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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost— June 28, 2026 – 9:00 AM

Prelude: *"By the Gentle Waters"* Cindy Berry

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn: *"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"* **ELW #523**

Prayer of the Day

First Reading Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalm (read responsively) Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Second Reading Romans 6:12-23

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

Gospel Matthew 10:40-42

Sermon Pr. Erma Wolf

Hymn of the Day: *"How Firm a Foundation"* **ELW #721**

Apostles' Creed

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

Offerings Received: *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* Arr. by C.E. Walz
Tune: CONVERSE by Charles C. Converse

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: *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"* Carol Tornquist
Tune: SHOWALTER by Anthony J. Showalter

Post Communion Prayer & Blessing

Sending Hymn: *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* **ELW #742**

Dismissal

Postlude: "To God Be the Glory" Lloyd Larson

Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY 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. 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.



The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the

disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome. (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: Jan Keck,

Reader: Jana Phillips,

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

Usher: Kent Baker,

Count: Sue Boblit,

Fellowship Host: Jim & Janet Keck, Everyone in the Audio/Visual Booth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS Thank you to Kirby & Sandi Schmidt for sharing the altar flowers to celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary!

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 all there!

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.

SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM The Spencer Community School District is participating in the Iowa Summer Food Service Program, offering free meals over the summer for all kids. For a menu or more information go to <https://www.spencerchools.org/page/lunch-menu> Meals will be available at Fairview, YMCA and Spencer High School.

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 County Fair Vacation Bible School. The last night of VBS, July 8th a family dinner will take place at North Park. Enjoy corn dogs, watermelon, cotton candy and a petting zoo. FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!! All children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade are encouraged to attend! **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.

HOME DELIVERED MEALS in July are being delivered by Bethany Members! A reminder that next week is already the start of July. Thursday and Friday meals will be delivered by those who have signed up. Thank you in advance for helping our community care for those who benefit from having fresh meals delivered to them!

PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Kirk Andersen, Rita Storm, Liz Vulk, Lee Youde,
Greg Manwarren, Ron Huber
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 28 – Pentecost 5

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

Wednesday, July 1

9:30 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

Thursday, July 2

4:00 pm Caring Friends

Saturday, July 4

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

Sunday, July 5 – Pentecost 6

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