

The Ordinary Time after Pentecost

ELW Holy Communion Setting Eight

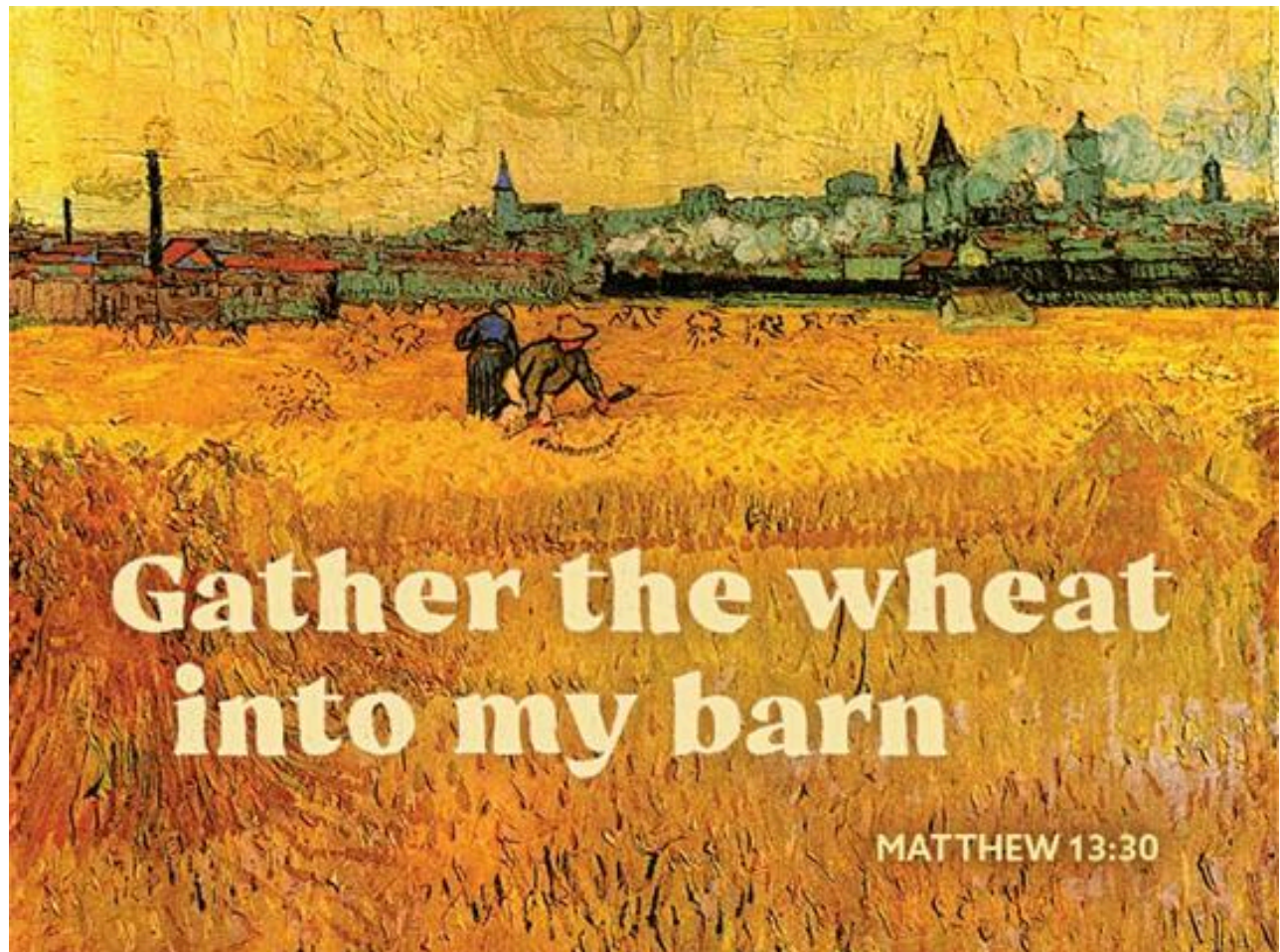
Advocacy Sunday, With Lutheran Social Services

Sunday, July 19, 2026

Trinity-Bethel Partnership with Faith-Bethany Partnership

Home together, at the Faith Campus

Two partnerships, four campuses within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Introduction to the day

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

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You Are Received Here, as you are

We are **partnerships, worshiping across Ishpeming** – serving Ishpeming and its 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

Oceans

Song written by Joel Houston, Matt Crocker, and Salomon Lighthelm

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

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life (ELW 399)



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -
2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you
3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -



a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -

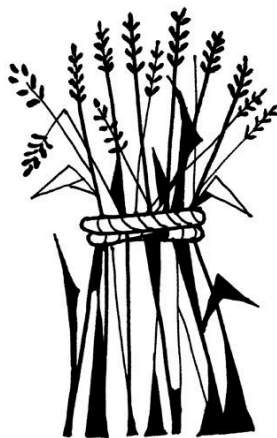


wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

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 your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



wa - ter and the word; that you



nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray, together.

Faithful God, **most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of 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 44:6-8

A reading from Isaiah.

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first, and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸ Do not fear or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

We will speak the psalm, responsively, with the Assembly following the lector, in the bold print.

- ¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk [|] in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to re- [|] vere your name.
- ¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with [|] all my heart,
and glorify your name for- [|] evermore.**
- ¹³ For great is your [|] love toward me;
you have delivered me from the [|] pit of death.
- ¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people [|] seeks my life;
they have not set you be- [|] fore their eyes.**
- ¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full [|] of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kind- [|] ness and truth.
- ¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mer- [|] cy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child [|] of your handmaid.**
- ¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be [|] put to shame;
because you, Lord, have helped me and com- [|] forted me.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-25

A reading from Romans.

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 13:24-30, 36-43

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

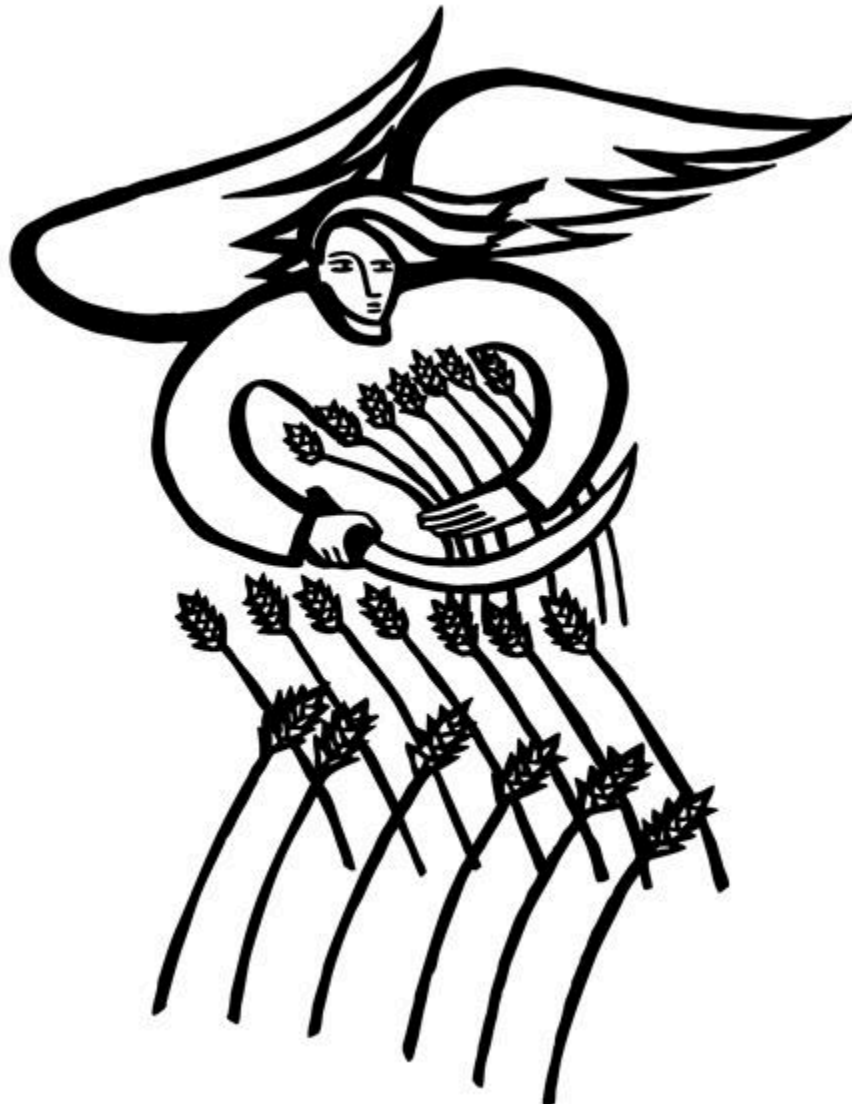
²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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

For the Fruit of all Creation (ELW 679)



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us pray for the church, the nations, and all of creation.

Prayers of intercession, or Prayers of the People, 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.

A brief silence for preparation.

God our gardener, you scatter grace like seed across the world. Continue to cultivate the garden of your church with your abundant Spirit. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our joy, your bountiful creation reflects your commitment to life despite our actions disregarding its wonder. We look toward Isaiah's vision, when all creation rejoices, and the trees will clap for joy at your salvation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our life, you give us the same Spirit by which you raised Christ from the dead. Set our minds on that Spirit whenever fear or condemnation overwhelm throughout the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our host and table, we pray for children who hunger and rely on school meals, for all who toil under the hot sun without refreshment, for the chronically ill who have exhausted their resources, and for local concerns. We lift up those Siblings who have invited us to walk with them through our prayer connections, either silently or aloud, now... ..
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our source, tend this assembly with your grace throughout this summer season. May those who travel for work or recreation do so safely, and may visitors find refreshment among us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks that the roots of your goodness run deep throughout history. We remember those saints who have gone before us in faith. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

Please be seated.

"Passing the peace" is a ritual where members share God's peace with one another, typically through a handshake or other gesture, 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.

ANTHEM

Oh Lord, You have Searched Me
by Constance M. Cherry; solo by Linda Dahl

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 July 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.

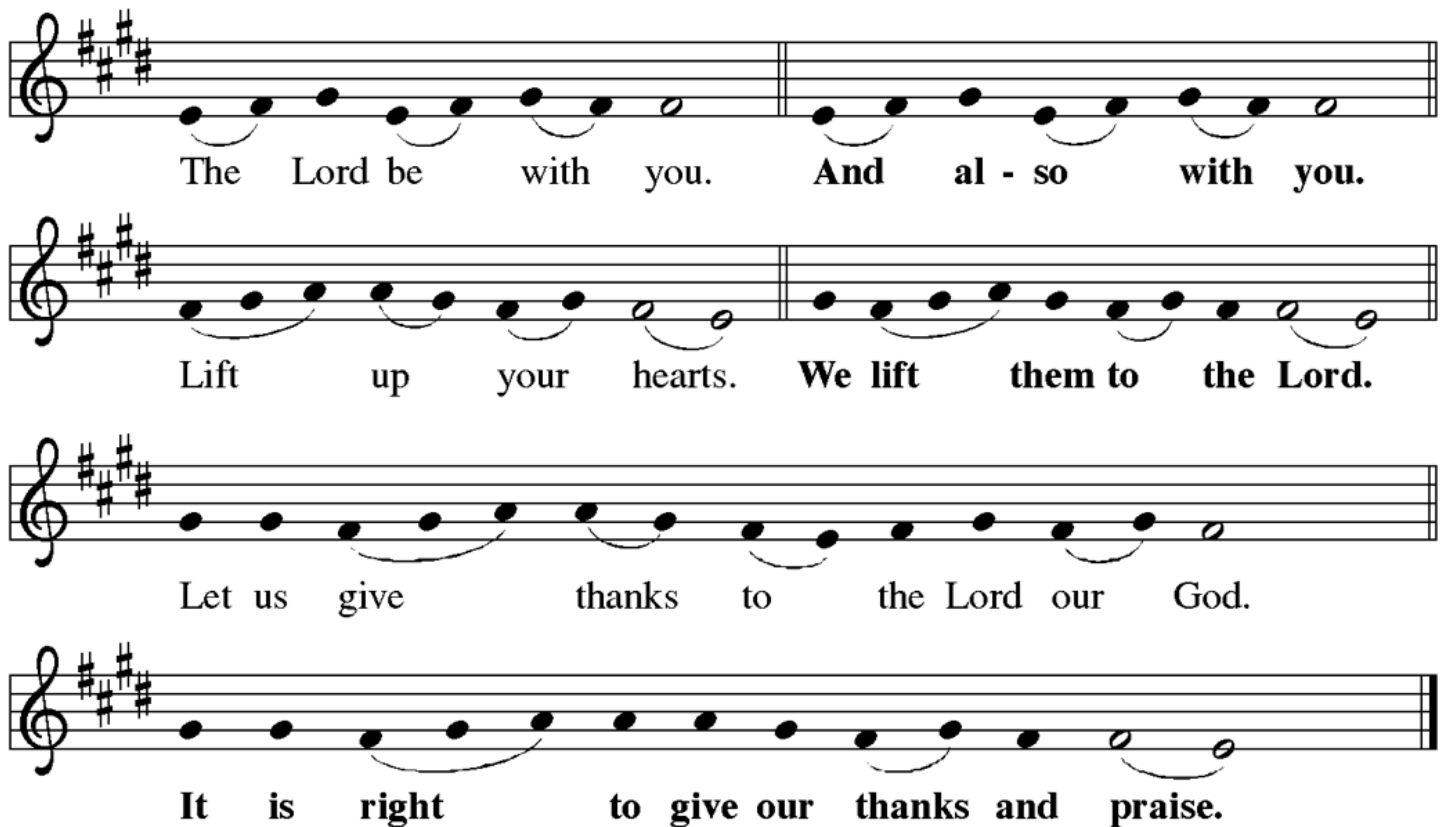
Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.



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.

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

Amazing Grace (ELW 779)



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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

BLESSING

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

SENDING SONG

Sing to the Lord of the Harvest (ELW 694)



- 1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;
- 2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,
- 3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;
the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.
the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease,
Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.
and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.
and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Awesome God
by Rich Mullins

Upcoming Commemorations

Mary Magdalene, Apostle

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Sometimes called "the apostle to the apostles" because she told them of her encounter with the risen Lord, Mary was a woman of Galilee who followed Jesus throughout his ministry. She was present at Jesus' crucifixion and his burial.

Birgitta of Sweden, renewer of the church, died 1373

Thursday, July 23, 2026

Birgitta married at age thirteen and had four daughters. Widowed at age thirty-eight, she gave all that she owned to the poor, and founded a community of monks and nuns led by a woman. Her work is continued today by the Society of St. Birgitta.

James, Apostle

Saturday, July 25, 2026

James and his brother John were the sons of Zebedee, fishermen by trade before their call from Jesus. He was the first of the twelve apostles to be martyred, and his death is the only one recorded in scripture (Acts 12:1-2).

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We give thanks for Sarah Halstead, Manager of Community and Faith Partnerships with Lutheran Social Services of WI & Upper MI joining us, today AND assisting with worship leadership and bringing us the Word. With more than four decades of non-profit leadership experience, and having grown up in a parsonage, she brings a mix of real-life stories, news of the impact of our joint ministry and a touch of humor to the pulpit. Our support of LSS helps those in our midst to overcome challenges and to use their own God-given gift to serve. Learn how together with LSS we act compassionately, serve humbly and lead courageously through your prayers, support and planned gifts.



Partnership Events



Faith-Bethany Lutheran Partnership

Calling All Musicians

Love to make music? Would you like to share your gifts, this summer?

We invite you to share your gifts with us. If you are interested in sharing your instrumental or vocal skills, providing a solo, learning these skills, or join the choir (even short term!) please reach out to Donna, at musicministry@bethanyishpeming.org, or any of the choir members.



CHOIR UPDATE

NEW REHEARSAL TIME!

WEDNESDAYS, 6-7PM
Beginning Wednesday, May 27th



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.



Copies of the "Learning from June 7, 2026 Townhall at the Faith Campus" are available. Please feel free to take them home and review.

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.

TOWNHALL MEETING

Let your voice be heard



**SUNDAY, JUNE 7
FAITH CAMPUS**

2-ISH



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 2
BETHANY CAMPUS**

FELLOWSHIP HALLS, AFTER WORSHIP

**At our townhall
meeting, you'll have the
opportunity to:**

- Celebrate the last 6 months
- Express barriers to your celebration



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

Community Events



Prayerful Hikes 2026

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.

On July 21, 2026, we will hike the fenceline to the Teal Lake overlook. Park .3 miles south of US 41 on Malton Road, at the small lot on the east side of the road. There will be extended post event hike continuing on other trails in the area. Questions? Contact Pastor Tim Johnston (tdjohnst@gmail.com).



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*. Contact Pastor J. for more information and stay tuned for dates of future sessions.



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.

Made in God's Image (Imago Dei)- A rite for middle school students- Join us in worship on July 26 at Trinity (4ISH service) as we celebrate with our middle school students that they, and all of us, are made in the image of God. In the midst of life, and especially the rapidly changing times of middle school, we need a daily reminder that God loves us and calls us very good. We will have a short blessing and then send our students with a locker mirror to use at home or at school. On the mirror will be a sticker which reads: "God created YOU and called you very good!" Please join us.



OUR LEADERS IN PARTNERED MINISTRY

Pastors: J. Michael Mills and Tim Johnston

Presiding: Pastor J. Michael Mills

Assisting Minister: Lector:

Music Director: Donna Poirier

Organist/Accompanists: Carol Cox, Linda Hurrell

CALENDAR

Today	<i>Ordinary Time, Green and Growing Sunday</i>	
	9:00A	Choir practice, Bethany campus
	10:00A	4 ISH Worship/Online at Faith campus - LSS Sunday
Tuesday	9:00A	Quilters, Bethany campus
	11:00A	Quilters, Faith campus
	11:00A	Bible Study at Bethel campus
	6:30P	Prayerful Hike (to the Teal Lake overlook)
Wednesday	9:30A	Weight Watcher Support Group, Bethany campus
	6:00P	Choir Practice at Bethany Campus
Sunday	<i>Ordinary Time, Green and Growing Sunday</i>	
	9:00A	Choir practice, Trinity campus
	10:00A	4ISH Worship, Trinity campus, Milestone Middle School Image Dei
	11:00A	Fellowship

Church Office hours Bethany Campus

Monday	10:00A – 5:00P
Tuesday	10:00A – 2:00P
Wednesday	10:00A – 2:30P
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.