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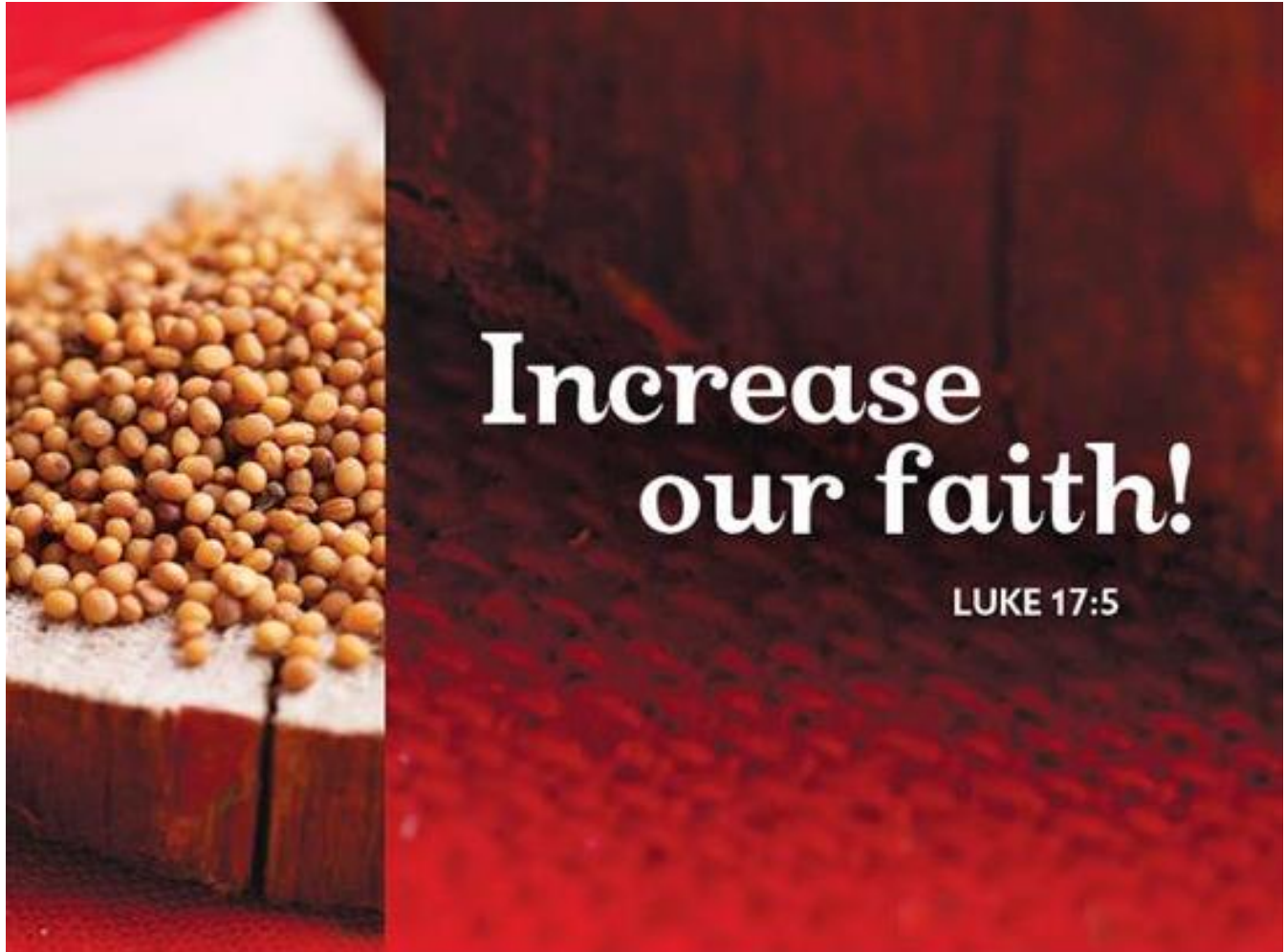
ELW Holy Communion Setting One

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Serving God, Community, and Individuals



Introduction to the day

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

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Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church is a congregation and community affiliated with the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)** and part of the Body of Christ expressed through the **Northern Great Lakes Synod**. We affirm a world experiencing the difference God's grace and love in Christ make for all people and creation through the activation of each of us so more people know the way of Jesus and discover community, justice and love (ELCA vision and purpose).

We, at Bethany, have chosen to **express our unique gifts from God through dedicating our Call through “serving God, Community and Individuals”**. We express the unique gift that we each, and you are with us, as local representatives of a world-wide expression of grace and God's invitation to love through our support of the Lutheran World Federation and its ministries, both nationally (like Lutheran Social Services, Lutheran Disaster Response, and Global Refuge) and internationally (like Lutheran World Relief and ELCA Good Gifts).

You are welcome here. We welcome you here. We affirm God's love for you here.

We welcome you to participate in these, and the celebration of God's presence in and with us throughout our worship, today and all days we gather. This bulletin is a guide for you to be fully present with us as we explore God's call to us, God's gift of grace through Jesus Christ, and God's expansive love through heritage, questions, and openness while you're with us. We have **Assisted-Listening Devices available** for folks that might appreciate some help in hearing what goes on during the service. We have several spare units available if you'd care to try one. Just speak to someone at the sound desk, at the back of the Sanctuary, prior to the service. We can put your name on one if you'd like to use one regularly.

Regardless of your choices and call from God, we're glad to spend time with you today.

We pause to acknowledge that we gather, live, and move on the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabeg — specifically the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi peoples — who have stewarded this region since time immemorial. Marquette County, including Ishpeming, lies within *Anishinaabe Akiing* — the land of the Anishinaabeg.

We honor their deep relationship with the land, waters, forests, and skies. The Anishinaabeg have long understood that every river, tree, stone, creature, and breath is intertwined and sacred. Their heritage invites us to learn and honor responsibility, reciprocity, humility, and care as we share this very earth.

As **we spend time here**, benefiting from the beauty, resources, and bounty of this place, we commit ourselves to walking gently, protecting the soil and waterways, preserving habitat, and uplifting the voices and rights of Indigenous peoples.

We honor the enduring presence of the Anishinaabeg, their ancestors, and all Indigenous communities who continue to live, grow, teach, and heal here. May we live in gratitude, care, and justice for all creation. We recognize that this statement and honoring is a call to action and active partnership with our first peoples neighbors, and we endeavor to make grow into active participation of creation with these and all our neighbors, honoring a God that invites us to love all, and serve all.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth
by Conrad Kosher

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,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

*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.*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all
desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by
the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify
your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

silence is held for reflection.

Gracious God,
**have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. In your name, we have sought to
control others, while not practicing self-control and non-violence. In our desire to be
first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor, and the
suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in
time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive
together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your
sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that
Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (ELW 733)



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

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.**

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.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



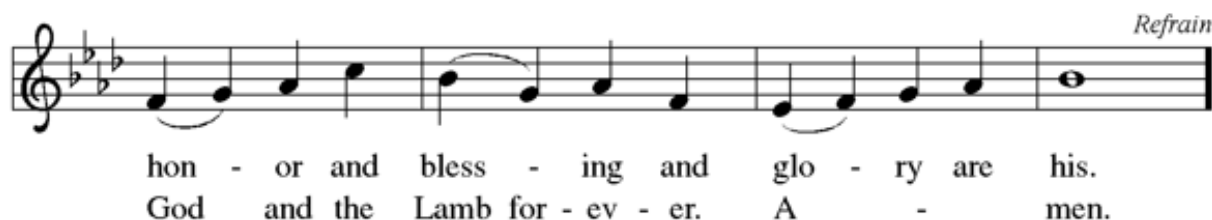
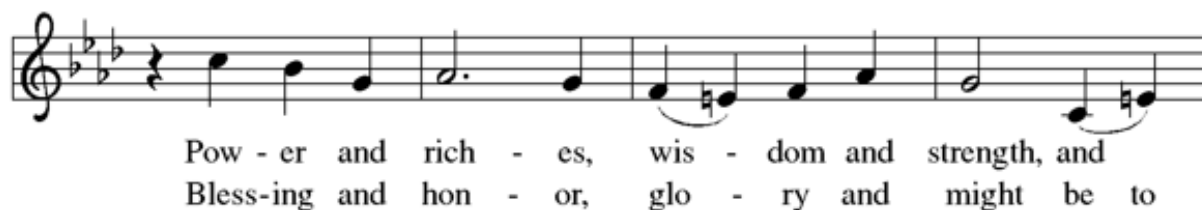
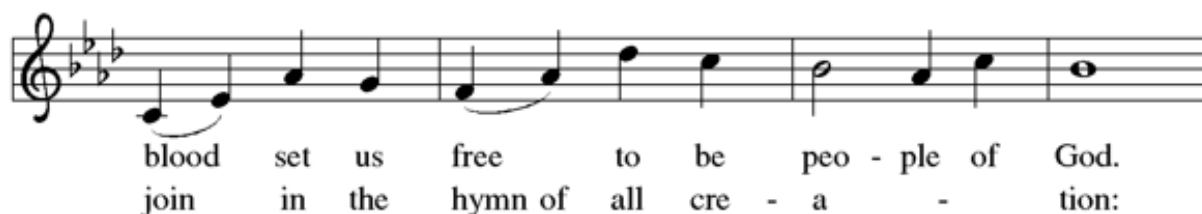
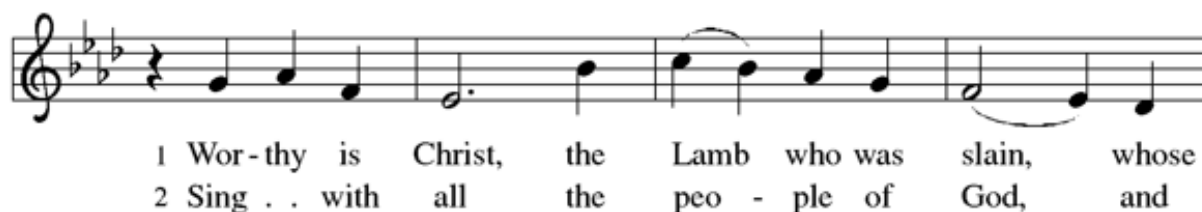
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

This is the Feast



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray, together.

Benevolent, merciful God: **When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Word

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

YOUTHFUL SERMON

Those who are young, or young at heart, wishing to engage a youthful faith experience are invited to come forward.

FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

A reading from Habakkuk.

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law becomes slack,
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous;
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1} I will stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

- ² Then the LORD answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
- ³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.
- ⁴ Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

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

PSALM

37:1-9

Our psalm, this morning, will be experienced as “call and response”, with the assembly following the lector, each verse (reading the bold print).

- ¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- ² For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.
- ³ Put your trust in the LORD and do good;
dwelling in the land and finding safe pasture.
- ⁴ Take delight in the LORD,
who shall give you your heart's desire.
- ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,
and see what God will do.
- ⁶ The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.
- ⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- ⁸ Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.
- ⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

ANTHEM

Seed that in Earth is Dying
by Harald Herresthal, arr. by Bradley Ellingboe

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

A reading from 2 Timothy.

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Gospel Acclamation serves as a welcome and a call to listen to the Word of God, expressing faith and anticipation for the Gospel reading. During Lent, the "Alleluia" is omitted, and a different acclamation is used, often a verse from the Lectionary.

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat alleluia

GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

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

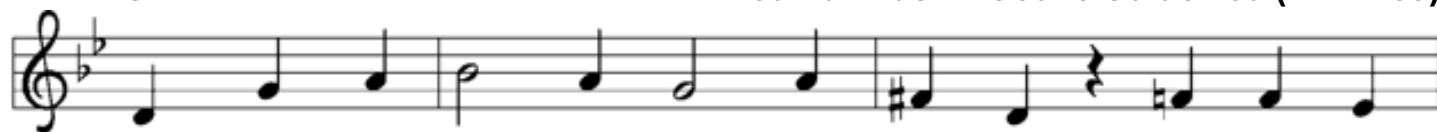
Please be seated.

SERMON

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

If You But Trust in God to Guide You (ELW 769)



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

*The Nicene Creed, also called the **Creed of Constantinople**, is the defining statement of belief of Nicene Christianity and in those Christian denominations that adhere to it.*

*The original Nicene Creed was first adopted at the First Council of Nicaea in 325. According to the traditional view, forwarded by the Council of Chalcedon of 451, the Creed was amended in 381 by the First Council of Constantinople as "consonant to the holy and great Synod of Nice."^[4] However, many scholars comment on these ancient Councils, saying "there is a failure of evidence" for this position since no one between the years of 381–451 thought of it in this light.^[5] Further, a creed "almost identical in form" was used as early as 374 by St. Epiphanius of Salamis.^[6] Nonetheless, the amended form is presently referred to as the Nicene Creed or the **Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed**. Some scholars argue that since the First Council of Constantinople was not considered ecumenical until the Council of Chalcedon in 451, the absence of documentation during this period does not logically necessitate rejecting the amended creed as an expansion of the original Nicene Creed of 325.*

The Nicene Creed is part of the profession of faith required of those undertaking important functions within the Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and most Protestant Churches example: Lutheran, Reformed (Continental Reformed, Presbyterian, Congregationalist and Waldensians traditions), Reformed Baptist, Calvinistic Methodist. Nicene Christianity regards Jesus as divine and "begotten of the Father". Various conflicting theological views existed before the fourth century, and these disagreements would eventually spur the ecumenical councils to develop the Nicene Creed. Various non-Nicene beliefs have emerged and re-emerged since the fourth century, all of which are considered heresies by adherents of Nicene Christianity.

CREED

We join together in speaking these words, inviting the beginning of an understanding of our faith; across time and space, we join the saints of our past, and Siblings of our present, in these words that have offered comfort, confusion, curiosity and wonder through many centuries.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for
the church, the world, and all creation.

Prayers of intercession are prayers that ask God to intervene on behalf of people and causes in need. They can be used in worship services and for personal prayer.

silence is held for preparation

O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need. We lift up those Siblings who have invited us to walk with them through our prayer connections, and offer those names for whom we hold care, either silently, or aloud Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms, like Lois and Eunice, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

"Passing the peace" is a ritual where members share God's peace with one another symbolizing unity and reconciliation before receiving communion. The practice of "passing the peace" is rooted in scripture, where Jesus greets his disciples with "Peace be with you" and the apostle Paul begins his letters with "Grace and peace be with you".

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Ways to support the ministry here at Bethany and in Ishpeming:

- October's "noisy offering" is being replaced with non-perishable food items to support the local community. Please place your items on the Altar during the offering time.
- 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!



We give thanks for your sharing of gifts and generosity!

This portion of the service, the Offering, is often relegated to simply passing the plates as a sign of responsible stewardship. We wonder if, instead, we can see this celebration together as a bridge into the mystery of creation and the relationship that God invites us into, with them. We offer here the first fruits, those gifts that God has first given us, back to God and one another in deep thanksgiving for the land, the rocks, the water, the plants and one another. While our treasure is part of that giving, the mystery experienced at the Table (altar) is the culmination of our resonance together, and with God. Giving and receiving, not as a transaction, but as fruit of the covenant of Grace we hold together in our meager attempts at worship, invitation, relationship, and inclusion; here and everywhere.



Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

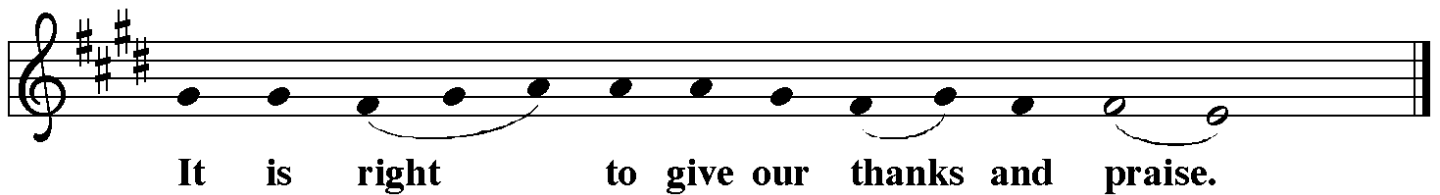
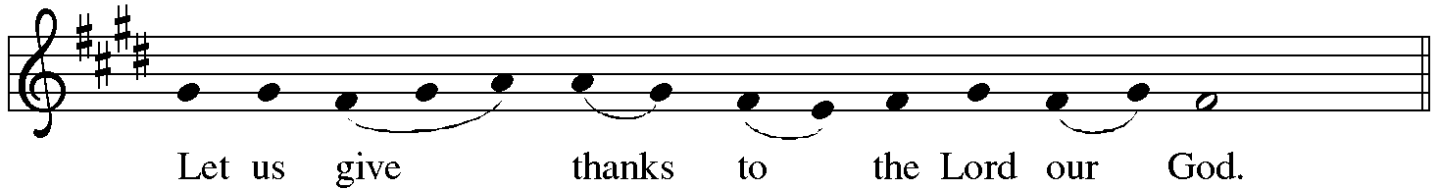
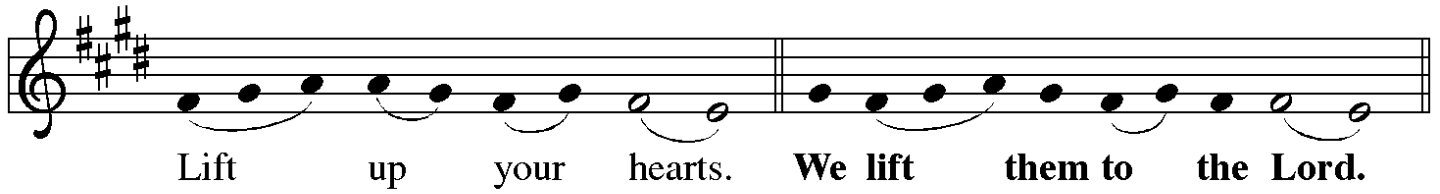
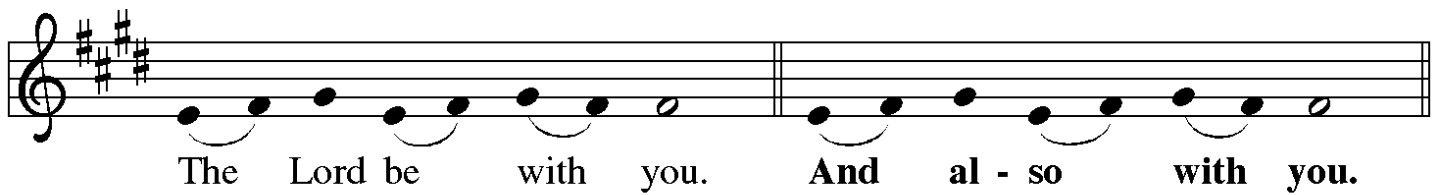
The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray, together.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. **Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

DIALOGUE



PREFACE

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-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

...To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

[illegible]

LORD'S PRAYER

We invite you to use the words of the Lord's Prayer that speak loudest to you, gaining comfort in the cacophony of Pentecost, 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.**

**Fader Vår, som är i himmelen
Helgat varde ditt namn.
Tillkomme ditt rike. Ske din vilja,
såsom i himmelen så ock på jorden.
Vårt dagliga bröd giv oss idag,
och förlåt oss våra skulder,
såsom ock vi förlåta dem oss skyldiga
äro,
och inled oss icke i frestelse utan fräls
oss ifrån ondo.
Ty riket är ditt och makten och
härligheten i evighet. Amen.**

**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**

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good. **Thanks be to God.**

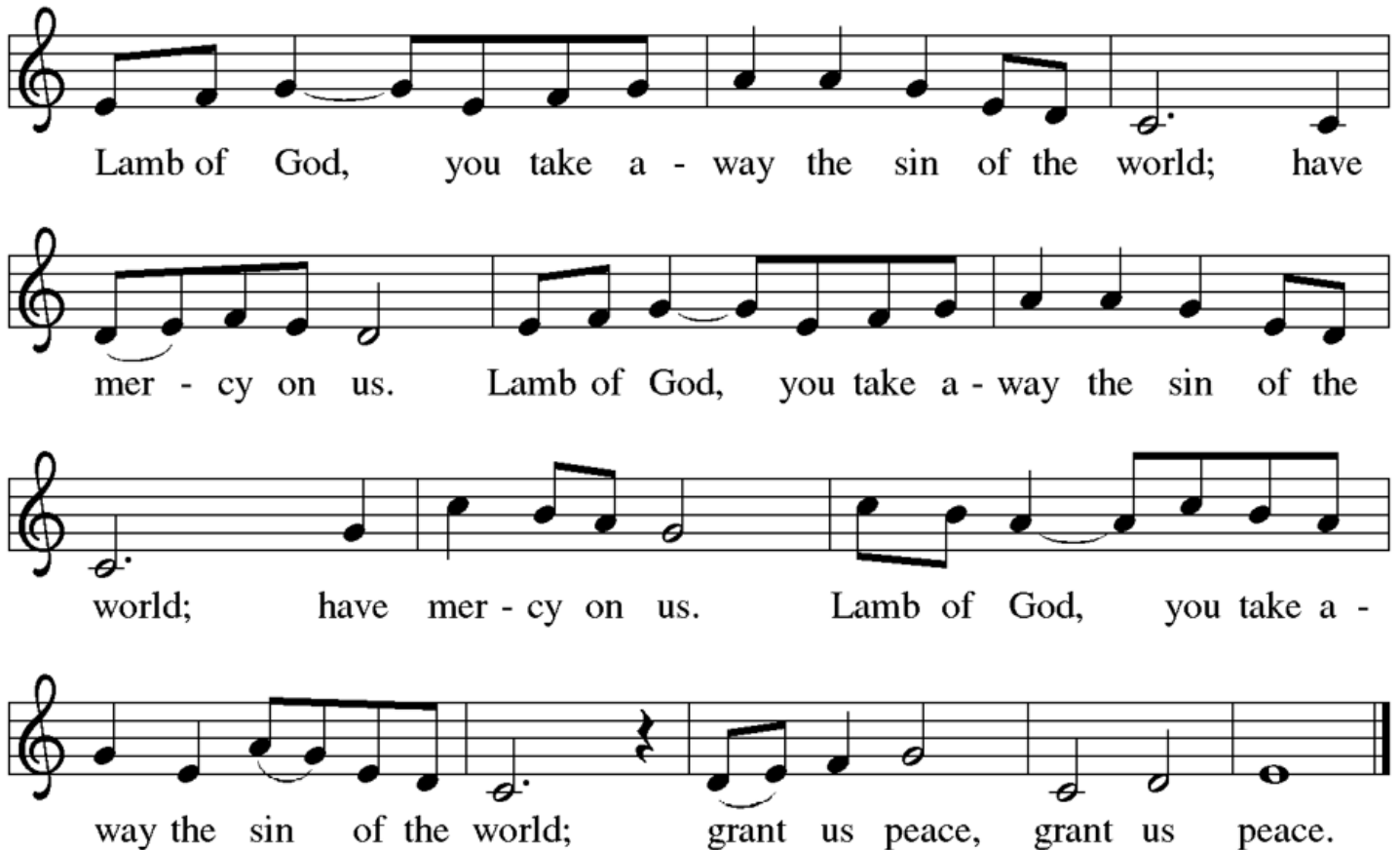
COMMUNION

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

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.

At the invitation of an usher, you may come forward for the Eucharist or a blessing. We are blessed with a caring community that recognizes the importance of wide invitations at this Table; the bread for all is gluten and tree-nut free. Both grape juice and wine are available in each passed tray; please take the option that best suites your expression and embodiment of this celebration at God's Table. All are welcome here; ask and you will receive.

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.

SONG DURING DISTRIBUTION

We Walk by Faith (ELW 635)



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you

none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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

POST-COMMUNION COMMENDATION

May the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray, together.

We give you thanks, almighty God, **that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Now Lord



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

Sending

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

ANOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with ✝ Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

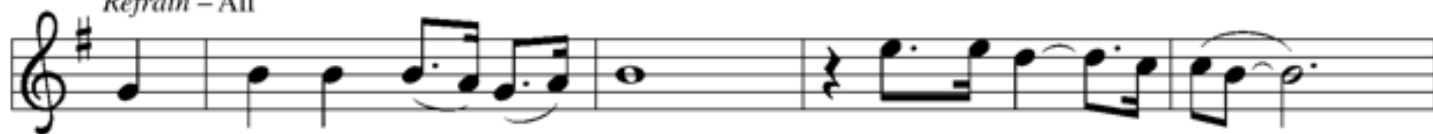
The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the ✝ Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

We've Come This Far by Faith (ELW 633)

Refrain – All



We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord;



trust-ing in his ho-ly word, he's nev-er failed us yet.



Oh, can't turn a-round, we've come this far by



faith. We've come this far by faith.

Leader



1 Just re-mem-ber the good things God has
2 Don't be dis-cour-aged with trou-ble in your



done, things that seemed im-pos-si-ble; oh,
life; he'll bear your . . . bur-dens, and



praise him for the vic-t'ries he has won. Oh!
move . . . all the dis-cord and strife. Oh!

Refrain

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Allegro

by Tomaso Albinoni

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Upcoming Commemorations

William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536

Monday, October 6, 2025

Tyndale was ordained a priest in England, and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany. He completed the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe to send someone who could take charge and unite their work. Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans. Among other accomplishments, his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888.

Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, died 1986 (TFF)

Friday, October 10, 2025

A native of Chicago, Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America. Ordained in 1958, he served in positions including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.

Community Announcements

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

This is a notice of the Special Congregational Meeting for Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church to be held on Sunday, October 12, 2025 following the 10:30 AM worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to ratify the Constitution approved at the Special Congregational Meeting on September 22, 2024. There are no other agenda items.

There will be a fellowship dinner following the meeting. We hope you can join us!



Who remembers our Anniversary Turkey Dinners?

To celebrate our faith and fellowship, we will share a turkey dinner after the Congregational Meeting on October 12.

Addy Lemire is looking for people to help by cooking the turkeys at home and bringing them in on Sunday morning, October 12th.

She will also need people to help prep and serve the food and to help clean up. You may also sign up to bring a dessert. If you would like to help, please look on the kiosk for the sign-up sheet.

Please contact Addy Lemire at (906) 250-4732 (call or text) if you have any questions. Please leave a message if I don't answer; I promise I will get back to you.

Thank you! *Addy Lemire*

Snowbirds! Please let the office know if you would like the Outlook sent to another address for the winter and period of time for this. You may email the office secretary@bethanyishpeming.org or call and leave a message at 906-486-4351. Thank you!

Prayerful Yoga at Bethel



We are embodied people. Our bodies affect how we feel, how we connect with the world and God. Join us as we combine yoga, meditation, and prayer to bring peace and wholeness into our lives. Join us on **Sunday, October 5 and Sunday December 7 at 2pm at Bethel**, Ishpeming.

If you have a yoga mat/block/strap please bring, otherwise we will have extras provided. An option to do the yoga in a chair will also be offered. Pam Roose will be our yoga instructor. Her leadership is provided due to a Thrivent grant and we will collect a free will offering to help provide for the space. We will also welcome special guest Craig Kitchen on singing bowls.



The ***Marquette County Crop Walk*** will be on Oct. 12th, 2024 with registration starting at 1:30 pm and the walk starting at 2:00 pm. Hosted by The Marquette Hope at the Connection Center Campus.

John C. Hansen, Jr. and Barbara Lucas will be walking, so let's support them with our pledges!



Create your Northern Lights Canvas Painting

- Sunday • October 26 • 1:30 pm
- Trinity Lutheran Church •
414 E. Ridge St. Ishpeming

We will purchase supplies, so please sign up on the kiosk if you are interested.

THE MINISTERS OF THE DAY

Presiding Minister: Pastor J. Michael Mills

Assistant Minister:

Lector: Linda Dahl

Music Director: Tonya Perry

Organist: Linda Hurrell

Coffee Host: Heather Swanson and Sarah Maki

Flowers: In memory of Marjorie and Arnold Rosten by Terra Frustaglio

CALENDAR

Today 17th Sunday after ~~Pentecost~~

9:30A Choir

10:30A Worship/Online Worship with Pastor J. Michael Mills

2:00P Prayerful Yoga at Bethel

Monday 3:00P Blood Drive (at Bethany, ends at 6:00P)

5:30P Worship service at Bethel (All are welcome!)

Tuesday 9:00A Quilters

11:00A Bible Study at Bethel

2:00P Teal Lake Senior Center Worship with Pastor J.

Wednesday 9:30A Weight Watcher Support Group

5:15P Bell Choir practice

6:30P Choir practice

Saturday 10:00A 4-ISH Leadership Visioning Retreat

Sunday 18th Sunday after ~~Pentecost~~

9:30A Choir

10:30A Worship/Online Worship with Pastor J.

11:30A Special Congregational Meeting to ratify the Constitution

12:00P Turkey Dinner

Church office hours: Monday-10:00A – 4:00P

Wednesday 10:00A-11:45A, 1:45P – 4:00P

Tuesday 10:00A – 4:00P

Thursday 10:00A – 2:00P

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