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20th Sunday after Pentecost– October 11, 2026 – 9:00 AM

Prelude: *"My Lord, What a Morning!"* Spiritual Arranged by Cindy Berry

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn: *"Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"* **ELW #553**

Prayer of the Day

First Reading Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalm (read responsively) Psalm 23

Second Reading Philippians 4:1-9

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

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon Pastor Erma Wolf

Hymn of the Day: *"Now We Join in Celebration"* **ELW #462**

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sharing of the Peace

Offerings Received: *"A Quiet Reflection"* by R. Kevin Boesiger

Offertory Prayer

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, Lord, We Look to Thee"* Foundry Collection
Arranged by Cindy Berry

Post Communion Prayer & Blessing

Dismissal

Postlude: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" by George J. Webb,

Arranged by Cindy Berry

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. The pads also have a space for our record of communion. Please be sure to mark this if you partake in Holy Communion. Thank you for filling out the Fellowship Pad!

Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available. If you benefit from either of these, please speak with an usher.

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God. (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:

Greeters: People of Bethany; Reader: Jana Phillips

Communion Servers: Onalee Wright, Twilla Henning, & Jaci Studer

Ushers: Kent Baker & Francis Hiemstara; Count: Sue Boblit

Fellowship Host: Dale & Sandi Witt

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 all there!

ALTAR FLOWERS- Thank you to Kent, Lisa, Mike and Melissa Baker for sharing the altar flowers in memory of Connie Baker.

A FAREWELL POTLUCK BRUNCH AND CARD SHOWER has been planned for Pastor Erma Wolf after worship on October 18, her last Sunday with us. Please bring your appetite, your favorite dish to share and a card if you wish.

MARK YOUR CALANDERS The first practice for *Kid's Music* will be Wednesday, Oct 14, 7:30 - 8:15 in the sanctuary. All children, Kindergarten through High School are welcome! Talk with Sue Metcalf if you have any questions.

BETHANY HERALD DEADLINE is coming upon us already this month. Please have your information to the Bethany office Tuesday, October 30 or before.

BFFFF'S (Bethany Fun & Fellowship, Food & Friends) Join us for lunch at Weasy's on Wednesday, October 14th at 11:30 am. Ladies, all are welcome for this relaxing, fun-filled fellowship lunch. We hope to see you there!

THE FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS will be held in Spencer on Sunday, December 6th at 3 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church. The community is invited to this annual program of music and the Christmas story. All singers in the area are invited to join the choir with rehearsals being held on Sunday nights. Rehearsals are on November 1, 15, 22 and 29 at 6:30 p.m at Grace United Methodist Church. For more information, visit "Spencer Messiah" on Facebook.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES are in the parlor on Wednesday evenings to prepare for Confirmation that will take place during worship on November 8th. Classes are at 6:30 for 8th and 9th grade students. If you have any additional questions speak with Sue Boblit by emailing sdboblit@gmail.com or at 260-2258.

PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Liz Vulk, Lee Youde, Donna Jones, Nancy Wick,
Steve Salts, Aaliyah VanAmpting, Laurie Conlin
Carlos Barreda (Rita Storm's grandson-in-law)
Jeani Plautz (Lee Youde's sister)
DeAnna Bensen (Bill Bensen's mother)
Jerry Faulkner (Tammy Nighswonger's brother)
Tara Nighswonger (Tammy Nighswonger's daughter)
Keith Studer (Matt Studer's uncle)

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 11 – 20th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

10:00 am Fellowship

Tuesday, October 13

4:00 pm Faith In Action

Wednesday, October 14

9:30 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

11:30 am BFFFF's Lunch at Weasy's

6:30 pm Confirmation Class

7:30 pm Kid's Music

Saturday, October 17

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

Sunday, October 18 – 21st Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

10:00 am Farewell Fellowship Potluck for Pastor Erma



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Tuesday-5pm, Wednesday-10am

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