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**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost— June 21, 2026 – 9:00 AM**

Prelude: *"This Is My Father's World"* By Mary McDonald,  
Tune: TERRA BEATA, Traditional English Melody

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn: *"10,000 Reasons"* **ACS #1097**

Prayer of the Day

First Reading Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalm (read responsively) Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18

Second Reading Romans 6:1b-11

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

Gospel Matthew 10:24-39

Sermon Pr. Erma Wolf

Hymn of the Day: *"How Firm a Foundation"* **ELW #796**

Apostles' Creed

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

Offerings Received: *"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"* LARRY SHACKLEY  
Tune: WEBB by George J. Webb

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: *"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"* Sandra Eithun  
Tune: ST. AGNES by John B. Dykes

Post Communion Prayer & Blessing

Dismissal

Postlude: "Festal Recessional" by Geoffrey Andrews

## 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.

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to 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:**

Greeter: Rhonda Salts;

Reader: Jaci Schreier;

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

Usher: Kent Baker;

Count: Francis Hiemstra

Fellowship Host: Francis & Judy 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

**THANK YOU BETHANY MEMBERS** for all your heartfelt hard work getting the new plants and mulch into the landscape. It was impressive how many folks showed up to continue to beautify Bethany! The Flagfest Community Outreach during the parade was a huge success due to your hard work, dedication and hospitality sharing the love of Christ with our community!

**BETHANY'S BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** benefiting Cheris House was also very impactful. A thank you was received:

Thank you again for Bethany Lutheran Church's participation in a Baby Bottle Campaign. Your generous amount collected is very much appreciated! We pray your congregation received a blessing giving their coins, cash, and checks benefitting Cherish House, and are delighted in knowing they have made a positive difference in some very cherished lives. We are so grateful for your support and partnership!

**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.

**VBS!** Mark your calendars for the evenings of July 6-8 from 6 to 8 pm as Bethany will be partnering with First Congregational Church, and also joining us is Grace United Methodist Church for Vacation Bible School.

**Registration is currently open.** Please see the signs posted for details.

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS SIGN-UP TODAY!** Every Sunday's worship service at Bethany Lutheran Church comes together through the work of many people. There are numerous opportunities for volunteers to assist. We encourage and welcome your help! All are happy to teach you any aspect you are interested in helping with! Thank you all for making our worship here at Bethany a blessed encounter with the heart of our Lord.



## PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Kirk Andersen, Rita Storm, Liz Vulk, Lee Youde,  
Greg Manwarren, Ron Huber,  
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 Nighswonger's brother),  
Lucille Faulkner (Tammy Nighswonger's sister-in-law),  
Tara Nighswonger (Tammy Nighswonger's daughter),  
Aaron Sweet (Tammy Nighswonger's stepbrother)  
Keith Studer (Matt Studer's uncle)  
Those Who Mourn  
Family Of Sylvia Moore

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, June 21 – Pentecost 4

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion  
10:15 am Fellowship

### Monday, June 22

2:30 pm St. Luke Birthday Party

### Wednesday, June 24

9:30 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

### Saturday, June 27

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

### Sunday, June 28 – Pentecost 5

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion  
10:15 am Fellowship



### **ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE**

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*Tuesday-5pm, Wednesday-10am*

*or can be found on YouTube® (Search Bethany Lutheran Church, Spencer IA)*