Fourth Sunday after Pentecost July 6, 2025



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Bethany's Mission Statement: Reaching out in Worship, Fellowship, Learning and Love - we are God's people.

We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning. We hope everyone feels welcome as we strive to serve and strengthen each other in faith toward God and in love toward all. Now, as you wait for the service to begin, please relax, enjoy the music, and quiet your heart before God.

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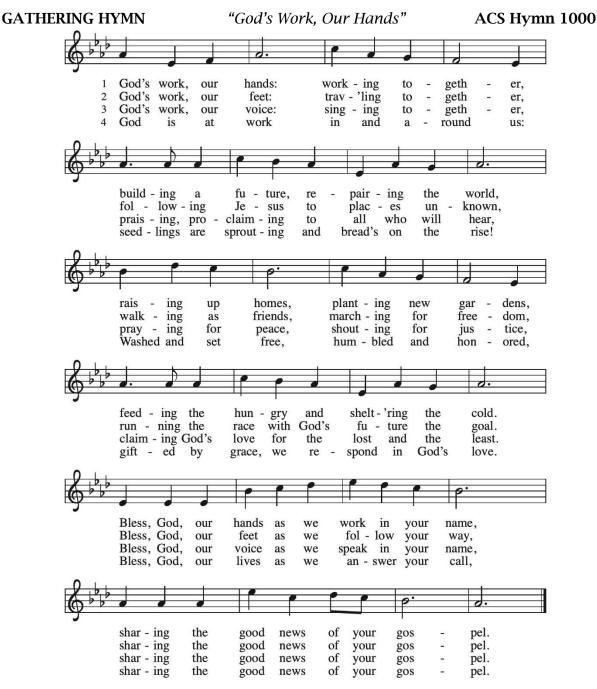
PRELUDE

Welcome, Birthday/Anniversary Bank (money given to Bethany's Human Concerns Fund)

We Gather to Acknowledge God's Presence

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. (Silence is kept for reflection.)
- P: Merciful God.
- C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.
- P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
- C: Amen.



GREETING

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

KYRIE



HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

C: O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We Listen to God's Word

FIRST READING Isaiah 66:10-14

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her;
 rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—
 that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast;
 that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

¹² For thus says the LORD:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees.

¹³ As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 66:1-9

- L: Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.
- C: Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.
- L: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
 Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
- C: All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."
- L: Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.
- C: God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.
- L: Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.
- C: Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.
- L: Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

SECOND READING Galatians 6:1-16

¹ My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads.

⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

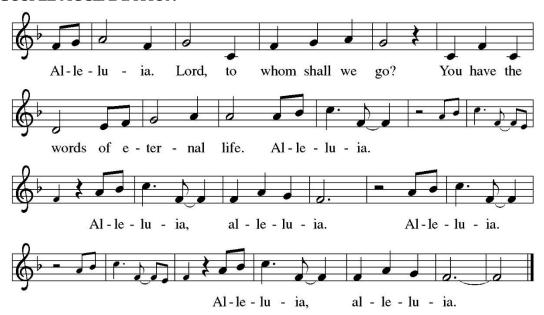
⁷Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁶ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. § Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁶ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'"

¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" 18 He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. 19 See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. 20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

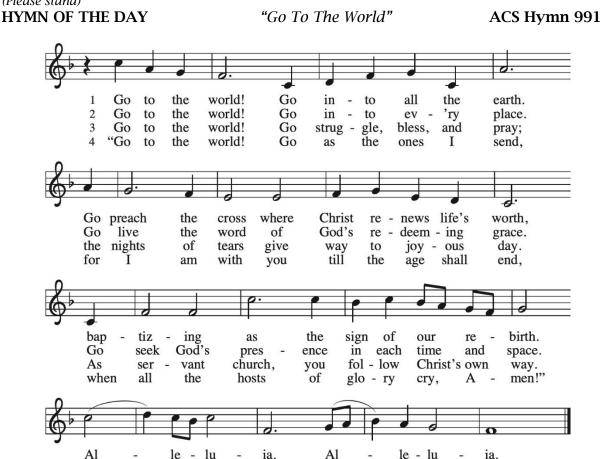
The Gospel of our Lord P: Praise to you, O Christ. C:

(Please be seated)

SERMON

Pastor Misha McFarland-Pollock

(Please stand)



We Respond to God's Word

THE APOSTLES' CREED (unison) 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 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.

(Please Stand)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Please be seated)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Each petition concludes:

P: God of grace,

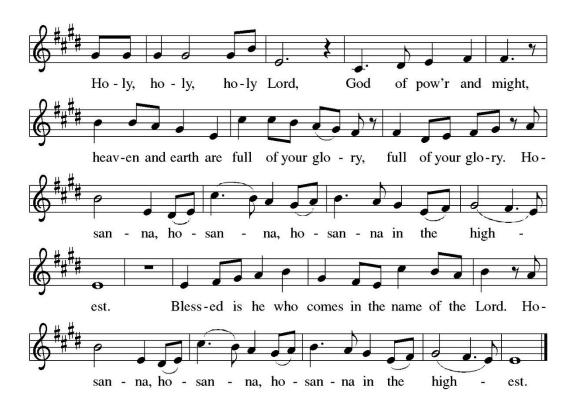
C: Hear our prayer.

We Share in the Holy Meal

(Please Stand)

DIALOGUE

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
 - ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(please stand)

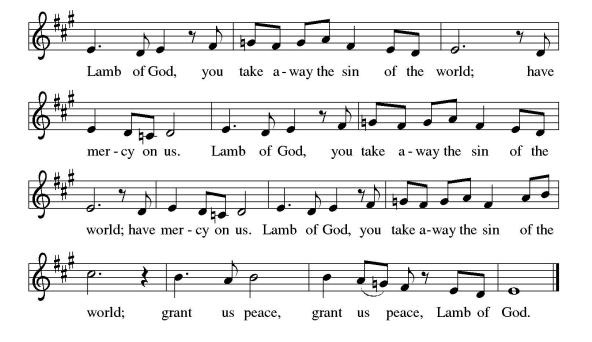
THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

(Please be seated)

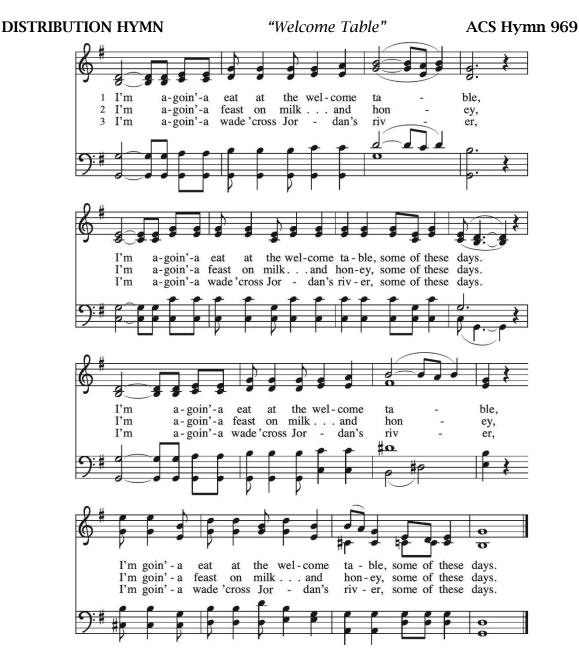
LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION BY INDIVIDUAL GLASSES

(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

All who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to commune. Children who do not commune are welcome to come for a blessing. You will be given a wafer. The glasses of dark liquid are wine; the middle ring is juice. There is a bowl of water if you would like to remember your baptism.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" ACS Hymn 966



(Please stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

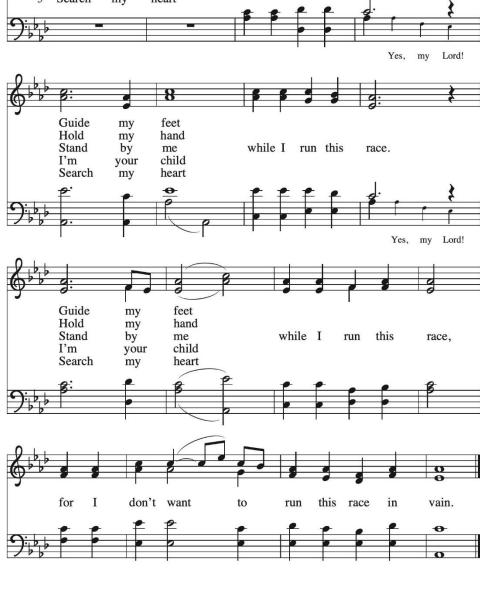
P: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

- P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.
- C: Amen.
- **P:** The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: The God of all grace + bless you now and forever.
- C: Amen.



THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Michelle Huppenbauer Lector:

Susan Swanson Usher:

Communion: **Jim & Sharon Martindale**

Carol Dodge Greeters:

Missionary Support: Open

Pam Taylor Altar Flowers:

Remember in prayer: Eleonore Benninghoven; Bev Felland; Genieve Hingst

A Cry Room for infants is available up the stairs and to the right. There are Kids Celebrate children's bulletins available for youngsters who'd like to have their own reference to the lessons for this week.

Ask our usher for help.

Please join us for coffee and donuts in the fellowship hall following the worship service. We would like to get to know you and offer our friendship.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Today:

> Worship with Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.

Church Outreach 10:15 a.m.

Lutheran Church of Hope Service 10:55 a.m.

Pastor's Book Club @ Bethany **Tuesday:** 7:00 p.m. Wednesday: Lunch Bunch @ Happy Joe's 11:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. Campfire Worship @ Bethany

9:30 a.m. Bible Study @ Messiah

Thursday:

6:00 p.m. Exec. Committee 7:00 p.m. Finance Mtg.

Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL SIGN UP

We have sign-up sheets out on the table in the Fellowship Hall for the upcoming Ice Cream Social! Please stop and sign up, we also need plenty of volunteers for serving and clean up! Ice Cream Social is Wednesday, August 13 from 5pm-7pm!

OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

There will be no pantry donations for the month of July! Stay tuned for updates for August donations!

LUNCH BUNCH

A get together, once a month for lunch! These will take place once a month on the $2^{\rm nd}$ Wednesday of the month at 11:30am for lunch. Each month will be at a different restaurant, chosen by the group at the previous month's lunch. First get together will be on Wednesday, July 9 @ 11:30am @ Happy Joes for their buffet. There will be an announcement in the bulletin and monthly newsletter about what date and restaurant will be for the next Lunch Bunch get together! Please call Dave Nuebel at (319) 237-6933 to sign-up, if you have any questions or if you are in need transportation arrangements.

JULY CAMPFIRE WORSHIP SERVICE

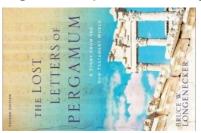
Our next Campfire Worship Service will be this Wednesday, July 9 @ 7:00pm @ Bethany! We will be using With One Voice as our worship hymnal! Bring a lawn chair and come join us around the campfire! (Big thanks to Laura Carruthers @ Messiah

for designing the flyer, seen here.)



PASTOR'S BOOK CLUB!

Pastor's Book Club will meet next on Tuesday, July 8th @ 7pm @ Bethany. We will be discussing "The Lost Letter of Pergamum" By Bruce W. Longenecker!



DESSERTS FOR TRANSITIONS DMC PASTA NIGHT

Transitions DMC is hosting a Pasta Night on Monday, July 14 from 5-7pm at the Eagles Club on Mt. Pleasant St.! They are currently in need of some volunteers that would be gracious enough to donate some desserts for their dessert table (cookies, bars, or pies). If you would be interested in helping them out with this, please contact either Mary Meyers at (269) 986-7062 or Karen Olson at (319) 759-4613. Thank you for your time.

SUMMER HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICES @ UNITY

Unity has extended an invitation to Bethany and Messiah to attend their once a month Holden Evening Prayer Services @ 6:30pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month during the summer! Services will be held on Thursday, July 17, and August 21.

> <u>Office Hours</u> Monday-Wednesday-Friday - 9:00am-1:00pm Tuesday & Thursday - 1:30pm-4:30pm

Pastor Misha's Office Hours
Bethany: Monday & Tuesday
Messiah: Wednesday & Thursday
*Pastor Misha's hours vary in the office from
week to week as she may be out of office on visits or other
Pastor duties. Please call or text her to make an appointment or to
see if she is in the office.*

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Our Staff

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