

Bethel Lutheran Church

June 28, 2026



LUKE 10:25-37



**THE
FIFTH
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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ENTER TO WORSHIP – LEAVE TO SERVE

“Setting Ten”

**Congregation Stands*

Congregation responses in bold

WELCOME

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“O Waly Waly”

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

“Let Us Go Now to the Banquet”

ELW #523

*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



*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** O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD OF GOD

First Reading

Jeremiah 28:5-9

A reading from the twenty eighth chapter of Jeremiah

⁵ The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18 *Congregation will read responsively*

¹ Your love, O LORD, forever [|] will I sing; from age to age my mouth will pro- [|] claim your faithfulness.

² **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- [|] lished forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly [|] in the heavens.**

³ “I have made a covenant with my [|] chosen one; I have sworn an oath to Da- [|] vid my servant:

⁴ **‘I will establish your [|] line forever, and preserve your throne for all [|] generations.’ ”**

¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the [|] festal shout! They walk, O LORD, in the light [|] of your presence.

¹⁶ **They rejoice daily [|] in your name; they are jubilant [|] in your righteousness.**

¹⁷ For you are the glory [|] of their strength, and by your favor our might [|] is exalted.

¹⁸ **Truly, our shield belongs [|] to the LORD; our king to the Holy [|] One of Israel.**

Second Reading

Romans 6:12-23

A reading from the sixth chapter of Romans.

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



***Holy Gospel**

Matthew 10:40-42

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

Children's Sermon

Dr. Peggy Terhune

Sermon

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***Hymn of the Day** “Where Cross the crowded Ways of Life ” ELW #719
intro by Sims

***Apostle’s Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.

Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world.

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

Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us.

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

Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division. Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. (*We pray especially for . . .*) Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places. 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 “Alabare” by Kerr (WOV page 791)

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six lines of music with lyrics underneath. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are: '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.'

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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.**

***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.

***Blessing** Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

***Sending Song** “Lord, Speak to Us, that We may Speak ” ELW #676
intro by Callahan

***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.***

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	Home of her daughter, 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.

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".

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*, **today, 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.

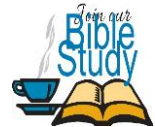
Laura's Children's Closet was open on Saturday, June 20th from 10 a.m. until noon. 8 families were provided with clothes and shoes during these 2 hours. The next date for the closet to be open is on Saturday, September 19th, from 10 a.m. until noon. A wonderful example of being "God's Hands"; sincerest thanks to everyone who helped with this outreach project.



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

An exciting new Sunday School curriculum is coming this fall for school-aged children! We are excited for our children and teachers. If you have given thought to helping in our Sunday school program you are certainly welcome as we want to extend this opportunity to anyone interested in teaching our children about God's love. There is a signup sheet in the narthex if you are interested.

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.

A Peals For Peace... We invite you and your community to take part in A Peals for Peace, an act of public witness rooted in faith and grounded in the shared belief that every person has inherent worth. Beginning in July, faith communities, organizations, families, and individuals are invited to join together in this shared act of reflection, prayer, and hope. On the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM (expanding to weekly Mondays in September through the Monday before Election Day), participants are encouraged to ring bells for about 15 minutes as a public expression of peace and unity. All are welcome to participate: churches, synagogues, mosques, temples, community organizations, families, and individuals. Any bell or sound-making object can be used. **Signup sheet located in the Narthex**



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Be sure to check your mailbox

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 28th

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Lectionary Study
9:45 a.m. No Choir Practice
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

THURS: 9:30 a.m. NO JOY Ringers Practice *summer break*

NEXT SUNDAY:

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 5th

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: 9:30 a.m. NO JOY Ringers Practice *summer break*

SAT: 10:00 -2:00 p.m. **Summer Bible Camp**

*Thankful
grateful
blessed*

Attendance/Contribution Information for 6/21/2026

Worship Service 48

	Given 06/21/2026	Given Year to Date	Needed Weekly to Attain Budget
Current	\$1,485.00	\$75,602.83	\$ 2,630.00
Benevolence	\$50.00	\$5,065.00	\$ 77.00
Missions & Outreach		\$2,370.00	
Building Improvement		\$1,255.00	

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