

# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

## July 27, 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 Lord, teach us how to pray a - right, with rev - 'rence and with fear.  
2 We per - ish if we cease from prayer; oh, grant us pow'r to pray.  
3 Give deep hu - mil - i - ty; the sense of god - ly sor - row give;  
4 Faith in the on - ly sac - ri - fice that can for sin a - tone;  
5 Give these, and then your will be done; thus strength - ened with all might,



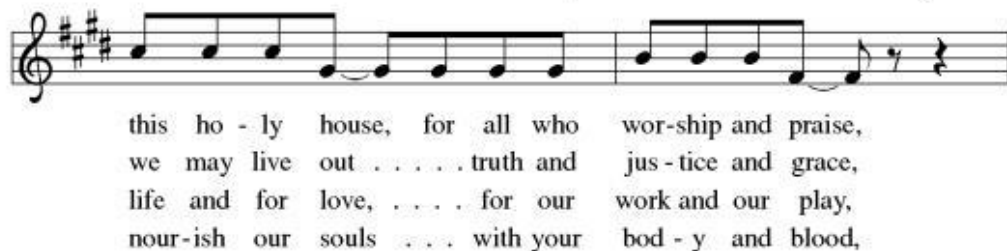
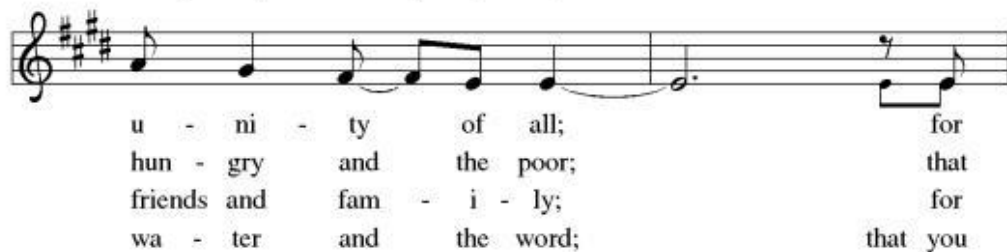
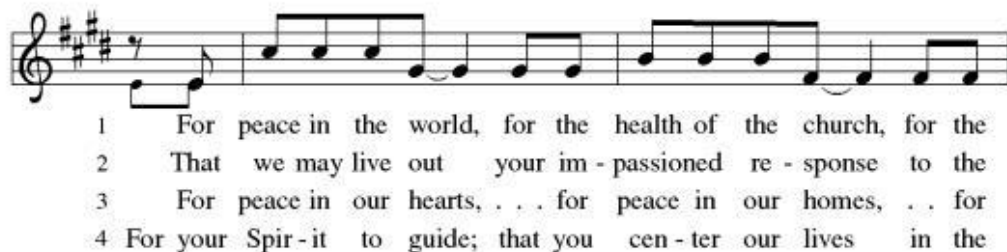
Though dust and ash - es in your sight, we may, we must draw near.  
And when to meet you we pre - pare, Lord, meet us on our way.  
a strong de - sire, with con - fi - dence, to hear your voice and live;  
to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes on Christ, on Christ a - lone.  
we, through your Spir - it and your Son, shall pray, and pray a - right.

**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: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

## We Listen to God's Word

### FIRST READING

Genesis 18:20-32

<sup>20</sup> Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup> I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup> And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup> Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup> Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup> Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup> He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup> Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

## Psalm 138

- L: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- C: I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because  
of your steadfast love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**
- L: When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.
- C: All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**
- L: They will sing of the ways of the LORD,  
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- C: The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty from afar.**
- L: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand  
shall save me.
- C: You will make good your purpose for me;  
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of  
your hands.**

## SECOND READING

## Colossians 2:6-19

<sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup> Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup> when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.



<sup>16</sup>Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.

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 11th chapter.

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

## GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”<sup>2</sup> So he said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON


*Confirmation Student Sion Lotegeluaki*

(Please stand)

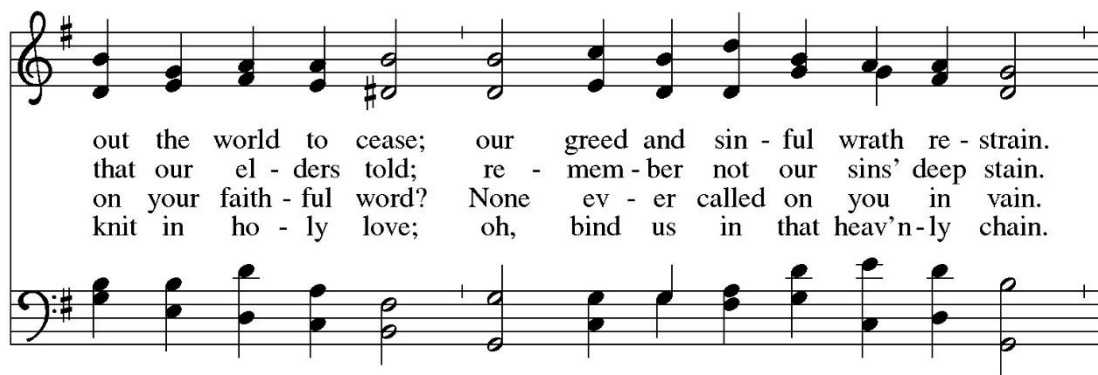
HYMN OF THE DAY

"O God of Love, O King of Peace"

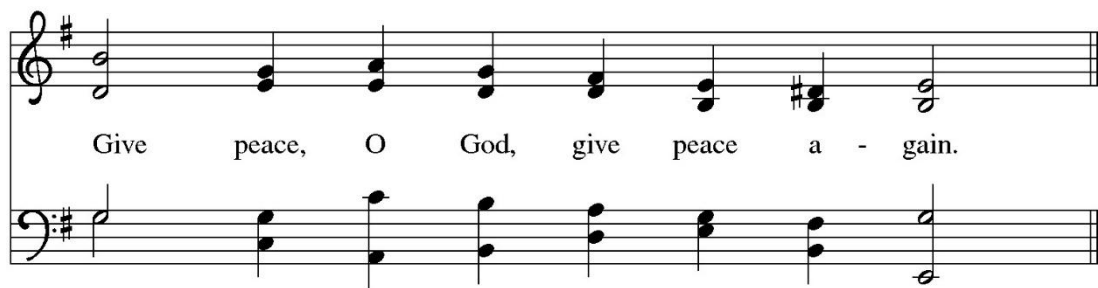
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1 O God of love, O King of peace, make wars through -  
2 Re - mem - ber, Lord, your works of old, the won - ders  
3 Whom shall we trust but you, O Lord? Where rest but  
4 Where saints and an - gels dwell a - bove all hearts are



out the world to cease; our greed and sin - ful wrath re - strain.  
that our el - ders told; re - mem - ber not our sins' deep stain.  
on your faith - ful word? None ev - er called on you in vain.  
knit in ho - ly love; oh, bind us in that heav'n - ly chain.



Give peace, O God, give peace a - gain.

# 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:



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

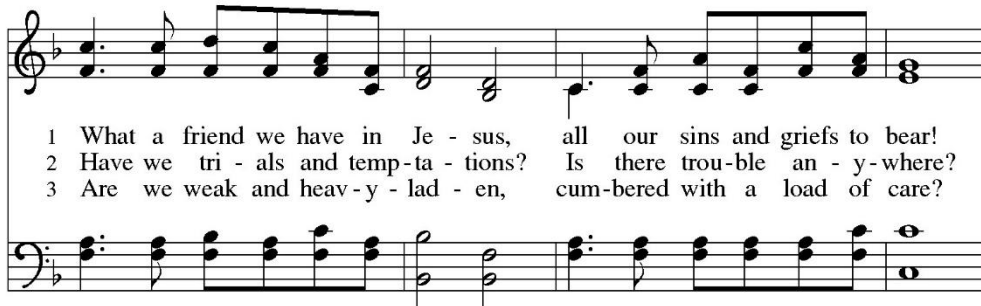
*"Lord, Be Glorified"*

ELW Hymn 744

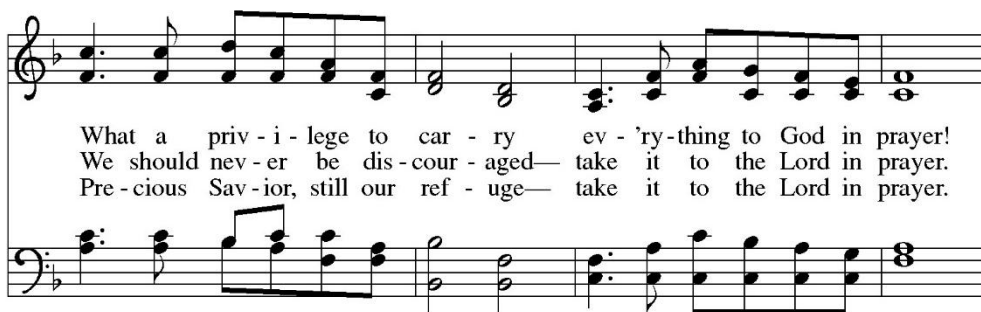
The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the piano providing harmonic support. The lyrics are distributed across four lines, with the first line being a call to glory and the second line being a prayer for glorification.

1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
4 In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;

in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.



*(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.**

Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho.  
Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

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## THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

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## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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Communion: Steve & Sue Rogers  
Greeters: Sharon Martindale  
Missionary Support: Michelle Huppenbauer  
Altar Flowers: Julie Wischmeier-In Memory of my Mother  
Remember in prayer: Bev Felland; Genieve Hingst; Barb West

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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: **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Confirmation Student Sion Lotegeluaki will be**  
**Preaching w/ Pastor Misha presiding**  
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**  
Friday: **10:00 a.m. Quester's decorating for Sat. meeting**  
Saturday: **8:00 a.m. Property work day**  
**9:00am-1:00pm Quester's Annual Meeting**  
Next Sunday: **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
**10:15 a.m. Church Outreach**  
10:55 a.m. Lutheran Church of Hope Service

## PASTOR MISHA OUT OF OFFICE 7/28 - 8/2

Pastor Misha will be attending the ELCA Churchwide Assembly Monday, July 28 through Saturday, August 2. Pastoral coverage while she is away for any Pastoral emergencies that may arise, will be Pastor Mark Youngquist. He can be reached at 319-631-8564.

## MESSIAH & BETHANY YOUTH @ EWALU CAMP

Messiah & Bethany Youth attending camp at Camp EWALU, will be departing today, Sunday, July 27 for Strawberry Point, IA! Please say a little prayer for them for a fun and safe week at camp!

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL SIGN UP

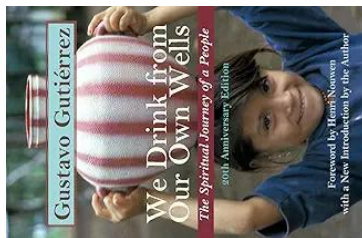
There are still a few items that will be needed for the Ice Cream Social! Please stop and sign up, we also need plenty of volunteers for serving and clean up! Ice Cream Social is Wednesday, August 13 from 5pm-7pm!

## OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

No pantry donations for the month of July. Stay tuned for August donation update!

## PASTOR'S BOOK CLUB!

Pastor's Book Club will meet next month on Tuesday, August 12 @ 7pm @ Bethany. August book will be "We Drink From Our Own Wells" By Gustavo Gutierrez!



## 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! Final summer service is 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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