Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 14, 2026

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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

UNITY PRAYER FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES IN CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH: LIVING THE STORY OF FREEDOM

(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 *"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"* **ELW Hymn 883**

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: God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

We Listen to God's Word

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING **Exodus 19:2-8a**

2 [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and
camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.3 Then
Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall
say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: 4 'You have seen what I did to the
Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now,
therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured
possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, 6 but you shall be
for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall
speak to the Israelites."
7 So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all
these words that the LORD had commanded him. 8a The people all answered as one,
"Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *(read responsively)* **Psalm 100**

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!
Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

C: Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong;
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

L: Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God's holy name.

C: Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

SECOND READING **Romans 5:1-8**

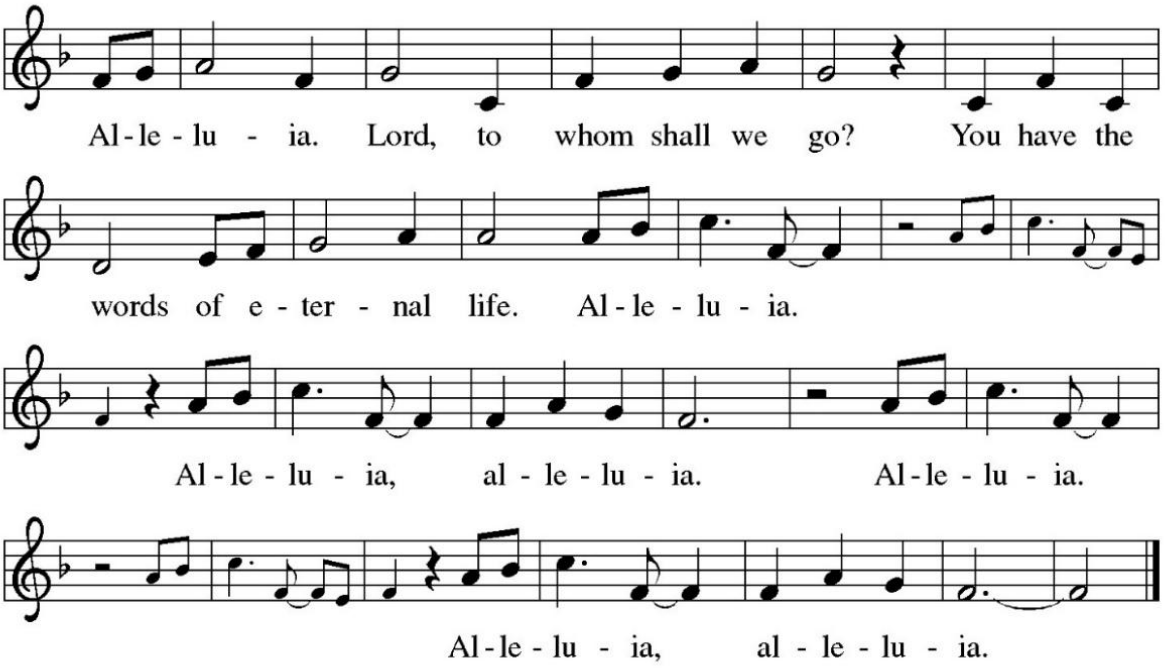
[1] Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus
Christ, [2] through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand,
and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. [3] And not only that, but we
also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, [4] and
endurance produces character, and character produces hope, [5] and hope does not
put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the
Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

[6] For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the
ungodly. [7] Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for
a good person someone might actually dare to die. [8] But God proves his love for us
in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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 9:35—10:8-23**

35 Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and
proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every
sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they
were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his
disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore ask the
Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

10:1 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over
unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every
sickness. 2 These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as
Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; 3 Philip
and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus
and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed
him.

5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road
leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, 6 but go rather to the lost
sheep of the house of Israel. 7 As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of
heaven has come near.' 8 Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin
disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.
[9 Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, 10 no bag for your journey, or two
tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. 11 Whatever town or
village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. 12 As
you enter the house, greet it. 13 If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it,
but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. 14 If anyone will not welcome
you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that
house or town. 15 Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and
Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

16 "I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as
serpents and innocent as doves. 17 Beware of them, for they will hand you over to
councils and flog you in their synagogues, 18 and you will be dragged before
governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the
gentiles. 19 When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or
what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, 20 for it
is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. 21 Sibling
will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against
parents and have them put to death, 22 and you will be hated by all because of my
name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 23 When they persecute you
in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going
through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."]

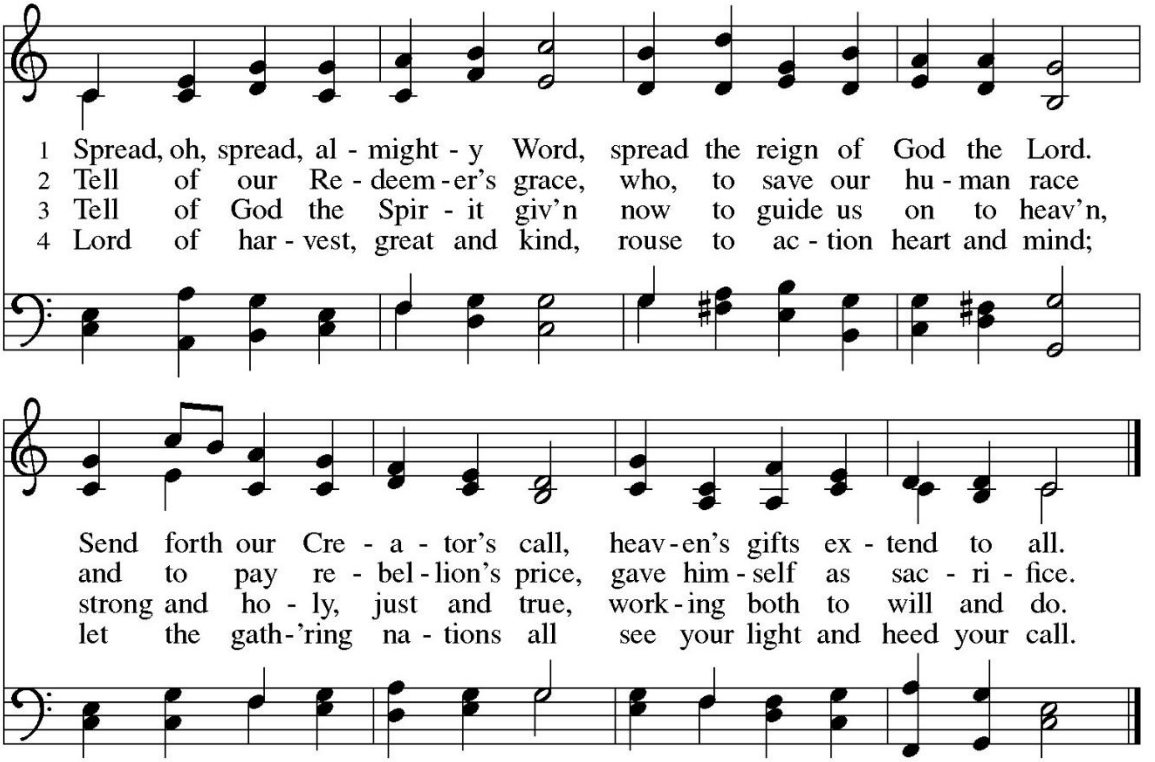
P: The Gospel of our Lord
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON ***Pastor Misha McFarland-Pollock***

(Please Stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word"* **ELW Hymn 663**



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

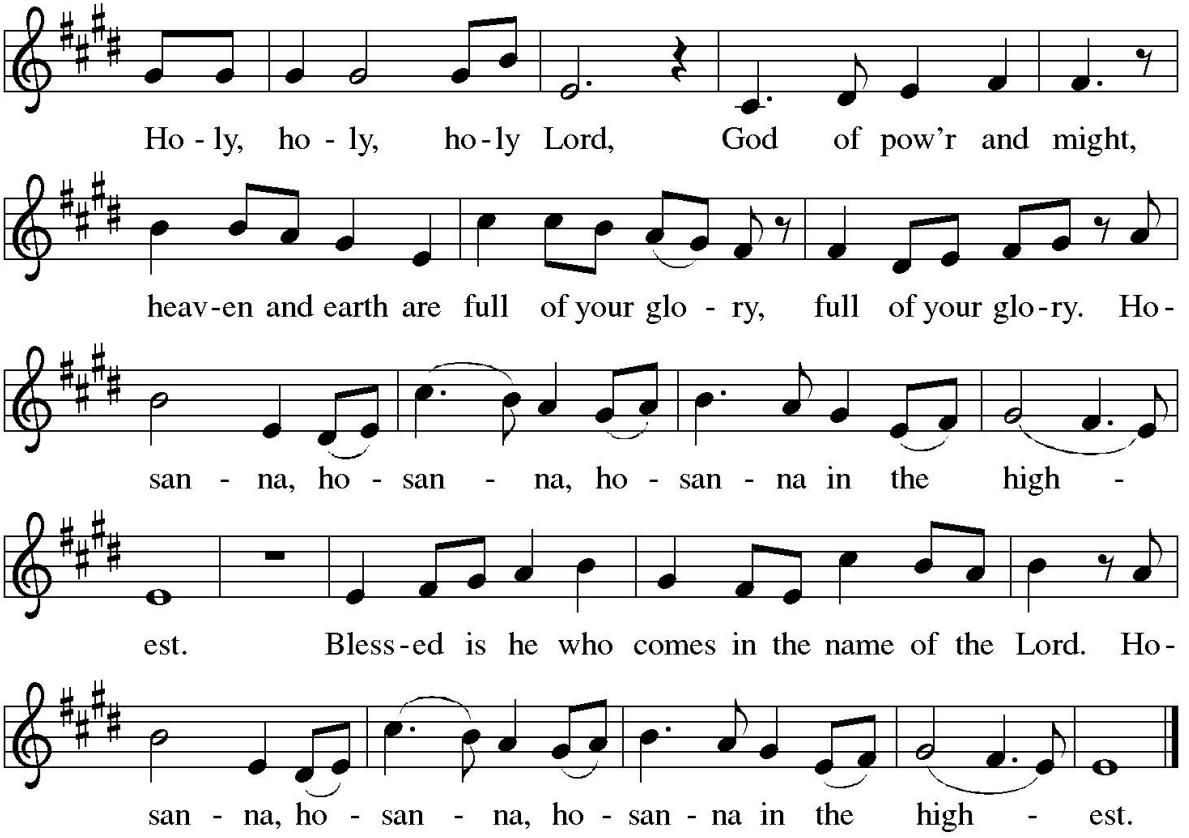
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

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.

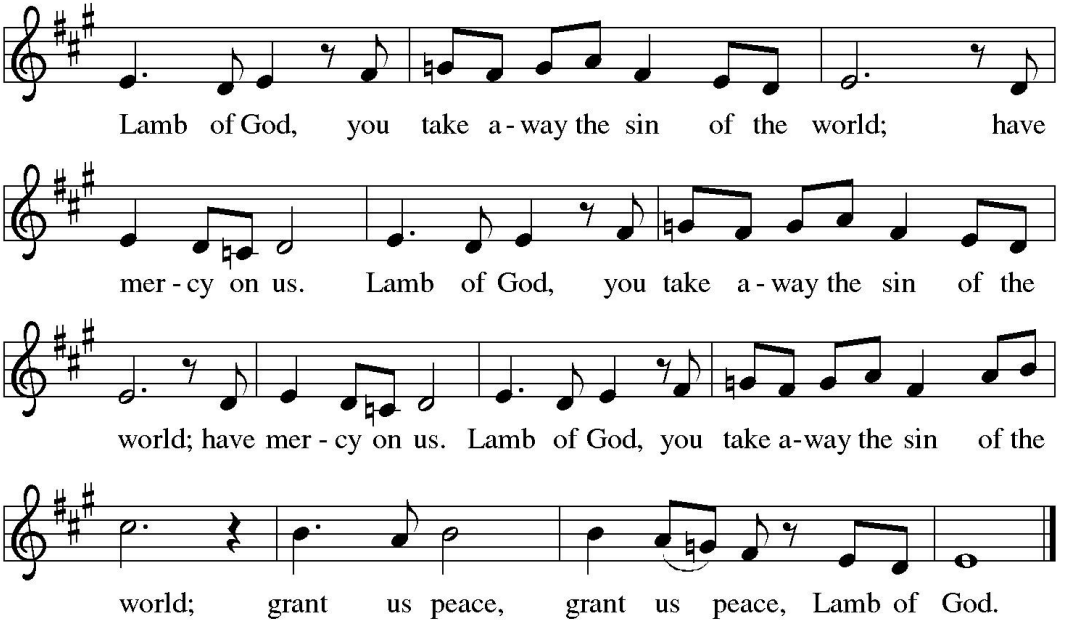
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the 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 *"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"* ELW Hymn 461

Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.
All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.
Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.
Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

(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.

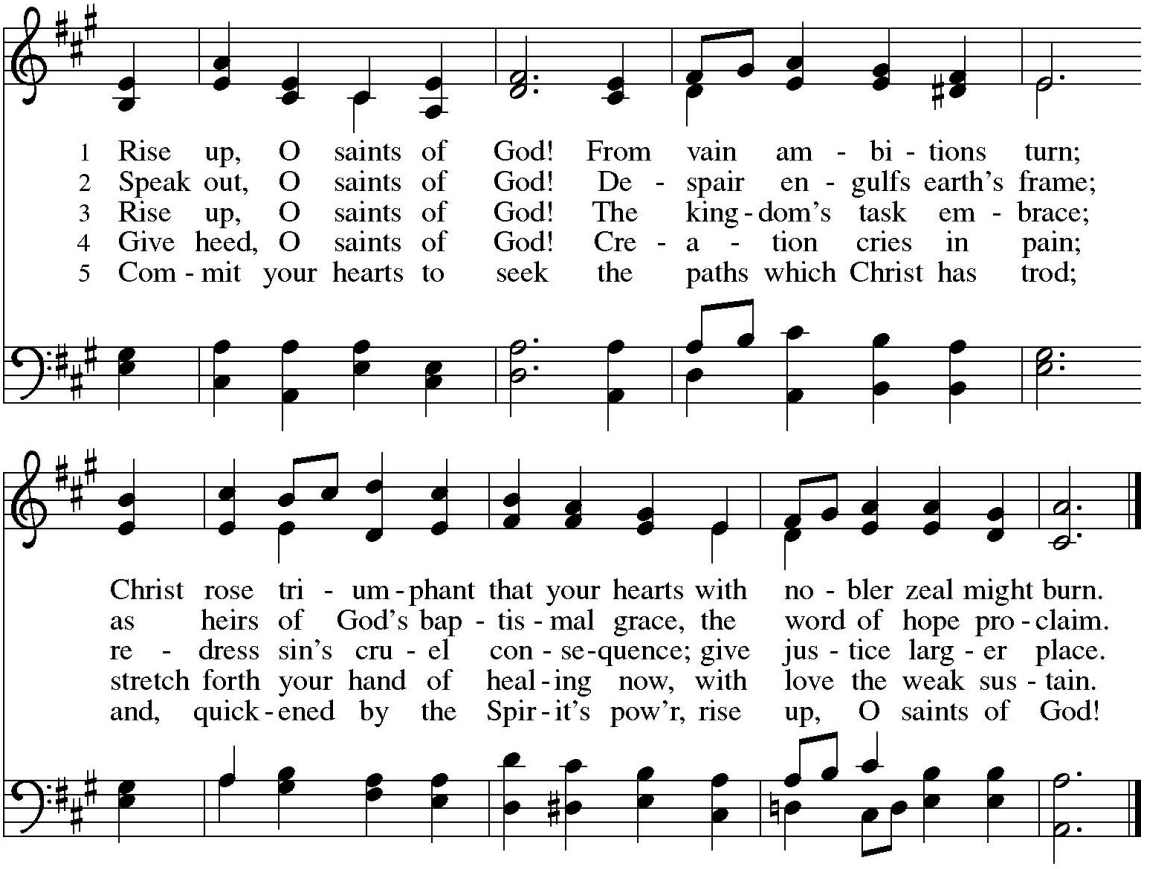
P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN *"Rise Up, O Saints of God"* **ELW Hymn 669**



DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Missionary Support:	Open
Altar Flowers:	Susan Swanson
Remember in prayer:	Norma Bock; Mel Craven; Mark Hermann

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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:	**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
Monday:	**Office Closed: Wendy out of office**	
	9am-Noon	**Vacation Bible School @ Messiah starts**
Wednesday:	**6:30 p.m.**	**Council Mtg.**
Thursday:	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study @ Messiah
	9am-Noon	**Vacation Bible School @ Messiah ends**
Next Sunday:	**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**	
	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	10:55 a.m.	Lutheran Church of Hope Service

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL @ MESSIAH

Vacation Bible School at Messiah starts this coming Monday, June 15 through Thursday, June 18 for children 3 years of age to 6th grade! Registration form can be found by using the QR code on the flyer in the June Chimes newsletter or on the flyer in the Fellowship Hall. A sign-up sheet for VBS Supplies donations is available in the hall and there are still quite a few supplies still needed for Monday.

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!

WEEKLY FINANCE REPORT

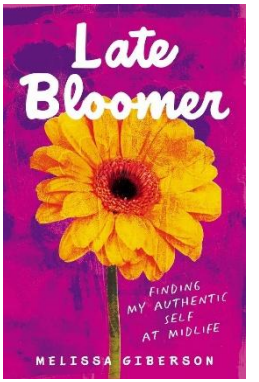
These are the numbers for where we are financially for the dates of May 31 – June 6:

May 31-June 6
Income: $2,866.00
Expense: $1,671.27
Overage: $1,194.73

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

JULY PASTOR'S BOOK CLUB

Our July book club will meet again this Tuesday, July 14 @ 5:00 p.m., here at Bethany. All are invited to join us! For this month, we will be reading "Late Bloomer" by Melissa Giberson!



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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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