

# Second Sunday after Pentecost

## June 22, 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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*ELW indicates that hymns or liturgy are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship-red hymnal*

## 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.**




1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from  
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to  
 3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth  
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,  
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing, Word al - might - y,  
 cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the  
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



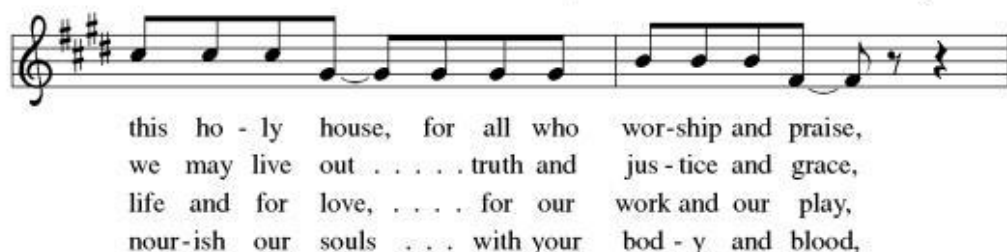
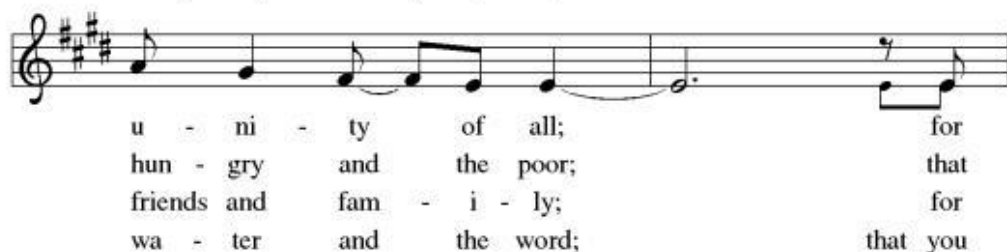
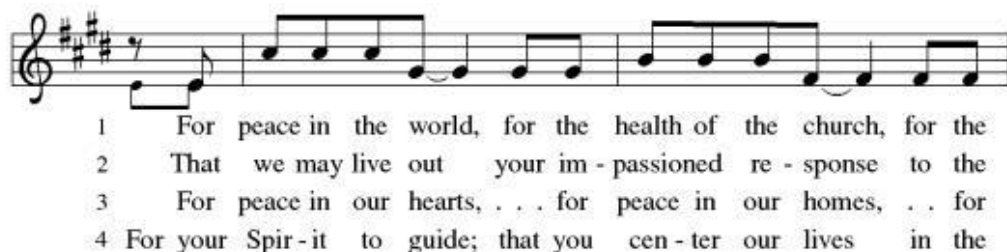
we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.  
 world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.  
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

## 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

*Refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

*Refrain*



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and  
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -  
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.  
 A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Final refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's  
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -  
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

C: O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

## We Listen to God's Word

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 65:1-9

<sup>1</sup> I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,  
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"  
to a nation that did not call on my name.

<sup>2</sup> I held out my hands all day long  
to a rebellious people,  
who walk in a way that is not good,  
following their own devices;

<sup>3</sup> a people who provoke me  
to my face continually,  
sacrificing in gardens  
and offering incense on bricks;

<sup>4</sup> who sit inside tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat swine's flesh,  
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

<sup>5</sup> who say, "Keep to yourself,  
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."  
These are a smoke in my nostrils,  
a fire that burns all day long.

<sup>6</sup> See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;  
I will indeed repay into their laps

<sup>7</sup> their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,  
says the LORD;  
because they offered incense on the mountains  
and reviled me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps  
full payment for their actions.

<sup>8</sup> Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster,  
and they say, "Do not destroy it,  
for there is a blessing in it,"

so I will do for my servants' sake,  
and not destroy them all.  
<sup>9</sup>I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,  
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;  
my chosen shall inherit it,  
and my servants shall settle there.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 22:19-28

L: But you, O LORD, be not far away;  
O my help, hasten to my aid.

C: **Deliver me from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog.**

L: Save me from the lion's mouth!  
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

C: **I will declare your name to my people;  
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

L: You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.  
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

C: **For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither  
is the LORD's face hidden from them;  
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

L: From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

C: **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

L: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

C: **For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
who rules over the nations.**



## SECOND READING

## Galatians 3:23-29

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 8th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

## GOSPEL

Luke 8:26-39

<sup>26</sup> Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—<sup>29</sup> for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup> Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup> When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

*Pastor Misha McFarland-Pollock*

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" ELW Hymn 843

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at-ing light;  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;  
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf-fered in our place;

praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis-ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des-ert's burn-ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.

calm-ing storms and feed-ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

# 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,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(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

*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:

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*(please stand)*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

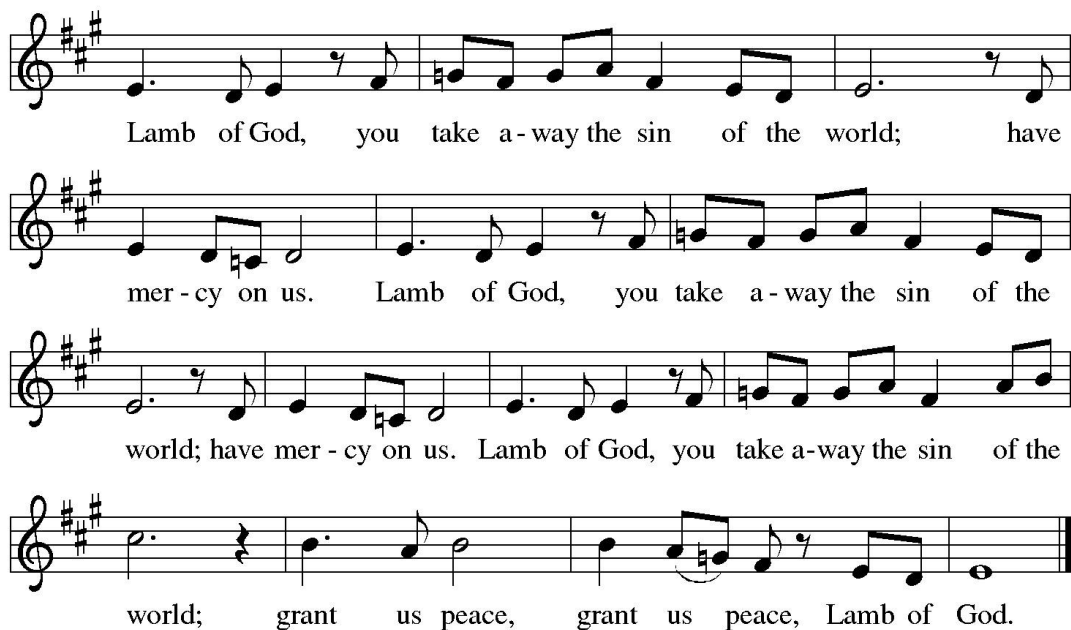
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from 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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, 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

*"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

ELW Hymn 611



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

*Refrain*



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of  
 bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y  
 through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
 3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

*Refrain*

wom-an or man, no more.  
 one in the Lord of all.  
 gath-ered to one for all.

*(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.**

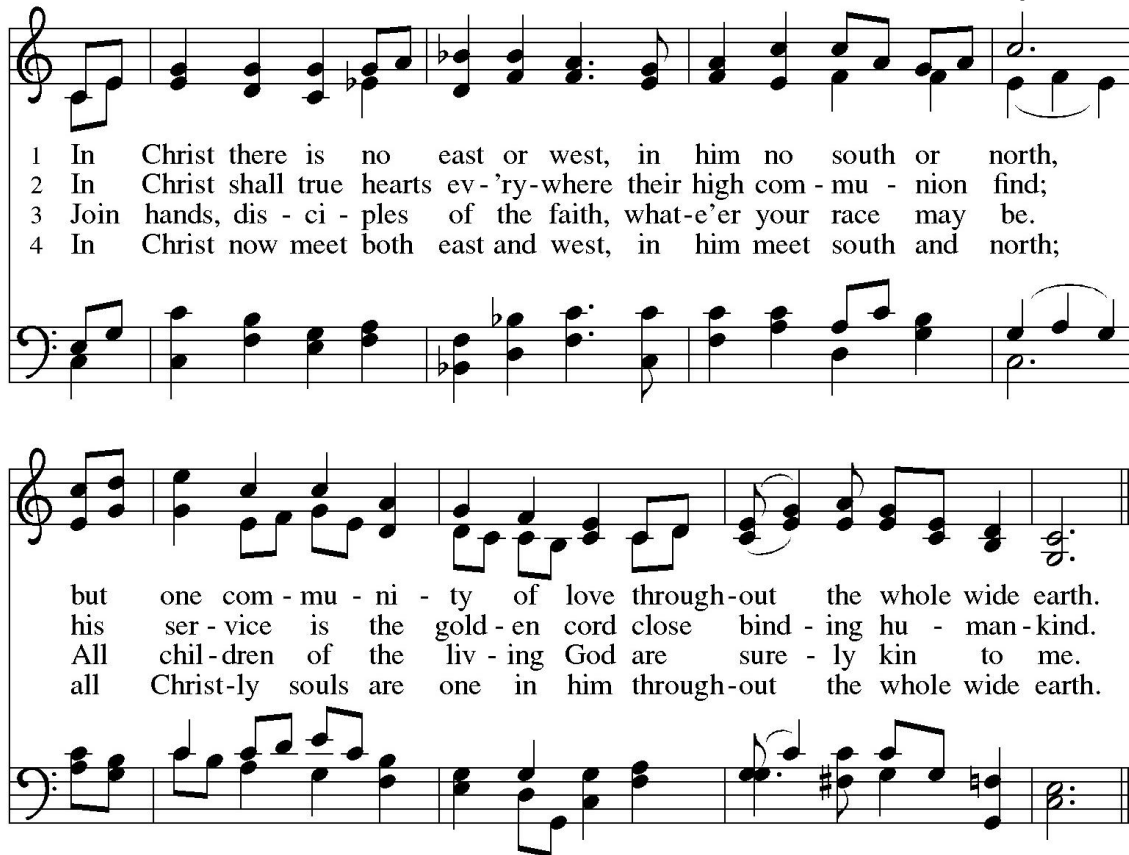
P: The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

*"In Christ There Is No East or West"*

ELW Hymn 650



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;  
3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.  
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;

but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.  
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.  
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

## THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Lector: Pam Taylor  
Usher: Susan Swanson  
Communion: Steve & Sue Rogers  
Greeters: Mark & Bonnie Rosenberg  
Missionary Support: Open  
Altar Flowers: Dirk & Betty Zaiser  
Remember in prayer: Eleonore Benninghoven; Bev Felland; Genieve Hingst

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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.

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## **ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

Today: **Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
10:55 a.m. Lutheran Church of Hope Service

**Thursday: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study @ Messiah**

Next Sunday: **Saints Peter and Paul**  
9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
10:55 a.m. Lutheran Church of Hope Service

## **JULY CAMPFIRE WORSHIP SERVICE**

Our next Campfire Worship Service will be 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.)*

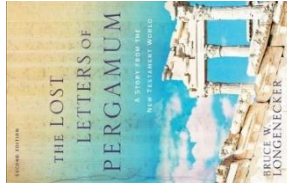


## **OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

June donations will be any non-perishable food items! Thank you all for your  
generosity!

## **PASTOR'S BOOK CLUB!**

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



## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month during the summer! Services will be held on Thursday, June 19, July 17, and August 21.

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### **Office Hours**

*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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