Service of the Word for Healing
August 9, 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

(Please Stand)

GATHERING HYMN *"Healer of Our Every Ill"* **ELW Hymn 612**

GREETING AND WELCOME

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.

P: We gather to hear the word of God, pray for those in need, and ask God's blessing on those who seek healing and wholeness through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Great God, our healer, by your power, the Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave hope to the hopeless. As we gather in his name, look upon us with mercy, and bless us with your healing Spirit. Bring us comfort in the midst of pain, strength to transform our weakness, and light to illuminate our darkness. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

We Listen to God's Word

(Please be Seated)

FIRST READING **2 Kings 5:9-14**

Healing of Naaman

9 So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of
Elisha's house. 10 Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan
seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." 11 But Naaman
became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come
out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand
over the spot and cure the skin disease! 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of
Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be
clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. 13 But his servants approached and said
to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult,
would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash,
and be clean'?" 14 So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan,
according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a
young boy, and he was clean.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *(read responsively)* **Psalm 13**

My heart is joyful because of your saving help

L: How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
C: How long must I bear pain in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
L: Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,
and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.
C: But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
L: I will sing to the LORD
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

SECOND READING **1 John 5:13-15**

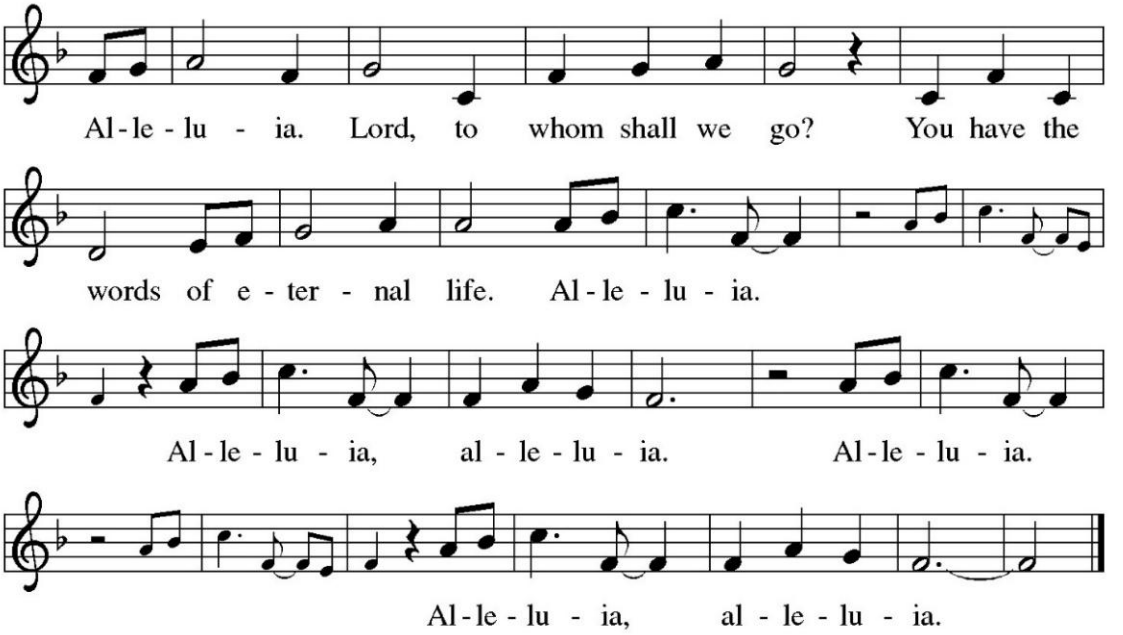
That you may know that you have eternal life

13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you
may know that you have eternal life.
14 And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to
his will, he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we
know that we have obtained the requests made of him.

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

(Please Stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL **John 6:47-51**

I am the bread of life

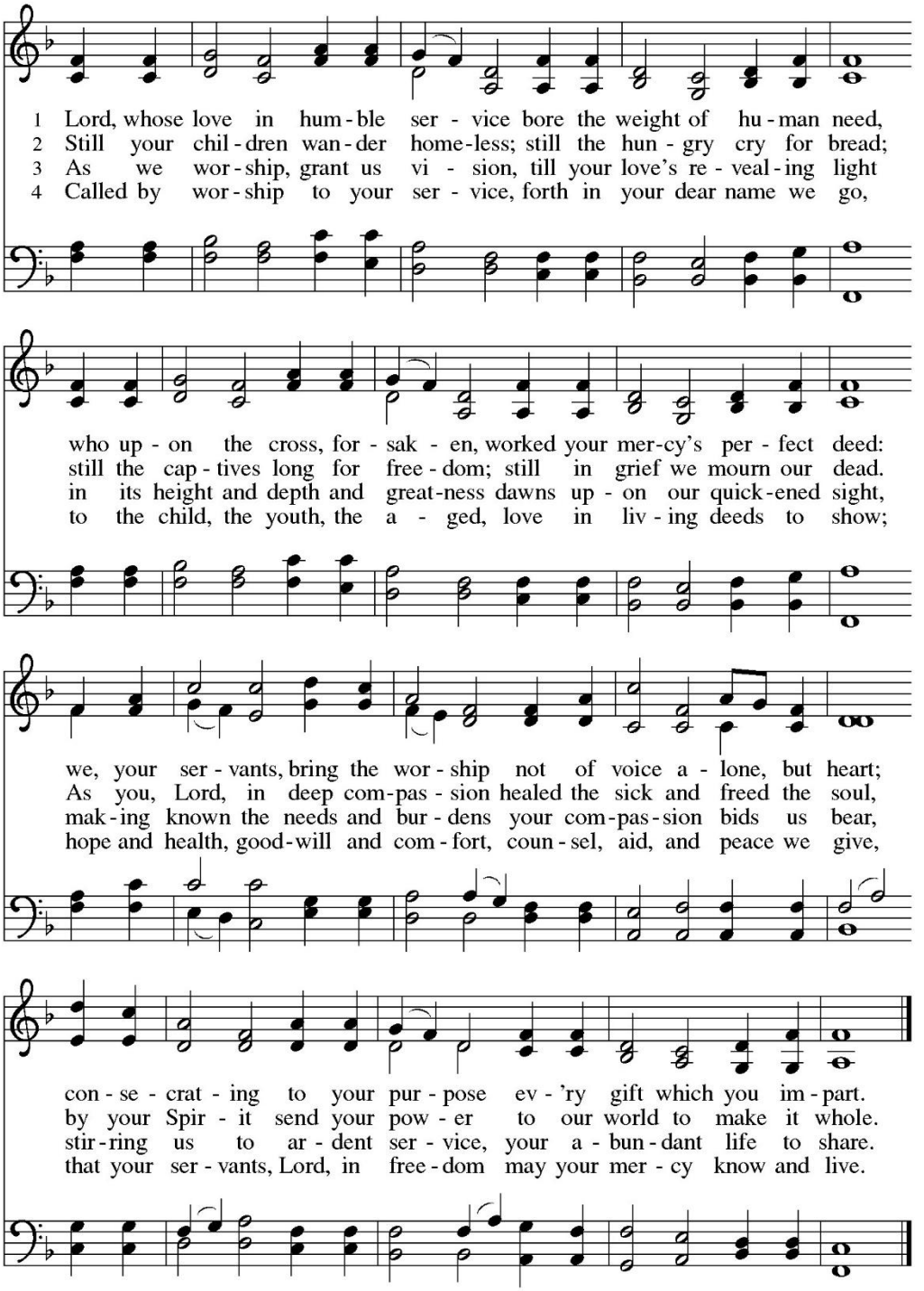
47 Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of
life. 49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the
bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am
the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live
forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

(Please be Seated)

SERMON ***Vicar Lotegeluaki Lengai***

(Please Stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"* **ELW Hymn 712**



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PRAYERS

P: God the Father, you desire the health and salvation of all people.
C: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

P: God the Son, you came that we might have life and might have it more abundantly.
C: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

P: God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temples of your presence.
C: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

P: Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being.
C: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

P: Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole, especially, Barb West; Norma Bock; Merk Hermann;
C: hear us, O Lord of life.

P: Grant to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent the awareness of your presence;
C: hear us, O Lord of life.

P: Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;
C: hear us, O Lord of life.

P: Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering; grant them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;
C: hear us, O Lord of life.

P: Grant to the dying a peaceful, holy death, and with your grace strengthen those who mourn, especially, the Family of Melvin Craven;
C: hear us, O Lord of life.

P: Restore to wholeness whatever is broken in our lives, in this nation, and in the world;
C: hear us, O Lord of life.
P: Hear us, O Lord of life:
C: heal us, and make us whole.

P: Gracious God, in baptism you anointed us with the oil of salvation, and joined us to the death and resurrection of your Son. Bless all who seek your healing presence in their lives. In their suffering draw them more deeply into the mystery of your love, that following Christ in the way of the cross, they may know the power of his resurrection; who lives and reigns forever and ever.
C: Amen

Continued…

P: Praise to you, almighty God and Father. You sent your Son to live among us and to bring us your salvation.

C: Blessed be God.

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, incomparable Son of the Father. You humbled yourself to share in our humanity, and you came to heal all our illnesses.

C: Blessed be God.

P: Praise to you, Holy Spirit, our defender and consoler. You heal our sickness with your mighty and life-giving power.

C: Blessed be God.

P: Holy and blessed Trinity, sustain your servants, with your presence; drive away their sickness of body and spirit; and give them that victory of life and peace which will enable them to serve you now and evermore.

C: Amen

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING

P: Through this holy anointing may God's love and mercy uphold you by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: As you are anointed with this oil,
may God bless you with the healing power of the Holy Spirit.
May God forgive you your sins,
release you from suffering,
and restore you to wholeness and strength.
May God deliver you from all evil,
preserve you in all goodness,
and bring you to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN *"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"* **ELW Hymn 543**

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lector:	Bill Mundt
Usher:	Susan Swanson
Communion:	*No Communion this week*
Greeters:	Ginny Mesecher
Missionary Support:	Open
Altar Flowers:	Bill Mundt – In Memory of William Mundt, Sr.
Remember in prayer:	Barb West; Norma Bock; Mark Hermann; The Family of Mel Craven

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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:	**Service of the Word for Healing -Lotegeluaki Lengai Preaching!**	
	9:00 a.m.	Worship - ***No Holy Communion this week***
	10:15 a.m.	**Ice Cream Social Set Up!**
	10:55 a.m.	Lutheran Church of Hope Service
Monday:	**6:30 p.m.**	**Property mtg.**
Tuesday:	***Pastor Misha returns to the area***	
	5:00 p.m.	**Pastor's Book Club**
	6:00 p.m.	**Executive mtg.**
	6:30 p.m.	**Finance mtg.**
Wednesday:	**5:00p.m. – 7:00p.m.**	**Ice Cream Social**
Thursday:	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study @ Messiah
	6:30 p.m.	**Joint Council mtg. @ Bethany**
Saturday:	**8:00 a.m.**	**Men's Breakfast**
Next Sunday:	**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**	
	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	10:55 a.m.	Lutheran Church of Hope Service

PASTOR MISHA AWAY ON VACATION 8/3 – 8/11

Pastor Misha will be away on vacation from the afternoon of Sunday, August 2 through Tuesday, August 11.

EMERGENCY PASTORAL COVERAGE
While Pastor Misha is away on vacation, Pastor Mark Youngquist will be providing emergency pastoral coverage for any emergencies that arise from the evening of Sunday, August 2 until Sunday, August 9. Pastor Nathaniel Adkins will be covering from Sunday, August 9 through Wednesday, August 11. Here is their contact information: Mark Youngquist – (319) 631-8564; Nathaniel Adkins – (641) 458-4516.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL INFORMATION
Ticket sales for this year's Ice Cream Social are now on sale! Adults are $10 and Children ages 10 and under are $5. Sign-up sheets for food items and help needed are available on the table in the Fellowship Hall! Ice Cream Social is on Wednesday, August 12 from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Set up is this Sunday, August 9 following service!

OUTREACH DONATIONS
Food Pantry Donations from now until the end of the year will be anything non-perishable! Thank you for your generosity!

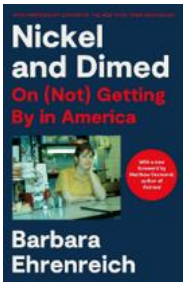
LUNCH BUNCH
Lunch Bunch will not be meeting in the month of August! Please stay tuned for where Lunch Bunch will meet again in September!

WEEKLY FINANCE REPORT
These are the numbers for where we are financially for the dates of July 26 – Aug. 1:

July 26-Aug. 1
Income: $3,311.00
Expense: $6,118.00
Shortfall: ($2,807.11)

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

AUGUST PASTOR'S BOOK CLUB
Our July book club will meet again this Tuesday, August 11 @ 5:00 p.m., here at Bethany. All are invited to join us! For this month, we will be reading "Nickel and Dimed, On (Not) Getting By in America" By Barbara Ehrenreich!



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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. ****

Pastor Misha's contact info: 412-628-6382; damisha.mcfarlandpollock@gmail.com

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Our Staff

Rev. Misha McFarland-Pollock	Pastor
Cory Byrne	Organist/Choir Director
Wendy Bell	Office Administrator
Michelle Huppenbauer	Financial Secretary
Pam Crable	Custodian