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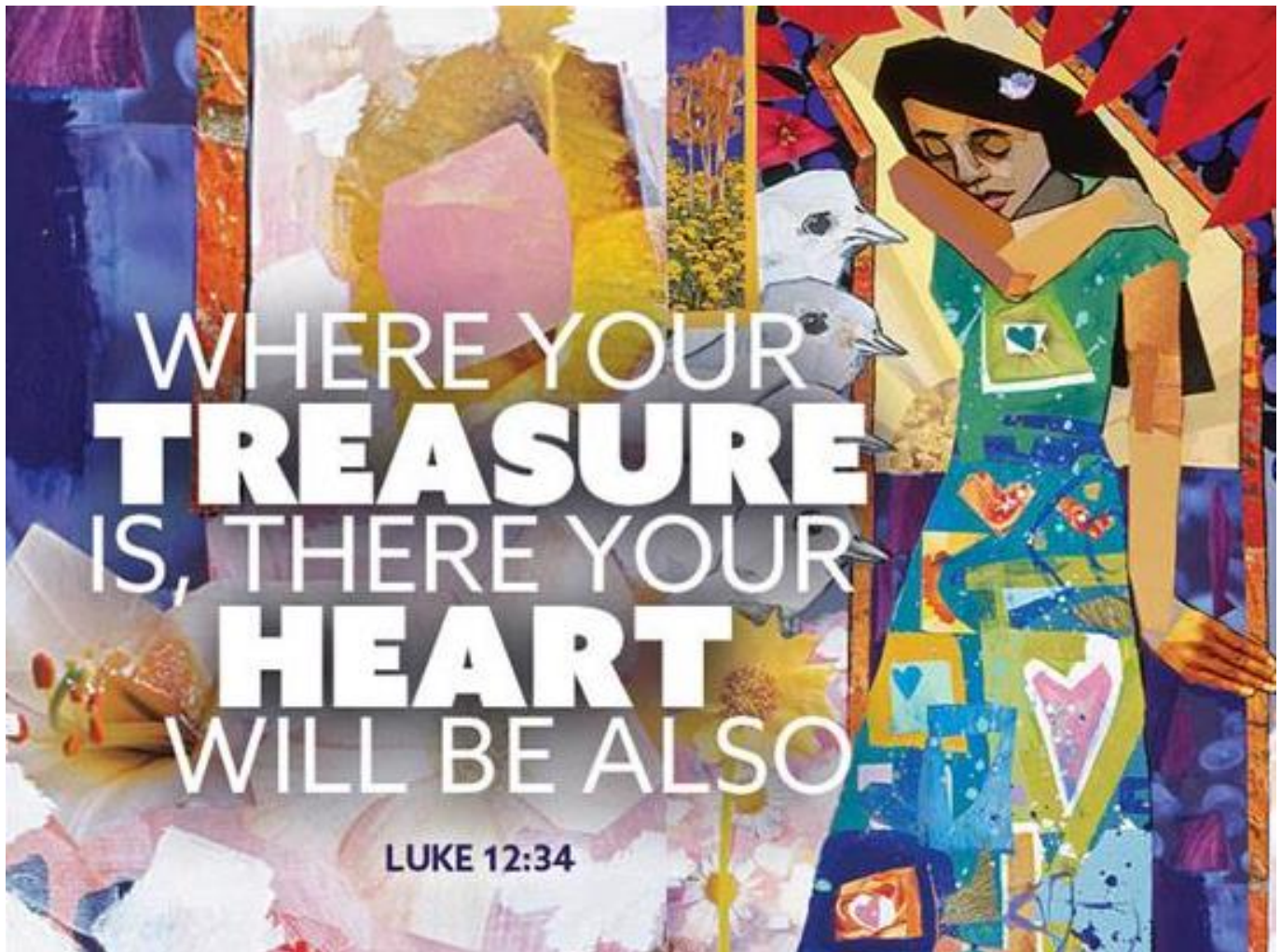
ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Serving God, Community, and Individuals



Introduction to the day

Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” It is God’s promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the “little flock” of which we are a part in today’s assembly. Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

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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).

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.

We recognize an open table here, knowing that Jesus' invitation for forgiveness is available to all people. You are welcome to express that invitation by participating in communion here, no matter your age or questions carried in this season of your life. At the invitation of an usher, during The Meal portion of our worship, you may come to the altar to receive the Body and Blood of Christ as a reminder that you are free from sin, forgiven and justified by faith in Jesus, through God's grace, not by works of our hands. You may also come to the altar and receive a blessing, if you're not comfortable in the expression of communion at this time. You may also opt to receive communion where you are, if you struggle with mobility; we will happily come to you.

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

At the end of this bulletin are all the events upcoming in our life, together. You are welcome to participate in any that strike you as interesting or about which you may have some curiosity. Don't worry about engaging events that have already started, we're learning how to tell stories of our lives together, so welcoming new voices in the midst of our work, and play, is an opportunity for us to practice expressing “God with us” (Emmanuel) in our lives of faith. We want to share what God is doing with us, and we would like to learn with you, if you'll let us.

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

O God Our Help in Ages Past
by William Croft

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

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by
what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not
loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy
on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk
in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun (ELW 557)



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and
3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -
4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with
God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.
all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

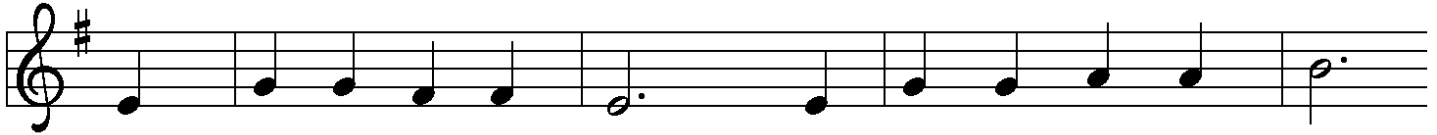
GREETING

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.



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray, together.

Almighty God, **you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Word

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

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6

A reading from Genesis.

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."

⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

PSALM

33:12-22

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

¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to be God’s heritage!

¹³ The LORD looks down from heaven,

and sees all humankind.

¹⁴ God sits firmly enthroned and watches

all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵ God fashions all their hearts

and observes all their deeds.

¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size of the army,

nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

¹⁷ The horse gives vain hope for victory;

despite its great strength it cannot save.

¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,

upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

¹⁹ to deliver their lives from death,

and to keep them alive in time of famine.

²⁰ Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,

our helper and our shield.

²¹ Surely, our heart rejoices in you,

for in your holy name we put our trust.

²² Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,

even as we place our hope in you.

The origins of “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning” lyrics draw upon the biblical parable of the ten maidens found in the Gospel of Matthew, and its melody reflects the call-and-response style often used in African American religious music. The song’s themes of perseverance, faith, and readiness for the Second Coming resonate deeply within the African American spiritual experience, serving as a source of strength and hope during times of struggle and oppression. As it traveled through generations since the 19th century, the song evolved, with various interpretations and adaptations, but it has remained a steadfast symbol of resilience and unwavering faith within African American culture.

ANTHEM

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

African American spiritual, music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS (ACS 949)

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A reading from Hebrews.

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah’s involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Word of God, word of life.

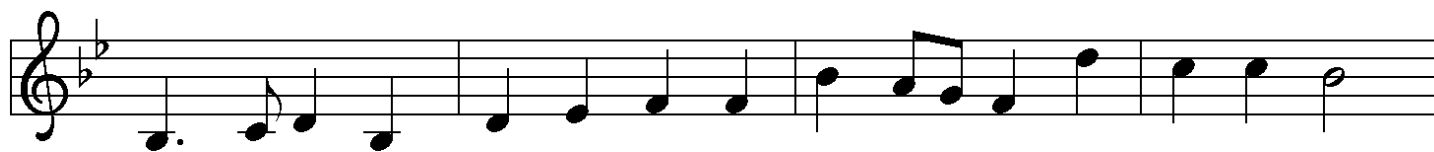
Thanks be to God.



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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

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

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus (ELW 802)



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

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

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be on those 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 Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and other means of support and advocacy.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **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:

- 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.
- 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!
- The August Noisy offering will support the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund.



We give thanks for your sharing of gifts and generosity!



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

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord (ELW 184)

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 staves, aligned with the 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.**

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. At Bethany, we follow that cadence.

Great Thanksgiving

DIALOGUE

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

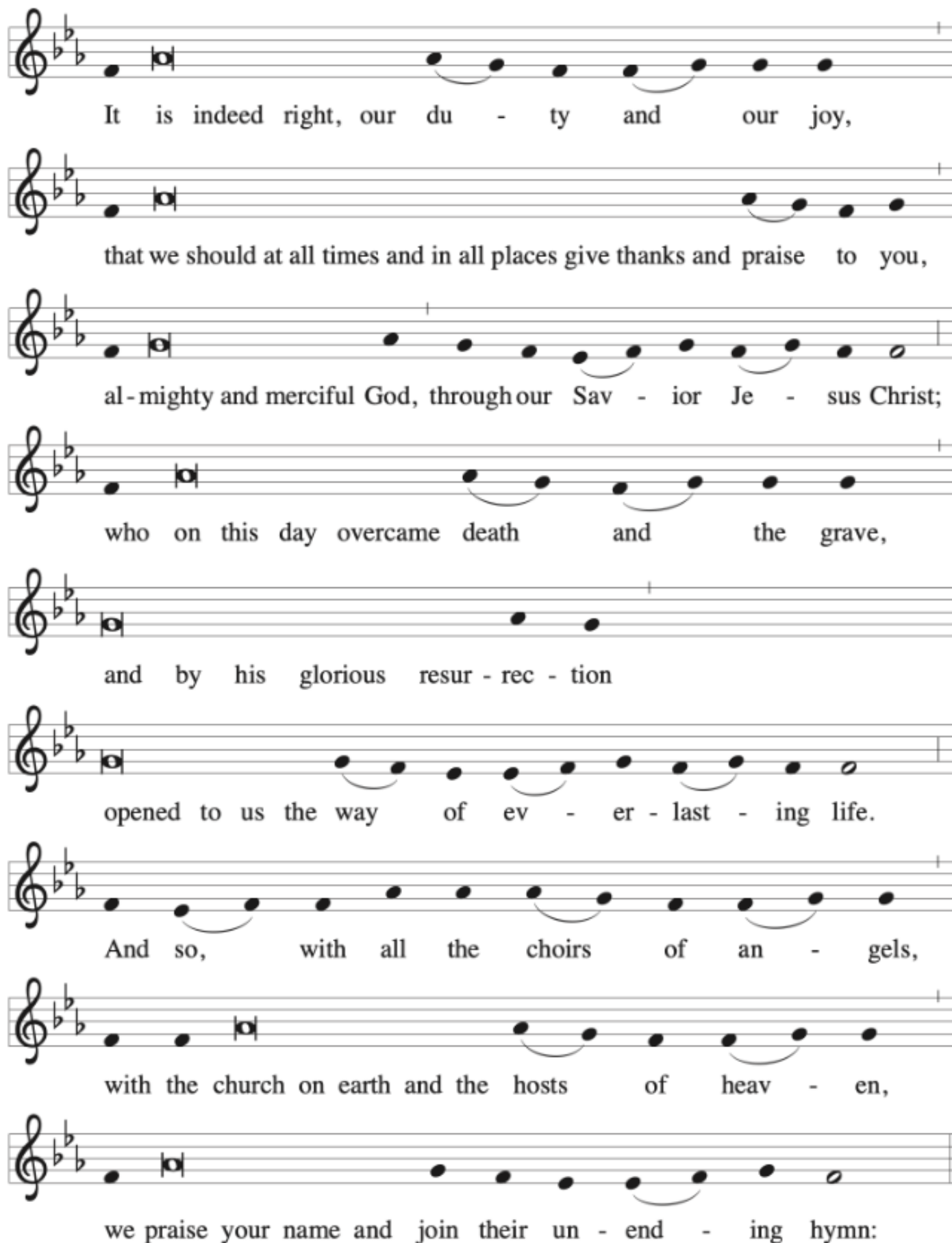
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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!

PREFACE



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al-mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resur - rec - tion
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

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. Gluten free bread is available, upon request – please voice your need to the pastor. 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.

COMMUNION SONG



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

SONG DURING DISTRIBUTION

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (ELW 502)



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

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.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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

Thankful Hearts



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Sending

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Almighty God, Creator, ✝ Redeemer, and Sustainer, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

O God, Our Help in Ages Past (ELW 632)



- 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
- 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
- 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
- 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune
by Jean Mouret

Upcoming Commemorations

Lawrence, deacon, martyr, died 258

Sunday, August 10, 2025

As one of the seven deacons of the church at Rome, Lawrence was responsible for the church's financial matters and for the care of the poor. Asked by the emperor to gather the church's treasure, he presented a collection of orphans, lepers, and the like. The enraged emperor had him put to death.

Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, died 1253

Monday, August 11, 2025

A contemporary of Francis of Assisi, Clare and a growing number of companions established a women's Franciscan community, called the Order of Poor Ladies, or Poor Clares. She inspired other women to pursue spiritual goals.

Florence Nightingale, died 1910; Clara Maass, died 1901; renewers of society

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Nightingale was born in England, and horrified her wealthy family by deciding to become a nurse. She led a group of nurses in ministering in the midst of the Crimean War, and worked for hospital reform. Maass, a native of New Jersey, was also a war nurse, and volunteered as a subject for research on yellow fever. She died of the disease.

Maximilian Kolbe, died 1941; Kaj Munk, died 1944; martyrs

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Father Kolbe was a Franciscan priest arrested by the Nazis and confined in Auschwitz. Kolbe gave generously of his meager resources, and finally volunteered to be starved to death in place of another man. A Danish Lutheran pastor and playwright, Munk strongly denounced the Nazis who occupied Denmark in the Second World War. His sermons and articles helped to show the anti-Christian nature of the movement.

Mary, Mother of Our Lord

Friday, August 15, 2025

The church (including Martin Luther) honored Mary with the title theotokos, meaning "God-bearer," for her role in giving birth to the Son of God. Her song, the Magnificat, speaks eloquently of God's lifting the lowly and feeding the hungry.

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Community Announcements



**Marji Gesick
Bike Race**

The 4 Ish ELCA churches will have an aid/support station across from Bethel, on the Heritage trail, for the Marji Gesick bike race on September 20th. We will set up at 11:30AM and have two-hour shifts beginning at noon, through midnight. If you are interested in supporting the racers, there will be a sign up sheet in the back of each church or you can contact Cheryl Sleeman at 906-362-0849.

Thank you!

I would like to
thank the church
ladies, WELCA for
helping in the kitchen
for my husband
funeral, Kenny Lawson
It was very much
appreciated.
Marcia Lawson

During a time
like this
we realize how much
our friends and relatives
really mean
to us...
Your expression
of sympathy will always
be remembered.

The Family of
Kenny Lawson

We need your help!



If you would like to purchase items to help fill the **Lutheran World Relief School Kits**, take advantage of the sales that are ongoing.

Bethany supplies the backpack and fills each with: 4 notebooks, 5 pencils (in elastic band), 5 pens (in elastic band), 1 ruler, 1 pair of scissors, 1 box of crayons (24 pack), 1 eraser, and 1 pencil sharpener. Last year we filled 127 backpacks

Please bring your items to the church and place in the tote provided. Call Sue Holmgren at (906) 204-6864 if you have questions. **Thank you for your generosity!**

August Singing Bowls Events



*The Sound of Singing Bowls
in Ishpeming*

August 21, 2025

Come To Bethany
Evangelical Lutheran
Church, 715 Mather Avenue,
for an evening of meditation
and relaxation with singing
bowls and gongs. We meet
from **7:00 to 9:00PM** at the
church. Thank you to
Bethany for allowing us to
meet there. A peace offering

can be made, supporting this and other community invitations. For information, please
contact Craig at 906-362-9934 or at ckitchenmqt@gmail.com

Adult Book Study 2025-2026

Join us for a once monthly book study (9 months long). This year we will study “Braiding Sweetgrass” by Robin Wall Kimmerer. This book explores Indigenous wisdom and teachings that offer a vision of reverence with and for the natural world. The initial meeting will be on Tuesday, September 2 from 6:30-7:45 at Bethel, with subsequent meetings decided at the first meeting. You can get a free copy of the book from Pastor Tim (tdjohnst@gmail.com)(provided by a Thrivent grant).

BRAIDING SWEETGRASS



Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge,
and the Teachings of Plants

You are asked to **PRE REGISTER** by contacting Pastor Tim, preferably via email, and indicate if you need a copy of the book. Before the first meeting please read through page 47 (end of Asters and Goldenrod).

Prayerful Hiking

Hiking with a short centering discussion to start and end



John Muir talked about the mountains as his cathedral. All are welcome, whether you are a regular church goer or not at all. Spread the word to those who are able to hike up a moderate incline. We will begin with a reading and short discussion, then hike to a destination where our formal time together will end with a short sharing of what caught us along the way. From the destination

you are free to hike further on your own or as a group, or you can head back. If light rain, hike will go on. If heavy rain, hike will be canceled.

For 2025 an event will be offered on these dates:

- **Sunday June 8 – 1 pm** - Hiking on the bluff above E Division/old Jackson park tennis courts. Park at Jackson Mine park, Negaunee meeting at the RAMBA sign near Tobin street. Extended post event hike continuing on same trail.
- **Sunday June 29 - 1 pm** - Hiking Hill Street to Angeline overlook. Park at the far end of Hill Street, Ishpeming. Extended post event hike looping on Epic.
- **Sunday July 27- 1 pm** - Hiking on Deer Lake trail. Park at Al Quaal at the lot on the left side on the road that goes down to Ishpeming side Teal Lake beach. Extended post hike continuing on Deer Lake trail.
- **Sunday, August 24 – 1 pm** - Hiking fence line to Teal Lake overlook. Park .3 miles south of US 41 on Malton Rd at small lot on East side of the road. Extended post event hike continuing on other trails in the area.

Questions?

Contact Pastor Tim Johnston- tdjohnst@gmail.com, Bethel Lutheran, Ishpeming

THE MINISTERS OF THE DAY

Presiding Minister: Pastor J. Michael Mills

Assistant Minister:

Lector:

Music Director: Tonya Perry

Organist: Linda Hurrell

CALENDAR

Today	9 th Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:30A	Choir
	10:30A	Worship/Online Worship with Pastor J.
Tuesday	9:00A	Quilters
	11:00A	Bible Study at Bethel
Wednesday	9:30A	Weight Watcher Support Group
Sunday	10 th Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:30A	Choir
	10:30A	Worship/Online Worship with Pastor J.

Church office hours: Monday-10:00A – 4:00P Tuesday 10:00A – 2:00P
 Wednesday 10:00A – 3:00P Thursday 10:00A – 3:00P

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

Note: The mid-year 2025 Contribution Statements are available in the basket. They are in alphabetical order by last name. If you don't see yours, please let the office know. Those who requested an emailed statement should have received it on July 24. If you did not, please contact the office.