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ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten

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Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Serving God, Community, and Individuals



Introduction to the day

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

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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

What A Friend We Have in Jesus
by Charles Converse

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.*

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help
of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy
Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of
Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

We Who Once Were Dead (ELW 495)



- 1 We who once were dead now live, ful - ly know - ing Je - sus
- 2 We were lost in night, but you sought and found us. Give us
- 3 He be - came our bread; Je - sus died to save us. On him
- 4 Let us share the pain you en - dured in dy - ing; we shall



as our head. Life is o - ver - flow - ing when he breaks the bread.
strength to fight; death is all a - round us. Je - sus, be our light.
we are fed, eat - ing what he gave us, ris - ing from the dead.
then re - main liv - ing; death de - fy - ing, we shall rise a - gain.

5 Jesus, you were dead,
but you rose and, living,
made yourself our bread,
in your goodness giving
life though we were dead.

6 This is your design;
in this meal we meet you.
Be our bread and wine,
Jesus, we entreat you.
This shall be our sign.

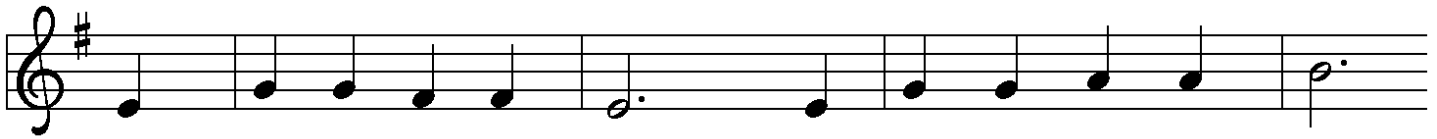
GREETING

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.



standing before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?

²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶ And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.”

²⁷ Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰ Then he said, “Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹ He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³² Then he said, “Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

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

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.

ANTHEM

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

SECOND READING

Colossians 2:6-19

A reading from Colossians.

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶ Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. ¹⁷ These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.

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 11:1-13

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”² So he said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵ And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,’⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’⁷ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of

friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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

Ask the Complicated Questions (ACS 1005)



1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.
2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,
3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,
4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er



Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes
fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing
test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from
truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock-ing,



strong our weak-ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

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.

Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of prayer, until all people experience prayerful shalom with you; the call to create spaces of hospitality that enrich healing, wholeness and inclusivity. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Reveal to humanity the sacredness of all creation. With the breath of your Spirit, realign the balances of nature. Grant persistence in prayer and action for the sake of the earth, our common home. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Teach rulers of the earth to sing of your ways, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

To all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs. 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 Gather these Siblings into your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Center the ministries of this assembly on prayer and service. Guide our relationships in the wider community, being ready to assist those who seek help focusing, rather than fixing a problem, on the wholeness of community together, walking and learning in partnership and mutual goodness. We celebrate the work we do and ask your guidance to strengthen our feeding, clothing, and housing ministries, uplifting our community partnerships. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who have gone before us. May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your saints. 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 July Noisy Offering supports the Salvation Army.



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 G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: 'Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of'. The second staff continues the melody: 'bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that'. The third staff: 'we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of'. The fourth staff: 'all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble'. The fifth staff concludes the phrase: 'with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.' The score ends 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.

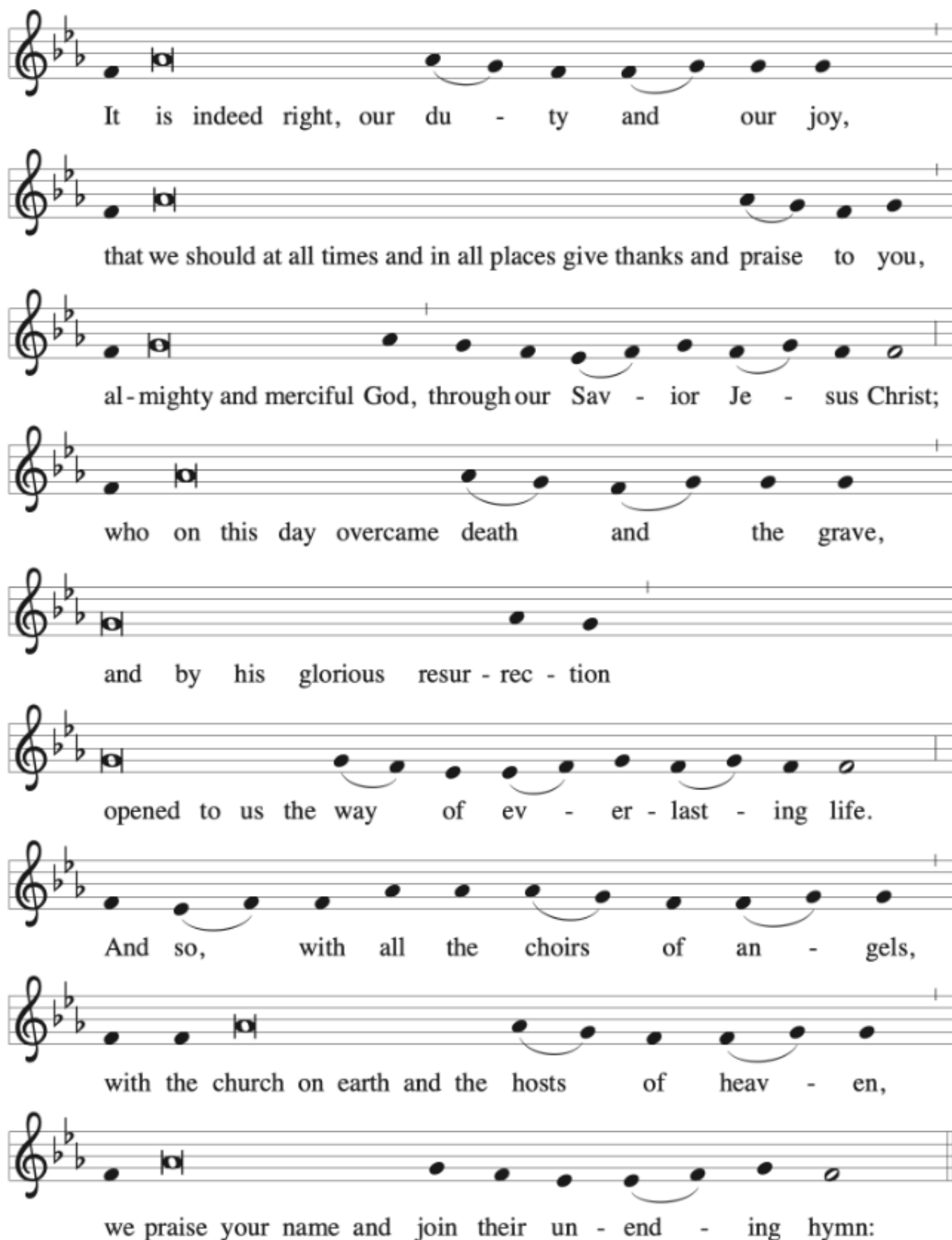
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 ends with a double bar line. The fourth staff continues the melody and 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, 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.**

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.

Please be seated.

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 suits 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.

COMMUNION SONG (DURING DISTRIBUTION) *What a Friend We Have in Jesus (ELW 742)*



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

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

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing (ELW 544)



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune
by Giuseppe Torelli

Upcoming Commemorations

Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians

Monday, July 28, 2025

These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces, and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel's great work, *Messiah*, is a setting of scriptural texts.

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.

Prelude:

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Hymn of the Day: Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984; Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; Text© 2018 GIA Publications, Inc., giamusic.com. All rights reserved.

Communion Song: Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886; Music: CONVERSE. Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918.

Sending Hymn: Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902-1983; alt. Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGGEN, Johann Lobner, 1645-1705, adapt. text© Oxford University Press.

Postlude:

Community Announcements

BETHANY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU
TO A

Town Hall-style Discussion and Learning

Sunday, July 27th, 2025
Immediately following worship

Did you know that we adopted a new Consitution in 2024? Did you know that we get to ratify that document in October of 2025?

Come learn how this document invites us to be in community together!
Submit your questions to Pastor J, ahead of time, or bring them with you: pastor@jmichaelmills.org



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 7, 2025

AND

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 – 1pm** - 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- 1pm** - 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 – 1pm** - 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

Flowers: In honor of Shirley Tyni and John Tyni on their birthday, from Shirley Tyni

CALENDAR

Today	7 th Sunday after Pentecost
	9:30A Choir
	10:30A Worship/Online Worship with Pastor J.
	11:30A Town Hall-style discussion on the Constitution
	1:00P Prayerful Hiking-Hiking on Deer Lake Trail
Tuesday	9:00A Quilters
	11:00A Bible Study at Bethel
Wednesday	9:30A Weight Watcher Support Group
Sunday	8 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 – 11:45A, 3:00P-4:30P
 Wed 10:00A – 1:45P Thursday 10:00A – 4:00P

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 Thursday.