

The Ordinary Time after Pentecost

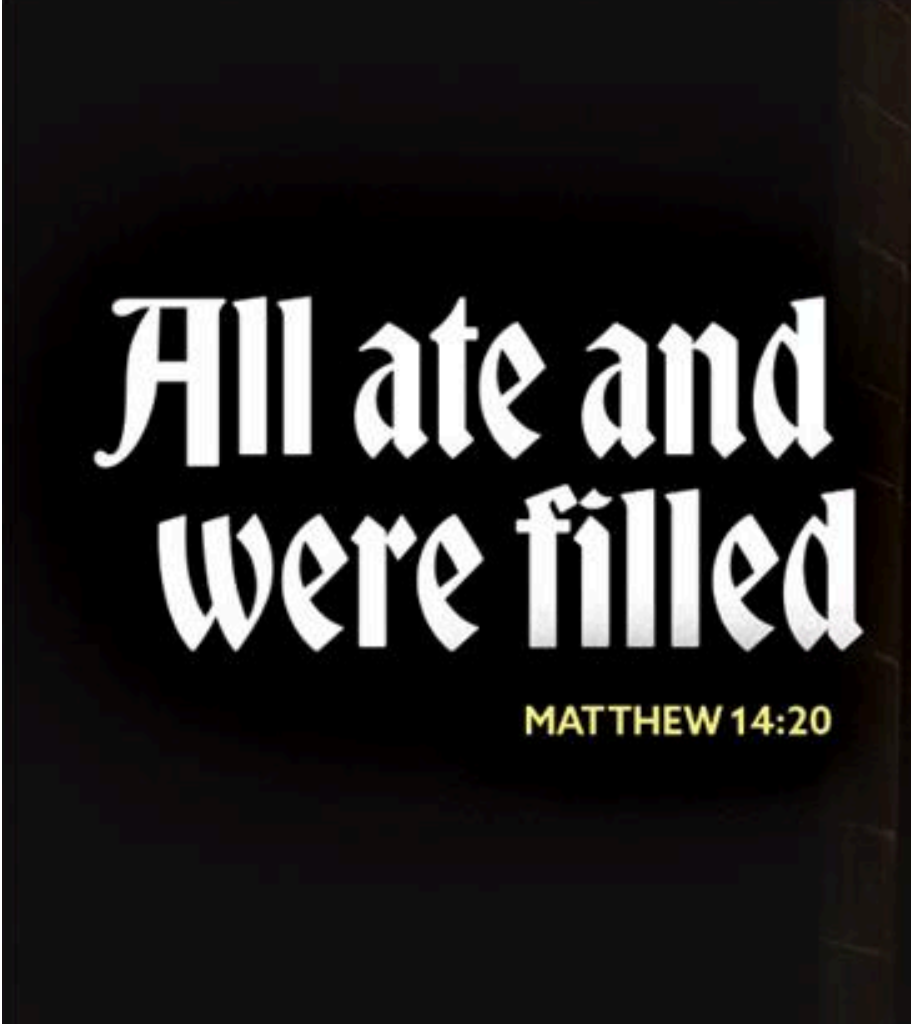
ELW Holy Communion Setting Eight

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Faith-Bethany Partnership

One partnership, two campuses within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



All ate and
were filled

MATTHEW 14:20



Introduction to the day

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

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You Are Received Here, as you are

We are one partnership worshipping across two campuses: Bethany Lutheran and Faith Lutheran. We are called to serve you, each other, Ishpeming and our surrounding neighborhoods. Rooted in Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, we believe God's grace is for all people and all creation, calling us into lives of compassion, justice, service, and hope.

Whoever you are, whatever your story or questions, you are free to listen, to join in as you are able, and to be met by the living presence of God. Whether you are new to church, returning after time away, carrying faith or doubt, or joining us from a distance — **there is space for you here.**

Our services are livestreamed to extend that welcome beyond these walls. Our camera remains focused on the chancel and worship leaders. We do our best to protect the faces of children, and we ask for your grace knowing we cannot control every moment. Questions or concerns about our livestream? Please speak with a pastor or worship leader.

From the earliest days of the Church, God's people gathered in different places while sharing one faith, one mission, and one Spirit. Bethany and Faith share a long history of cooperation and pastoral connection — what we are living into now is a faithful renewal of a way of being church that has served this place before. As part of the ELCA and the Northern Great Lakes Synod, we join the wider church in ministries of mercy, justice, and accompaniment within and beyond our local context.

This Is How We Honor One Another Here

Being received into this community also means receiving one another with care. We are all learning together what it means to protect the dignity, image, and trust of every person who gathers here. These are not rules imposed from outside. They are the values of the Gospel, finding expression in how we treat one another every day.

We ask consent before photographing, recording, or sharing the image of any person — including children — in any public or online space.

We keep confidence. Private communications belong to those who shared them, and are not ours to forward or share without permission.

We name harm. We will not go along to get along. We extend grace to one another in learning, while holding one another accountable with honesty and love.

Honoring the Land

With gratitude and humility, we acknowledge that we gather on the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabeg — the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi peoples — who have stewarded this region since time immemorial. We honor their enduring presence and commit ourselves to walk gently on the earth and seek right relationship with all our neighbors.

One partnership. Two campuses. Many gifts. One body in Christ.

Grace and peace to you: welcome.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Lamb of God
by Twila Paris

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Please stand, as you are willing or able, in body or in spirit.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity,
✙ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Our confession is that we have forgotten whose we are and therefore who we are – created and lovingly made to walk in God's way of peace and live in God's peace; we confess as an opportunity to begin reconciliation, with one another and with God.

Compassionate God,
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.

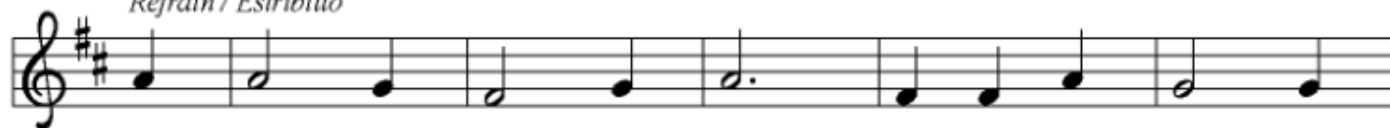
Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,
Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

United at the Table (ELW 498)

Refrain / Estribillo



U - ni - dos en la fies - ta, la_a - le - grí - a
U - nit - ed at the ta - ble: all our joy is



se_ha-ce can - ción. U - ni - dos en la fe,
joined in song. U - nit - ed in the faith:



la_a - le - grí - a se_ha - ce_o - ra - ción.
all our joy to God be - longs.



1 Can - ta - re - mos al Se - ñor
1 We will praise God, we will sing
2 We will praise God, we will feast
3 We will praise God, we will play

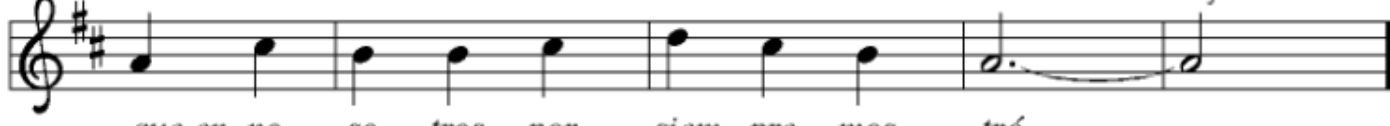


a - le - lu - yas con him - nos y sal - mos,
al - le - lu - ias with hymns and with psalm - o - dy;
at the boun - ti - ful ta - ble of life and grace;
al - le - lu - ias with rhy - thm and in - stru - ments;



por - que gran - de_es el a - mor
we will praise God for the love
we will praise God and give thanks
we will praise God for the love

Refrain / Estribillo



que_en no - so - tros por siem - pre mos - tró.
that sus - tains us e - ter - nal - ly.
for com - mu - nion with ev - 'ry race.
that in - vites all cre - a - tion to dance.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

This greeting, based on 2 Corinthians 13:13, is a call-and-response between the worship leader (often the pastor) and the congregation. This greeting is more than a simple salutation; it is a blessing and a recognition of God's presence, here and now, and of God's grace.



KYRIE

The Kyrie, from the Greek "Kyrie eleison" (meaning "Lord, have mercy"), is a prayer of supplication, a plea for God's grace and forgiveness. In many ELCA traditions, the Kyrie is a threefold repetition of "Lord, have mercy" (Kyrie eleison), often followed by "Christ, have mercy" (Christe eleison) and then "Lord, have mercy" (Kyrie eleison) again.

Refrain



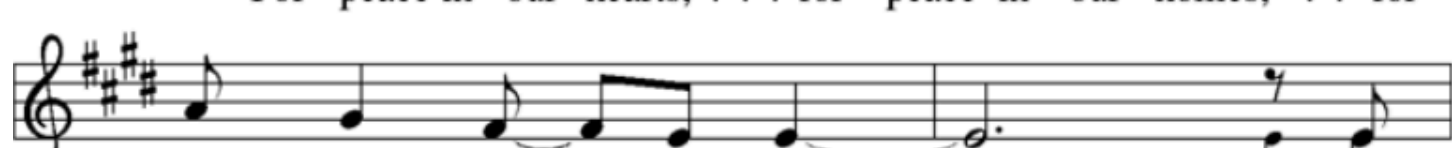
Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



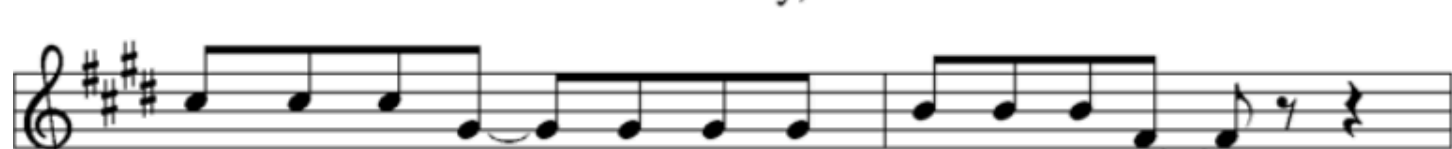
Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



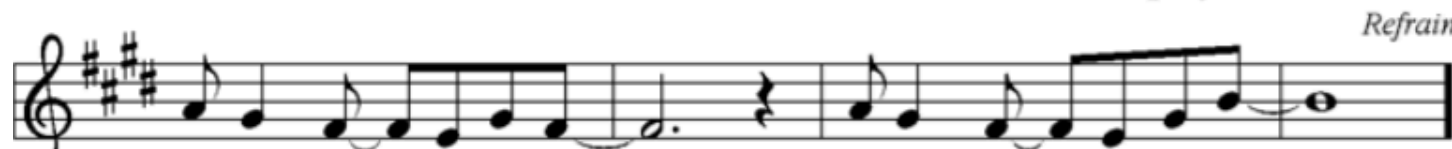
For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for



friends and fam - i - ly; for



life and for love, for our work and our play,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray, together.

Glorious God, **your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day is born out of the lectionary (texts), and is the primary invitation to the radical love offered through the Gospel of the day, focused on the primary themes we might experience together, across the church and traditions.

Please be seated.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

A reading from Isaiah.

- ¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts;
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
- ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
- ³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
- ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
- ⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

145:8-9, 14-21

We will chant the psalm, responsively, with the Assembly following The Choir, in the bold print.



- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and full [|] of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in [|] steadfast love.
- ⁹ **LORD, you are [|] good to all,**
and your compassion is over [|] all your works.
- ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all [|] those who fall
and lifts up those who [|] are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon [|] you, O LORD,**
and you give them their food [|] in due season.
- ¹⁶ You open [|] wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every [|] living thing.
- ¹⁷ **You are righteous in [|] all your ways**
and loving in [|] all your works. R
- ¹⁸ You are near to all who [|] call upon you,
to all who call up- [|] on you faithfully.
- ¹⁹ **You fulfill the desire of [|] those who fear you;**
you hear their [|] cry and save them.
- ²⁰ You watch over all [|] those who love you,
but all the wicked you [|] shall destroy.
- ²¹ **My mouth shall speak the praise [|] of the LORD;**
let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- [|] er and ever.

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

A reading from Romans.

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you're willing and able, in body or in spirit.

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.

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand, as you're willing and able, in body or in spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (ELW 712)



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crating to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Rite of Holy Baptism

PRESENTATION

...People of God, do you promise to support Vivienne and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you, assembly and community of support, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: **I renounce them. [stomp]**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: **I renounce them. [stomp]**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: **I renounce them. [stomp]**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

...To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

BAPTISM OF VIVIENNE HILL

WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized!

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:

join us in giving thanks and praise to God

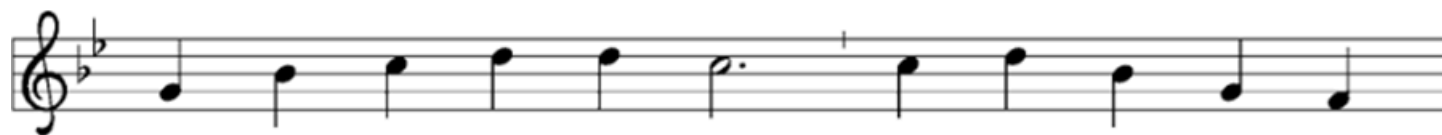
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

HYMN OF INVOCATION

Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove (ELW 578)



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, de - scend
2 To you, the Com - fort - er, we cry; to you,
3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold, we God's
4 Your light to ev - 'ry sense im - part, and shed



up - on us from a - bove; with grac - es man - i -
the gift of God most high, true fount of life, the
al - might - y hand be - hold; while you with tongues of
your love in ev - 'ry heart; your own un - fail - ing



fold re - store your crea - tures as they were be - fore.
fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
fire pro - claim to all the world God's ho - ly name.
might sup - ply to strength - en our in - fir - mi - ty.

SERMON FOR THE YOUNG, AND YOUNG AT HEART

The People are invited forward for an invitation to see themselves in God's story with us anew.



PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

ANTHEM

Five Loaves and Two Fishes
by Corinne May

The assembly may join in on the chorus:

Take my five loaves and two fishes
Do with it as you will
I surrender
Take my fears and my inhibitions
All my burdens, my ambitions
You can use it all to feed them all



OFFERING

Ways to support the ministry here at in Ishpeming with either Faith, or Bethany, or both:

- Certainly, you are welcome to take part in our “noisy offering” collection, by placing your gifts **in the containers passed** by our Usher Team, each Sunday during this time. Noisy Offering supports the work and outreach of the Social Ministry Team. The August Noisy supports the Salvation Army.
- You are invited to set up a one-time or recurring donation by **texting ASSIST to 844-920-4105**; be sure to have your preferred method of sharing ready.
- Use this **QR Code** (to the right). Open your camera app on your phone, place the QR code in the center of your camera’s view-field, and select the Vanco link that appears!
- Offerings will be assigned to the campus you name, or by the affiliated envelope you use. You may designate a specific partnership building online; or designate offerings by applying a note of intent, or reaching out to the office, by phone or email, and expressing your intent with your name and amount offered.



We give thanks for your sharing of gifts and generosity!

Please stand, as you’re willing and able, in body or in spirit.

Voices Raised to You (ELW 845)



Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for
songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray, together.

Loving God, **we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

The service of Holy Communion is at the heart of Christian faith and life. In this sacrament, two essential realities occur for the benefit of God's people. First, God gives us his Son's true body and blood, through which we receive the forgiveness of sins. Second, the people of God's church are joined with one another as we share a mysterious and intimate bond as fellow members of Christ's body. This sacrament, together with the proclamation of God's Word, lies at the core of Christian worship. We Lutherans often describe our ministry as "Word and Sacrament". Both elements of worship are essential. There have been periods in the history of the Lutheran church where the frequency of Holy Communion waxed and waned. In the late 19th century, a liturgical renewal began, and one of the results was the restoration of weekly Communion. In this partnership, we follow that cadence.

Great Thanksgiving

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Preface introduces us to the next part of the service, where we are invited into God's presence for the sharing of the meal. It is an ancient aspect of Christian liturgy. St. Hippolytus mentions that in the early 3rd century, Christians were using a preface in worship. This exchange has survived for centuries almost word-for-word in our liturgy!

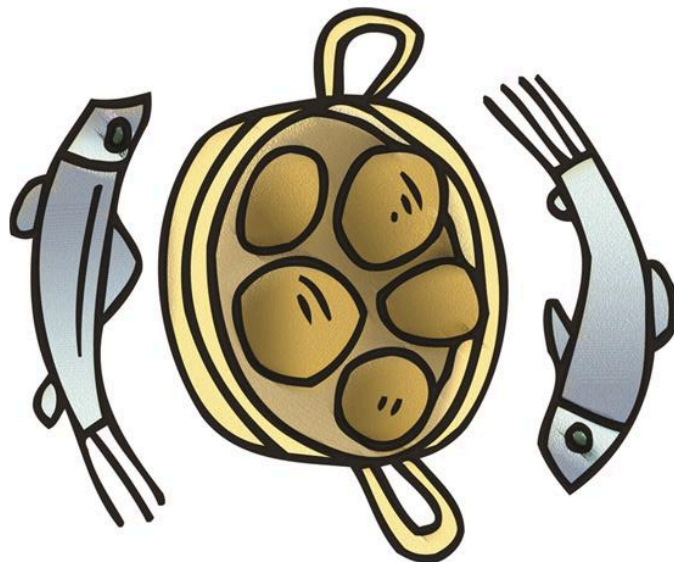
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff. 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."

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night ... Do this for the remembrance of me.



LORD'S PRAYER

We invite you to use the words of the Lord's Prayer that speak loudest to you, and experiencing the rhythms of the Spirit that speak to each of us, creating both dissonance and resonance. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray:

**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.**

**Isä meidän, joka olet taivaissa
Pyhitetty olkoon sinun nimesi
Tulkoon sinun valtakuntasi
Tapahtukoon sinun tahtosi
Myös maan päällä niin kuin taivaassa
Anna meille tänä päivänä
Meidän jokapäiväinen leipämme
Ja anna meille meidän syntimme anteeksi,
Niin kuin mekin anteeksi annamme niille
Jotka ovat meitä vastaan rikkoneet
Äläkä saata meitä kiusaukseen
Vaan päästä meidät pahasta
Sillä sinun on valtakunta
ja voima ja kunnia
iankaikkisesti. Aamen.**

**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.**

**O Great Spirit, our Father from above,
we honor your name as sacred and holy.
Bring your good road to us, where the
beauty of your ways in the spirit-world
above is reflected in the earth below.
Provide for us day by day—the elk, the
buffalo, and the salmon. The corn, the
squash, and the wild rice. All the things
we need for each day. Release us from the
things we have done wrong, in the same
way we release others for the things done
wrong to us. Guide us away from the
things that tempt us to stray from your
good road, and set us free from the evil
one and his worthless ways. Aho! May it
be so!¹**

¹ Wildman, Terry M., First Nations Version: An Indigenous Bible Translation of the New Testament (p. 10). InterVarsity Press. Kindle Edition.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and know that God is good to all. **Thanks be to God!**

COMMUNION

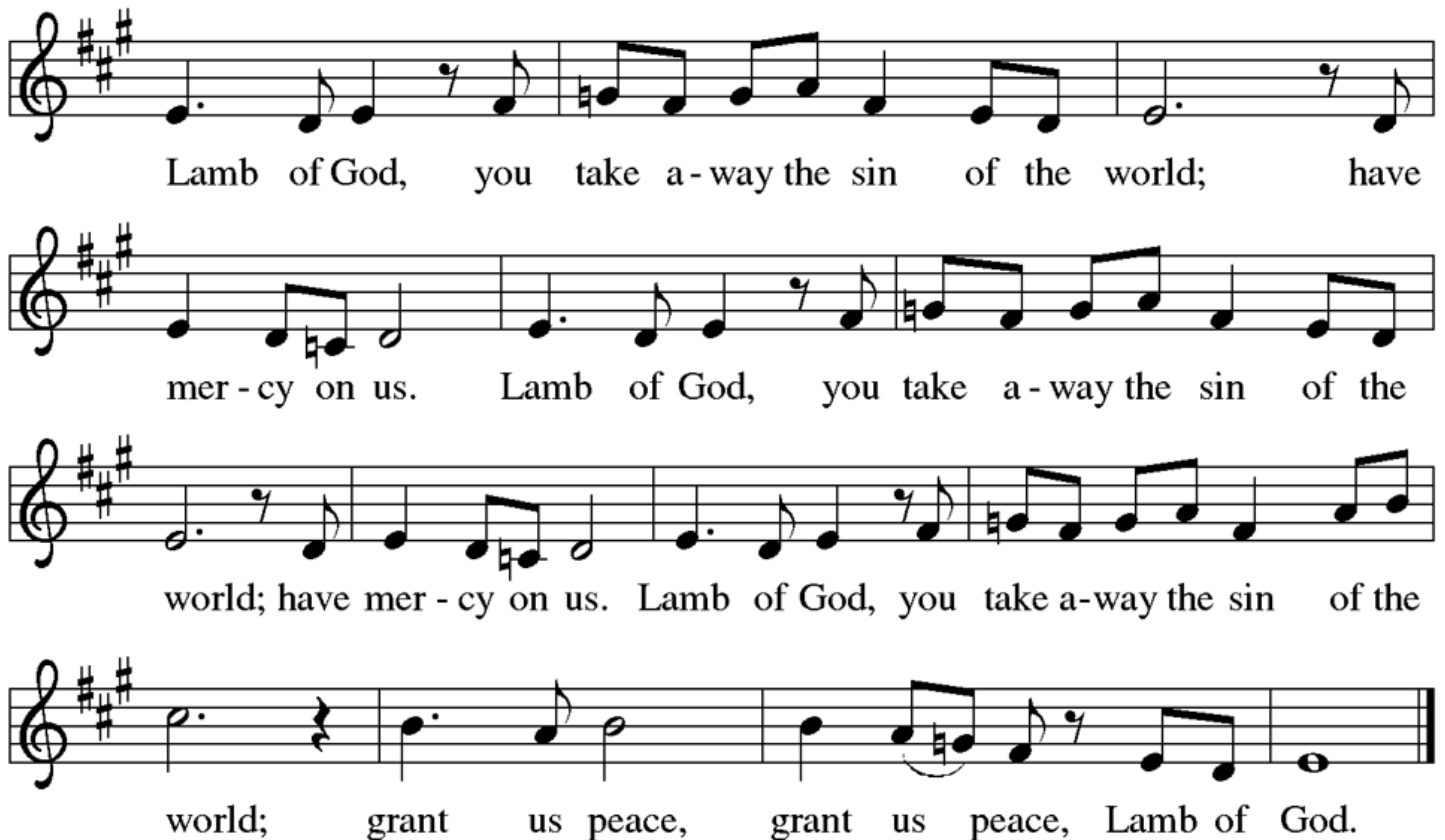
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

Please be seated.

We celebrate an open table in this community; all are welcome. Our communion bread is gluten and egg free. Grape juice and wine are both available in each passed tray; grape juice is in the center of the tray, wine is reddish in color.

Holy Communion, also known as the Lord's Supper, or Eucharist, is a central practice where the crucified and risen Christ is believed to be truly present, offering his body and blood as food and drink, and is celebrated every Sunday and festival. We believe that the presence of Christ is in, with, through, around, and under the elements of bread and wine. We hold that there are two Sacraments (sacred acts of divine institution), Communion and Baptism, both outward and visible signs of an inward and spiritual grace coupling earthly elements with divine command.

COMMUNION SONG



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.

SONG DURING DISTRIBUTION

One Bread, One Body (ELW 496)

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-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.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMN

Please use the cranberry hymnal in the pew

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (ELW 484)

POST-COMMUNION COMMENDATION

May the body and blood of Christ, Risen Savior, strengthen ✝ and keep us. **Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand, as you're willing and able, in body or in spirit.

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✝ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.

**Even if I knew that tomorrow the
world would go to pieces, I would still
plant my apple tree.**

~ Martin Luther



SENDING SONG

Praise and Thanksgiving (ELW 689)



- 1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
- 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
- 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
- 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



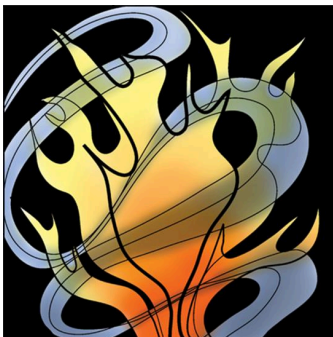
or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Rondo
by John Bull



Upcoming Commemorations

**Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), died 1221
Saturday, August 8, 2026**

Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.

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Partnership Events

A graphic for a Town Hall Meeting. It features a dark blue arrow pointing right, containing the text "TOWNHALL MEETING" in white and orange, and "Your Voice: Heard" in white. To the right of the arrow is a green and yellow geometric shape with the text "2-ISH". Below these elements, the text "TODAY, AFTER WORSHIP!" is written in large, bold, black letters.

**TOWNHALL
MEETING**
Your Voice: Heard

2-ISH

TODAY, AFTER WORSHIP!

*Enjoy the Strawberry Social, hosted by Bethany Campus' WELCA,
during the Town Hall, on August 2nd.*



FAITH CAMPUS

SUMMER MOWING SCHEDULE

*The Faith Campus is looking for volunteers to
join the summer mowing team.*

If you choose to accept this mission, your name goes on the list, and when you get a call from the previous mower, you're next. We ask that the church property be mowed at sometime during the week, prior to any worship service held at the Faith Campus. Then you call the next person on the list. If you cannot mow when you're called, either trade with someone else on the list, or call the next person.

SIGN UP BY CONTACTING DEDE CAPLETT: 906-569-9068

No need to bring your own equipment as you
can use Faith's.



Sunday
SERMONS

Copies of Pastor's sermon manuscripts are available every Sunday, near the bulletins wherever we are worshipping. If you would like them emailed to you, reach out to Pastor J to be added to an email list that will deliver a copy of the sermon, after worship each Sunday.

Community Events



CONSCIENCE AND CONVERSATION:

A Study during the Reconsideration
of the Social Statement Human
Sexuality: Gift and Trust

As the ELCA begins communal discernment, this study is intended to help groups have open and constructive conversations about sexuality and conscience and to provide feedback to the task force as it drafts a revised social statement. Our hope is to help ELCA members navigate discussion faithfully, “bearing with one another in love.” At the end of the study guide is a survey and instructions for you to submit comments to the task force. We pray that you will contribute to the discernment of the whole church through your responses.

In Christ, *The ELCA Task Force on Human Sexuality Reconsiderations*. The next sessions are scheduled for August 18th and 20th, both beginning at 6:30PM on the Bethany Campus. You do not need to have attended in July to join the conversation.



Sisters in the Wind by Angeline Bouley

◦ 9/15 from 630-745pm in the
Fireside room at Bethel,
Ishpeming.
Contact Pastor Tim with questions.

The Complete Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi

Contact Pastor J with questions, and this
copy is for you to have and KEEP.

- Meeting 1: 9/29 from 630-745pm
at Bethany
- Meeting 2: 10/8 from 630-745pm
at Bethany

Mornings in Jenin by Susan Abulhawa

Contact Pastor J or Tim with questions,
and this copy of this book is available for
you to have and KEEP.

- Meeting 1: 11/3 from 630-745pm at
Bethany
- Meeting 2: 11/17 from 600-815pm
at Bethany.
 - 1st 45 minutes discussing the
book; last 1.5 hours movie and
discussion: Louis Theroux: The
Settlers (1 hour documentary,
2025)

CONFIRMATION 2026-27

Confirmation Retreats Initial Gathering - Building Community

Confirmation is a three-year learning program, with students starting in 7th grade and finishing in 9th grade. It is a combined program with churches across our conference. Pastor Tim is organizing confirmation for the 4ISH churches. Please contact Pastor Tim with any questions. **The required initial gathering will be at Immanuel, Negaunee on Sunday September 20 from 5-7pm.** The schedule for the evening will include introductions of the pastors leading the program, dinner, worship, and meetings with others from your individual congregations to go over expectations (we will meet as 4ISH).

- Please bring your **health insurance information** so you can complete the yearly release form before you leave for home!

Also, please **bring your calendars** so you can sign up to help drive to classes, help with snacks, etc.

OUR LEADERS IN PARTNERED MINISTRY

Pastors: J. Michael Mills and Tim Johnston
Presiding: Pastor J. Michael Mills
Assisting Minister: William Barton Lector: Denise Kaukola Mason
Music Director: Donna Poirier
Organist/Accompanists: Carol Cox, Linda Hurrell

CALENDAR

Today *Ordinary Time, Green and Growing Sunday*
9:00A Choir practice, Bethany campus
10:00A Partnership Worship/Online at Bethany campus
11:00A Town Hall meeting, Bethany Campus
Strawberry Social and Fellowship

Tuesday 9:00A Quilters, Bethany campus
11:00A Quilters, Faith campus
11:00A Bible Study at Bethel campus
2:00P Teal Lake Senior Living Center Worship with Pastor J.

Wednesday 9:30A Weight Watcher Support Group, Bethany campus
6:00P Choir Practice at Bethany Campus

Sunday *Ordinary Time, Green and Growing Sunday*
9:00A Choir practice, Bethel campus
10:00A 4ISH Worship, Bethel campus
11:00A Fellowship

Church Office hours Bethany Campus

Monday 10:00A – 4:300P
Tuesday 10:00A – 3:000P
Wednesday 10:00A – 4:30P
Thursday 10:00A – 1:00P, 3:00 – 5:00P

Church Office hours Faith Campus

Tuesday 10:00P – 2:00P
Wednesday 1:00P – 5:00P

Please contact the office if you would like to make an appointment to see the Pastors.