Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 7, 2026

Bethany Lutheran Church
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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

BLESSING FOR TRANSITION FROM SCHOOL TO SUMMER

P: Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge God, and God will make straight your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

P: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, for the ways you speak to us and through us. Increase in us a desire for wisdom and insight that we may use what we have learned for the sake of the common good. We pray in the name of the one who taught disciples and told stories, Jesus our Savior.
C: Amen.

The presiding minister continues:

P: You have learned and taught.
C: Thanks be to God!
P: You have grown and matured.
C: Thanks be to God!
P: You have explored and created.
C: Thanks be to God!
P: You have loved and been loved.
C: Thanks be to God!
P: Now, enter into rest and play, the re-creation of summer. And all God's people said:
C: Amen!

(Please Stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,☩ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* **ELW Hymn 858**

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. 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 God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

We Listen to God's Word

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING **Hosea 5:15—6:6**

15 I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:

6:1 "Come, let us return to the LORD,
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
2 After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
3 Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth."

4 What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
5 Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
6 For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *(read responsively)* **Psalm 50:7-15**

L: "Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;
for I am God, your God.

**C: I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are always before me.**

L: I will not accept a calf from your stalls,
nor goats from your pens;
for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.

**C: I know every bird of the mountains,
and the creatures of the fields are mine.**

L: If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.

**C: Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?**

L: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and make good your vows to the Most High.

**C: Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.**

SECOND READING **Romans 4:13-25**

13 The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his
descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if it is
the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is
void. 15 For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there
transgression.

16 For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on
grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents
of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all
of us, 17 as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the
presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into
existence the things that do not exist. 18 Hoping against hope, he believed that he
would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall
your descendants be." 19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own
body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old),
and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. 20 No distrust made him waver concerning the
promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21 being
fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. 22 Therefore "it was
reckoned to him as righteousness." 23 Now the words, "it was reckoned to him,"
were written not for his sake alone 24 but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who
believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 who was handed over for
our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Continued…

L: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 9th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL **Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-
collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed
him.
10 And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and
were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to
his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 But
when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but
those who are sick. 13 Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.'
For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

Continued…

18 While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt
before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her,
and she will live.” 19 And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. 20 Then
suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years
came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, 21 for she was saying to
herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” 22 Jesus turned, and seeing
her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman
was made well from that moment. 23 When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw
the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, 24 he said, “Go away, for the
girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. 25 But when the crowd had
been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. 26 And
the report of this spread through all of that district.

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 *"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"* **ELW Hymn 617**

We Respond to God's Word

APOSTLES' CREED ***(unison)***

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

(*Please be seated)*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:
P: God of Grace,
C: hear our prayer.

We Share in the Holy Meal

(Please Stand)

DIALOGUE

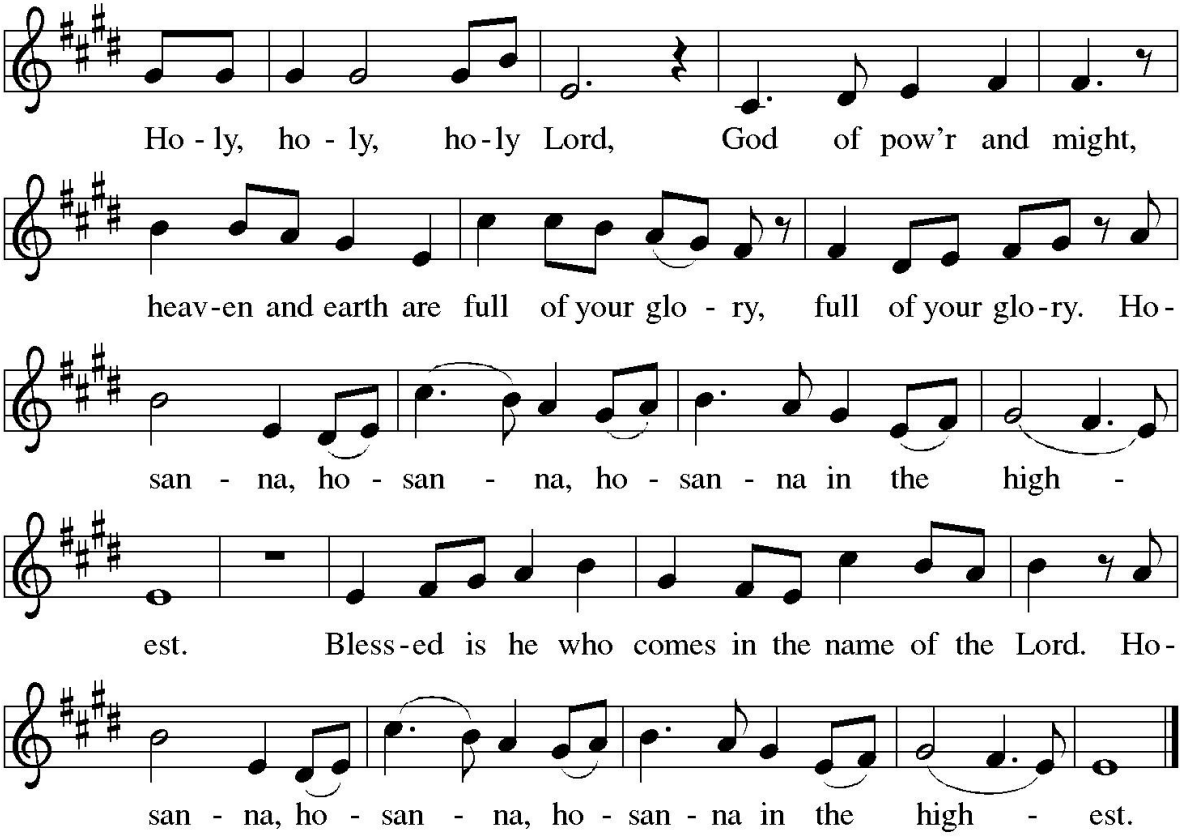
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

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:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

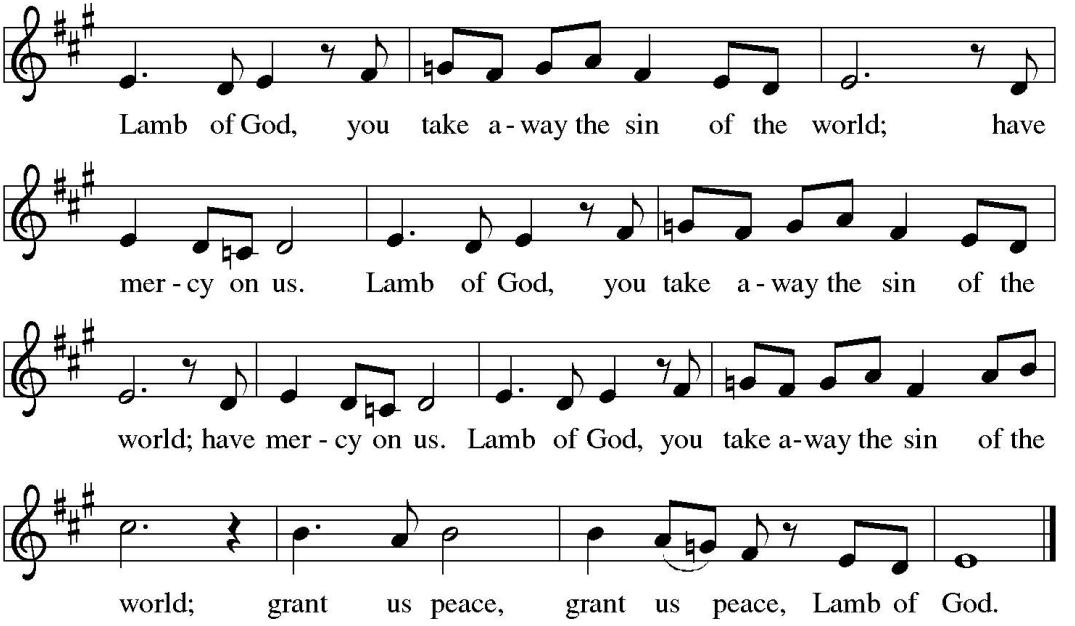
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

(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 *"I Received the Living God"* ELW Hymn 477

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *"I Come with Joy"* **ELW Hymn 482**

(Please Stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

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.

SENDING HYMN *"O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate"* **ELW Hymn 722**

DISMISSAL

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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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 w/ Holy Communion
	10:55 a.m.	Lutheran Church of Hope Service
Monday:	**Office Closed: Wendy out of office**	
	6:30 p.m.	**Property Mtg.**
Tuesday:	**5:00 p.m.**	**Pastor's Book Club @ Bethany**
Wednesday:	**12:30 p.m.**	**Lunch Bunch @ Turnwater Bar & Grill, Ft. Madison, IA**
Thursday:	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study @ Messiah
	6:00 p.m.	**Executive Committee mtg.**
	6:30 p.m.	**Finance mtg.**
Next Sunday:	**Third Sunday after Pentecost**	
	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	**Church Life & Outreach**
	10:55 a.m.	Lutheran Church of Hope Service

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL @ MESSIAH

Messiah will be hosting Vacation Bible School from Monday, June 15 through Thursday, June 18! This is for children 3 years of age to 6th grade. There are a few registration forms on the table in the Fellowship Hall or you can scan the QR code on the flyer located on the bulletin board. This will also be available in the June Chimes Newsletter that will be out soon. A list of supplies needed are now available on the table in the fellowship hall!

JUNE OUTREACH DONATIONS

Food Pantry Donations for June will be Crackers, Peanut Butter, and Soups!

SUMMER CAMPFIRE WORSHIP SERVICE
Campfire Worship Service kicks off on Wednesday, June 24 at Messiah! A meal will start things off at 6:00pm with the service to start at 7:00pm and roasting s'mores will wrap up the evening! We will be singing out of the "With One Voice" Hymnals again this year. Come gather around the fire with us!

LUNCH BUNCH
Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, June 10 at 12:30pm at Turnwater Bar and Grill in Ft. Madison, IA! To sign up, have questions, or need transportation arrangement, please call Dave Nuebel at 319-237-6933.

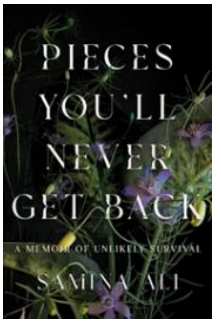
WEEKLY FINANCE REPORT
These are the numbers for where we are financially for the dates of May 24 – May 30:

May 24-May 30
Income: $74.27
Expense: $3,808.68
Shortage: $3,734.41

*Income is skewed due to Lenten Self-Denial offerings being paid out. Church Council voted to use the offerings to support Youth World Africa to purchase clean water kits. The total Lenten Self-Denial offerings were $1,595.00.

If you have any questions about these numbers, please contact a member of the Finance Committee.

JUNE PASTOR'S BOOK CLUB
Our April book club will meet again this Tuesday, June 9 @ 5:00 p.m., here at Bethany. All are invited to join us! For this month, we will be reading "Pieces You'll Never Get Back" by Samina Ali!



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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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