

The Ordinary Time after Pentecost

ELW Holy Communion Setting Eight
Sunday, August 23, 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

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

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You Are Received Here, as you are

We are **partnerships, worshipping 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 community. Four campuses. Many gifts. One body in Christ.

Grace and peace to you: welcome.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Rise Up
Isaac Wardell & Evan Mazunik

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.

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.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.**

*The origins of this spiritual appear to be a confluence of the white hymn tradition and the creativity and existential experiences of enslaved Africans. Numerous first stanzas appear over the decades with the refrain "Give me Jesus," though the most commonly used initial stanza now begins "In the morning when I rise." The earliest post-Civil War collection, *Slave Songs of the United States* (New York, 1867), contains several slave songs on this theme. This authoritative source consists of songs collected and transcribed from African Americans who lived on plantations in the South Carolina sea islands—St. Helena Island, Port Royal Island, and Hilton Head Island—by northern abolitionists William Francis Allen, Charles Pickard Ware, and Lucy McKim Garrison during the Civil War. The Union Army took these islands in the early 1860s and held them throughout the war. Though the plantation owners had fled, the enslaved Africans remained. Lucy Garrison was a professional musician, and she led the cause in transcribing the 136 spirituals in the collection. The metaphor of "morning" runs throughout the spirituals. "As a rule morning signified to the negroes the time for going to heaven and for the resurrection" (Odum and Johnson, 1925, 100).*

GATHERING SONG

Give Me Jesus (ELW 770)



1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
 2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
 4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
 dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
 just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
 oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
 and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

GREETING

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

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

KYRIE

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

Refrain

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

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

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

friends and fam-i-ly; for

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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray, together.

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through 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 51:1-6

A reading from Isaiah.

- ¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
- ² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
- ³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
 and give heed to me, my nation,
 for a teaching will go out from me
 and my justice for a light to the peoples.
⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
 my salvation has gone out,
 and my arms will rule the peoples;
 the coastlands wait for me,
 and for my arm they hope.
⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
 and look at the earth beneath,
 for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
 the earth will wear out like a garment,
 and those who live on it will die like gnats,
 but my salvation will be forever,
 and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

PSALM

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We will speak the psalm, responsively, singing the refrain with The Choir. The assembly will follow the lector, in the bold print.



¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
 before the gods I will sing your praise.
² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your
 steadfast love and faithfulness;
 for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**
³ When I called, you answered me;
 you increased my strength within me.
⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
 when they have heard the words of your mouth. *Refrain***
⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
 that great is the glory of the LORD.
⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
 perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me;**
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands. Refrain

SECOND READING

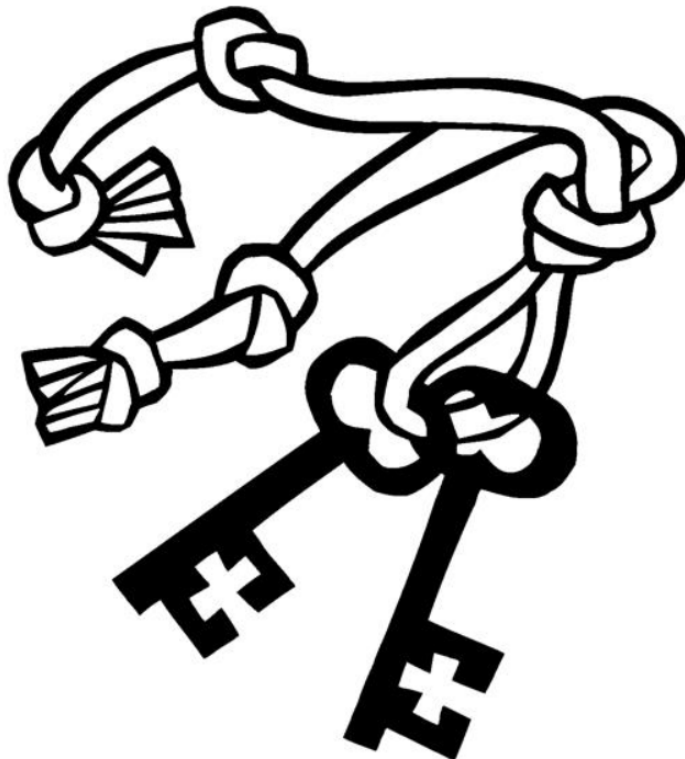
Romans 12:1-8

A reading from Romans.

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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 16:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

The Church's One Foundation (ELW 654)



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Silence is held, for preparation.

God, our rock, you are the foundation on which the church is built. Strengthen and encourage your faithful people everywhere they gather, that they boldly proclaim your word of life to all the world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You spoke and all creation came into being. Field and forest, wetland and wilderness—all reveal your glory. Sustain and nourish your creation. Teach us to be wise stewards of all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You bring deliverance to nations and peoples. Come to the aid of nations experiencing war, conflict, disease, famine, and disaster. Guide the work of relief agencies and peacemaking organizations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You regard the lowly and hear us when we cry out to you. Be present among all who struggle with addiction, housing insecurity, incarceration, and mental illness, that they know they are not alone. Hear our prayers for all in need this day. We lift up those Siblings who have invited us to walk with them through our prayer connections, either silently or aloud, now... ..
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You draw together people with differing gifts. Lift up the many and varied gifts and talents of this congregation and strengthen the bonds of fellowship that all may be united as the body of Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

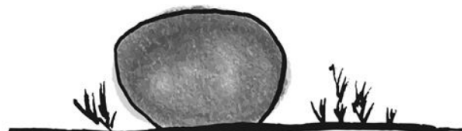
Your steadfast love endures forever. We give thanks for the faithful who died in the hope of this promise. Strengthen us in faith until the day we join them at your eternal banquet.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

Please be seated.



Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

ANTHEM

Built On the Rock

by Danish poet N.F.S. Grundtvig, in 1837, and translated into English by Carl Doving

OFFERING

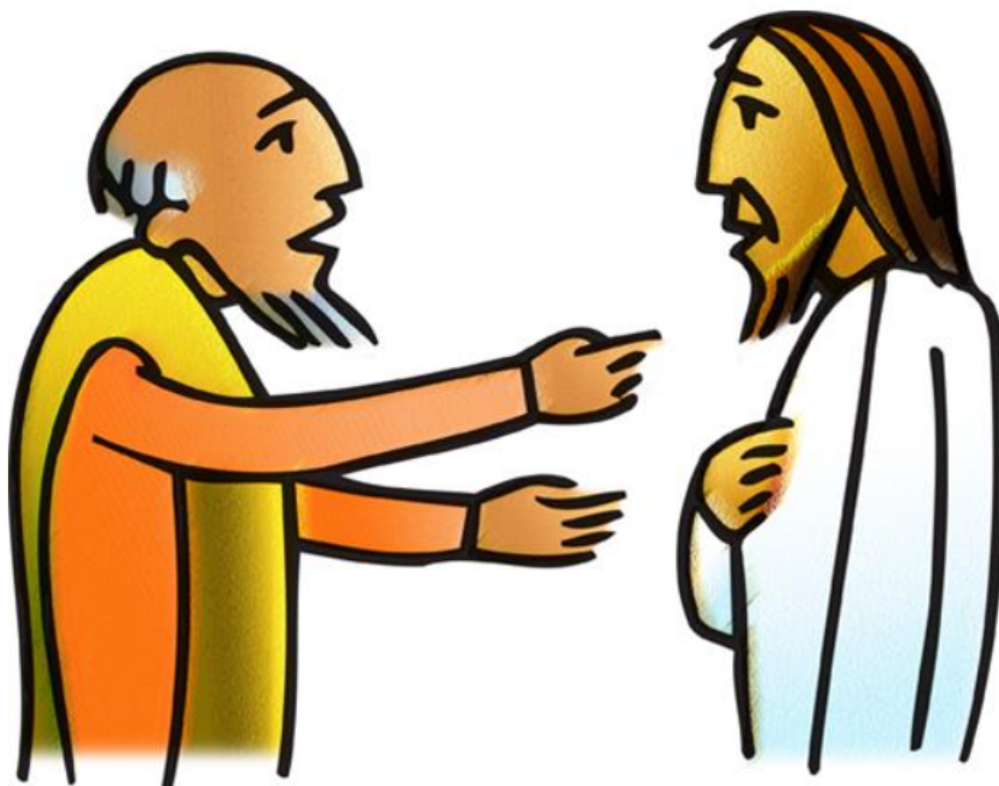
Ways to support the ministry here at in Ishpeming with either Faith, or Bethany, or both:

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



We give thanks for your sharing of gifts and generosity!

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



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:

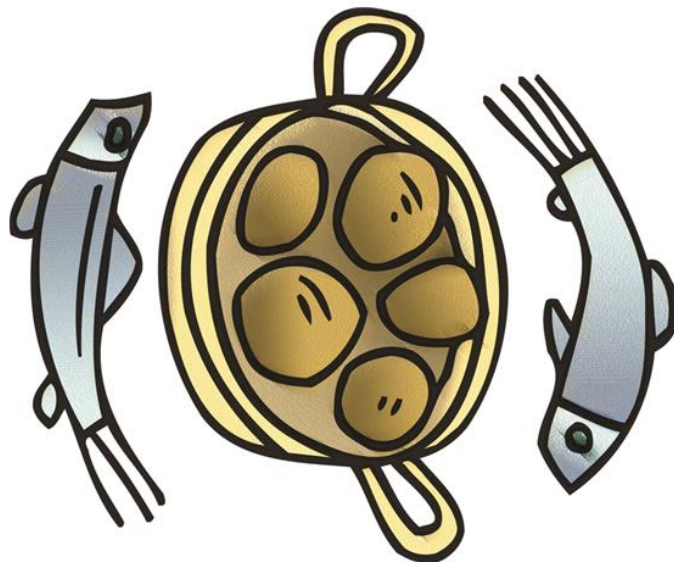
The Preface introduces us to the next part of the service, where we are invited into God's presence for the sharing of the meal. It is an ancient aspect of Christian liturgy. St. Hippolytus mentions that in the early 3rd century, Christians were using a preface in worship. This exchange has survived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

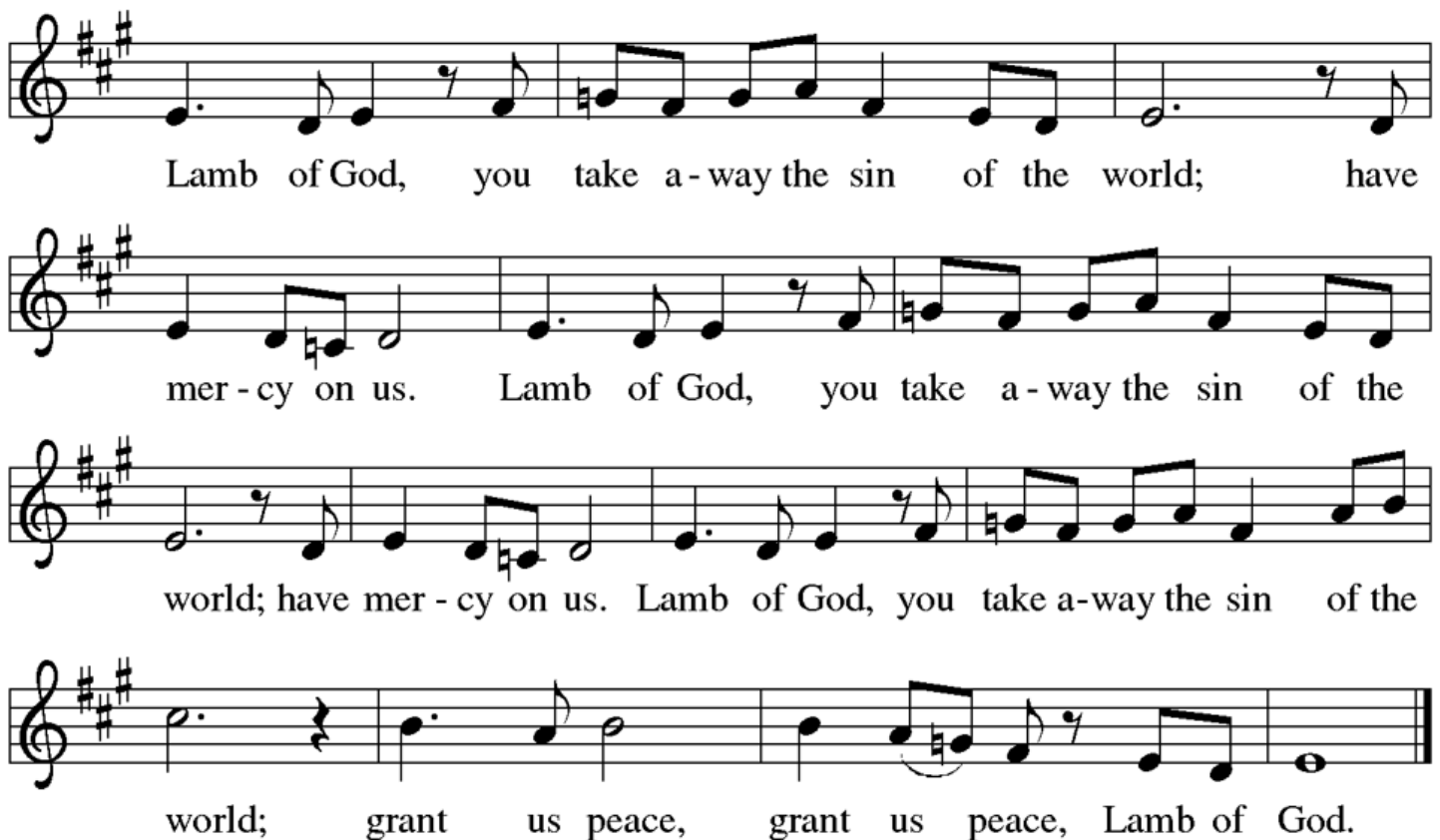
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

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

Rock of Ages (ELW 623)



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMN

Please use the cranberry hymnal in the pew

One Bread, One Body (ELW 496)

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.

Musical notation for the hymn 'One Bread, One Body'. It is a two-staff piece in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: Lit-tle. seed coat wait- ing Lit-tle root A-wak- -ing! Thank you! Thank you! for the world you're make - -ing. Litt - tle. The notation includes a repeat sign after the first line and a final double bar line at the end.

POST-COMMUNION COMMENDATION

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

Sending

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

BLESSING

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

SENDING SONG

Faith of Our Fathers (ELW 813)



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
 2 Faith of our moth - ers, dar - ing faith, your work for Christ is
 3 Faith of our sis - ters, broth - ers too, who still must bear op -
 4 Faith born of God, oh, call us yet, bind us with all who



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
 love re - vealed, spread - ing God's word from pole to pole,
 press - ion's might, rais - ing on high, in pris - ons dark,
 fol - low you, shar - ing the strug - gle of your cross



when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word. Faith of our fa - thers,
 mak - ing love known and free - dom real. Faith of our moth - ers,
 the cross of Christ still burn - ing bright. Faith for to - day, O
 un - til the world is made a - new. Faith born of God, O



ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.
 ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.
 liv - ing faith, we will be true to you till death.
 liv - ing faith, we will be true to you till death.

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Shine, Jesus, Shine
 Graham Kendrick



Upcoming Commemorations

Bartholomew, Apostle

Monday, August 24, 2026

Mentioned as one of Jesus' disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Bartholomew's name is replaced in John's gospel by Nathanael, leading many to believe that the two are different names for the same person. Little is known about his work, though some traditions place him later in India or Armenia.

Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, died 430

Friday, August 28, 2026

Augustine was one of the greatest theologians of the Western church. A native of North Africa, he recovered from a debauched young adulthood through the influence of his mother, Monica, and Bishop Ambrose of Milan. Besides writing influential theological books, he served as bishop of Hippo, in present-day Algeria.

Moses the Black, monk, martyr, died around 400

Friday, August 28, 2026

Converted from life as a thief and a robber to Christianity, Moses was an Ethiopian who became a desert monk at Skete. The change in his heart and life had a profound impact on his native country. He was murdered when Berber bandits attacked his monastery.

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Pastoral Coverage

Pastor Tim will be away August 18- September 9 with our synod Tanzania delegation and September 10-12 leading sessions at Fortune Lake.

Pastor J will be gone for vacation September 7-13. If you are in need of immediate pastoral care August 18- September 6 contact Pastor J Mills at 443-846-9203; September 7-12 contact Michael Holman at 231-824-6757; September 13 contact Pastor Tim at 563-581-0929.

OUTLOOK: Faith Ventures

An outreach publication of the 4ish

Hearing the concerns of the community, we want to open lines of intentional communication by offering a thread of information similar to that of our newsletters. This offering is in hopes of opening dialogue with your leaders and teams planning ministry. Take this portion home with you to review, discern, and dialogue with as you follow your heart into spaces we create together for the good of the community we are called to serve. Pass the information to a friend, or loved one who you think might just have a gift that simply needs a path of connection.



We operate with 4 Councils, meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00PM, at the Bethany Campus. The 4ISH Councils meet together, first, to learn and grow together around broad topics that might spark conversation

in the wider community. After an hour of education and discernment, we collapse into the 2ISH partnerships for our ministry of governance and action for our unique, and partnered ministries. We are dedicated to growing our communities together, recognizing that since our church buildings coming into being, we have ministered to and served Ishpeming since before 1870, and since then! We strive to build paths of connection for all of us to walk together and recognize that the breadth of what we're doing is big, and new. So, in the spirit of transparency and hope, we want to invite you to join us in healthy curiosity by requesting copies of our story and minutes (if you can't join us on Tuesdays; meetings are open to you!) through your Office Administrators. We are happy to share, with you, the written record of our consents, motions and actions and invite your discernment and dialogue with us. Faith Administrator: faithlc180.581@gmail.com, 906-486-9083; Bethel Administrator: Bethellc333@gmail.com, 906-485-5533; Bethany Administrator: secretary@bethanyishpeming.org, 906-486-4351.

Partnership Events

FAITH CAMPUS
SUMMER MOWING SCHEDULE

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.



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 the Pastors to be added to an email list that will deliver a copy of the sermon, after worship each Sunday.

Bethel & Trinity Partnership Note:

The following items are still needed for this year's **LWR Kits**:

Baby Kits: sleepers, diapers, towels, soap, blankets (no smaller than 36x36 and no bigger than 52x52).

School Kits: notebooks and rulers

Personal Care Kits: soap, combs, nail clippers, and bath towels

Updated Requirements: *Items are to be new, handmade, or appear in pristine condition. Socks and towels are required to be brand new.*



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**



The **Bethany Campus** is collecting **school supplies** to fill backpacks. (We don't need the backpacks.) These items are needed: spiral notebooks, blue or black pens, box of 24 crayons, #2 pencils, erasers (2 ½" long), small pencil sharpeners, rulers, blunt scissors.. Last year we filled 97 backpacks.! Thank you for your support of this annual project!

Bethel campus Note: The **Rachel Circle** will meet on **August 25** at 1:00 pm at the Bethel campus.

Community Events

*** Attention Youth entering 8-12th grade this fall. You, yes **YOU**, can come to the ELCA National Youth gathering next summer where around 15,000 youth will gather in Minneapolis. Through experiential learning, worship, and intentional community, participants will be both affirmed and challenged in their faith. Dates are Saturday June 26 through Friday July 2 (we will return late in the evening on the 2nd so you can still make it to 4th of July weekend events). If you are interested, please talk to or email Pastor Tim (tdjohnst@gmail.com). We will need to have our group decided so we can register by late September.





Prepared by Dr. Mary J. Streufert, Office of the Presiding Bishop, ELCA. With gratitude to the many reviewers who gave their insights.

“Because we are freed in Christ for others, we are able to respond to God’s call to love our neighbor as ourselves. In society, neighbor love takes the form of neighbor justice” (Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Call to Action, pp. 2-3).

“Gender justice [a form of neighbor justice] is expressed through equality and balanced power relations for people of all genders” (p. 76).

Join the 4ISH as we *explore* what this might mean for us in our communities and city. **8AM**, August 30th, at the Trinity Campus.



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. For 2026 the final event will be:

Sunday August 23- Pictured Rocks Hike- Meet at noon at Immanuel, Negaunee. Questions? Contact Pastor Bre Kinnunen (upbre3@gmail.com)



Thank You!

A HUGE THANK YOU is in order to everyone from the 4ISH who helped support the 2026 summer youth trip to North Carolina. Thank you for your financial support and for your encouragement along the way. We learned through journeying with currently or formerly unhoused individuals; hearing their story; learning empathy and compassion; and seeing how the system needs to be changed to better the least of these in our midst.

We also had fun- dancing together, singing in worship, serving and helping in the Winston-Salem community, and even going to a zoo and waterpark. Thank you! Sincerely, Allie Barron, Aly Hollinshead, Anders Johnston, Peter Lemire, Lily Peller and adults Abbey Hollinshead and Pastor Tim



Sisters in the Wind by Angeline Boulley

◦ 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.



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 19th**. 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 at Bethel or please feel free to **call Bethel's office or call or text Anne Giroux at 906-361-0847 or email giroux_anne@outlook.com**. We have been supporting the race for the past two years and all who have participated will attest that it is a lot of fun!

Come and Celebrate the Fall Women's Kick Off!

All Women from the 4ISH are invited to celebrate our birthdays. Please bring a salad to share. The celebration will take place on **September 9th at 5:30pm @ Bethel**. If you would like to join us, please sign up by August 27th in the back of Bethel's sanctuary.



Bibles for students- As a part of the congregational baptismal promise to support families in raising their/our children in faith, we will be presenting 4ISH students who have not received a bible with a bible. All students who are in 3rd grade and higher are eligible. Bibles will be given during worship on **Sunday, September 20** with a class to learn about the bible happening during coffee hour to follow the service (4ISH at Faith). Please email Pastor Tim if you plan to be a part of this and include in your email your student's correct address, family email and cell phone, student 2026-27 grade level, and student birthdate. Thank you for this information in advance!



OUR LEADERS IN PARTNERED MINISTRY

Pastors: J. Michael Mills and Tim Johnston
 Presiding: Pastor J. Michael Mills
 Assisting Minister: Elaina Kaukola Lector: Kathy Richards
 Music Director: Donna Poirier
 Organist/Accompanists: Carol Cox, Linda Hurrell
 Ushers: Norma Denney and Lois Ombrello

CALENDAR

Today *Ordinary Time, Green and Growing Sunday*
 9:00A Choir practice, Faith campus
 10:00A Partnership Worship/Online at Faith campus
 11:00A Fellowship
 12:00P Prayerful Hike-meet at Immanuel (Negaunee) to go to Pictured Rocks

 Tuesday 9:00A Quilters, Bethany campus
 11:00A Quilters, Faith campus
 11:00A Bible Study at Bethel campus

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

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

30-Aug, 10AM	4ISH at Trinity Campus (Pr. Tim in Tanzania, Africa Delegation)
06-Sep, 10AM	4ISH at Bethel Campus (Pr. Tim in Tanzania, Africa Delegation)
13-Sep, 10AM	4ISH at Bethany Campus

Church Office hours Bethany Campus

Monday 10:00A - 4:30P
 Tuesday 10:00A - 3:00P
 Wednesday 10:00A - 4:30P
 Thursday 10:00A - 1:00P, 3:30 - 5:30P

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.