance for essential needs. In addition to this immediate relief, the church extended further support by inviting the affected families and any others to attend the upcoming children’s closet date, where they can access additional resources to help ease some of the hardships resulting from the fire.

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.



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. School age children will have a special program from 10-12 that focuses on creation and includes a Jeopardy game. 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

Sunday School Teachers are needed for our children. Folks who are willing to manage our Sunday school for school children starting in September, after Labor Day. There is an exciting, entirely new curriculum. Please give prayerful consideration to this request, our children need you. Sign up sheet in the narthex.



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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*Thankful
grateful
blessed*

Be sure to check your mailbox

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 21**

8:30 a.m. Church Council meeting

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

FRI: Wedding of Anna Bullock & Bradley Skidmore

NEXT SUNDAY:**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 28th**8:30 a.m. 175th Anniversary Committee meeting

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

THURS: 9:30 a.m. NO JOY Ringers Practice *summer break***Attendance/Contribution Information for 6/14/2026**

Worship Service 48

	Given 06/14/2026	Given Year to Date	Needed Weekly to Attain Budget
Current	\$770.00	\$74,117.83	\$ 2,630.00
Benevolence	\$10.00	\$5,015.00	\$ 77.00
Missions & Outreach	\$500.00	\$2,370.00	
Building Improvement	\$20.00	\$1,255.00	

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