

Bethel Lutheran Church

August 9, 2026



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

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

by Kohrs

Elíjah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God’s presence to others.

***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**

“O Sing to the Lord”

intro by Hall

ELW #822

*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** O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading

1 Kings 19: 9-18

A reading from the nineteenth chapter of 1 Kings

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹ He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85: 8-13

Congregation will read responsively

⁸ I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to you.

⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land.**

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

¹² The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity, and our land will | yield its increase.

¹³ **Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD and shall prepare for | God a
pathway.**

Second Reading

Romans 10:5-15

A reading from the tenth chapter of Romans.

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



***Holy Gospel**

Matthew 14:22-33

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

Children's Sermon

Jerry Trier

***Hymn of the Day** “My Life Flows on in Endless Song” ELW #763
intro by Christiansen

Blessing of the Backpacks and People

We pray today for all students, teachers, administrators, counselors, support staff, and all others who offer their time in the schools in Rowan County to help children and adults to learn. Bless their use of these backpacks, Lord, that they may be an offering to you.

Oh, God, give us grace to set a good example to all among whom we live, to be just and true in all our dealings, to be strict and conscientious in the discharge of every duty; pure and temperate in all enjoyment, gracious and generous and courteous toward all; so that the mind of Jesus Christ may be formed in us and all may know that we are his disciples; in whose name we pray.

***Apostles' 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**

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may be heard. Where your voice is scorned and your people persecuted, strengthen the church in its faithful witness. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this world you have created, that all life may flourish. Preserve biodiversity in all its variety and help ecosystems to survive the extremes of a changing climate. Move our hearts with compassion to join in this work.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For leaders of towns, states, nations, and organizations, and all who are in positions of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity. Teach us to respond with Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in danger.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and hope in your loving presence. Comfort any who are lonely and grieving and all who suffer (*especially*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this congregation and its ministries, that they reflect your love and life amid a turbulent world. Guide council members, elders, and other church leaders with your still, calm voice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us. Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal kingdom.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 congregation is seated.

Offering

Anthem

“Built on a Rock”

by Althouse

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.**

***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; 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** “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” ELW #774

***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

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Linda Plummer	Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab., Memory Unit
Robert & Gathel Meachem	Brookdale, Room 34, 2201 Statesville Blvd.
Carolyn Hicks	Piedmont Health & Rehab., W. Fisher St., Salisbury
Sarah Bame	Home of daughter (mother of Cathy Williams)
Katrina Kurfees	Home of Daughter,
Peggy Swicegood	Continue prayers
Marcia Miller	Continue prayers
Eric & Dawn Leach	Continue prayers
Danny Norman	Continue prayers (brother of Ellen Webb)
Judy Kennerly	Continue prayers
Cody McDowell	Continue prayers
Anna Lingle	Continue prayers
Kelly Smith	Continue prayers
Julia Hibbard	Recuperating at her home
Kathy Trexler	Recuperating at her home
Monica Raney	Recuperating at her home
Vickye Sloop	Recuperating at her home

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 the month of August is Given to the Glory of God by the Lingle Family in memory of Charles and Georgia Shuping.

The Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Lora Owen in celebration of Sandra Owen's birthday tomorrow and in appreciation of Judy Hoffman for all the love and joy she shares with our congregation.



This morning, we will celebrate as the men of the church lead our service. We are looking forward to Jerry Trier bringing the message and are grateful for the meaningful participation of the other men of our congregation as they share their gifts in worship. We are blessed here at Bethel to have men who continually demonstrate their faithful service and leadership.

Blessing of the Backpacks will be given by Pastor Peggy. All Students and teachers bring your backpack to be blessed. We pray for all students and teachers that this new academic year will be one of peace and success in all our endeavors.



Sunday, August 30th we will celebrate another “Bring a Friend to Church Sunday”. Be thinking about the friends and neighbors you know who may be looking for a new church home. This is another great opportunity to share our Bethel family love with others. Plan to stay after worship for food and fellowship.



The 175th Anniversary Committee invites members of the congregation to bring historical mementos to share during our Homecoming celebration on Sunday, September 13, 2026. These items will be displayed during the fellowship dinner; please label each item with your name, bring it with you on the day of Homecoming, and take it home with you at the end of the day. Plan to come and enjoy a delicious, covered dish luncheon, bring dishes for your family and enough to share. This will be an afternoon of sharing Bethel memories and rekindling friendships. Thank you for helping us celebrate and preserve the history of our church!

Our study of Galatians will continue in August, and everyone is welcome to join us—even if you were unable to attend the first sessions.

Zoom Sessions:

Wednesdays: **August 5, 12, and 26**

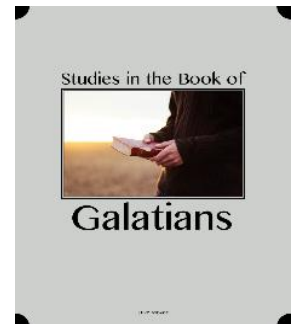
7:30 p.m.

See Peggy for the Zoom link. Study books are available in my office. We would love to have you join us as we continue exploring Paul's powerful letter to the Galatians together.

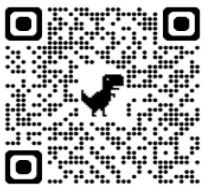
In-Person Sessions:

Fridays: **August 7, 14, and 28**

1:00 p.m. at the church



God wants to heal you. As part of our service on August 23, you will have the opportunity to come forward and receive Christ's healing grace. A kneeler will be available, and Peggy will lay her hands on you, offer a quiet prayer, and anoint you with oil. Only God can heal. Come and open yourself to His healing power.



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East West Blessing Box Challenge Extended

Our East vs. West Blessing Box Challenge has been extended through the month of August! While the competition began in July, the race has become a bit one-sided, so we're giving everyone another chance to help their team catch up and make it a close finish. Each Sunday, please bring canned goods and other non-perishable food items to the table just inside the entrance to the Fellowship Hall. Your donations will be weighed and counted toward your team's total before being stocked in our church's Blessing Box storage area, to help provide food for those in need in our community. **Every donation makes a difference**—not only for your team, but for the families who rely on our Blessing Box. So, gather your items, invite your friends to join in, and help your team earn the winning prize while sharing God's love through this important ministry. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us make a difference, one donation at a time!



ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 9th

	8:30 a.m.	Church Council meets
	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, led by Men of the Church
WED:	7:30 p.m.	ZOOM Bible study on Galatians!
THURS:	10:00 a.m.	NO JOY Ringers Practice <i>Summer Break</i>
FRI:	1:00 p.m.	Bible study on Galatians! Large Sunday School room

NEXT SUNDAY:

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 16th

	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
WED:	7:30 p.m.	NO ZOOM Bible study on Galatians!
THURS:	9:30 a.m.	NO JOY Ringers Practice <i>summer break</i>
FRI:	1:00 p.m.	NO Bible study on Galatians! Large Sunday School room

Bible Study will resume on August 26th and 28th

JOY Ringers will resume practice for the fall on Thursday, Sept. 3rd at 9:30 a.m.

Attendance/Contribution Information for 8/2/2026

Worship Service 57

	Given 08/2/2026	Given Year to Date	Needed Weekly to Attain Budget
Current	\$3,475.00	\$96,276.83	\$ 2,630.00
Benevolence	\$25.00	\$5,775.00	\$ 77.00
Missions & Outreach	\$50.00	\$4,870.00	
Building Improvement	\$25.00	\$1,985.00	

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