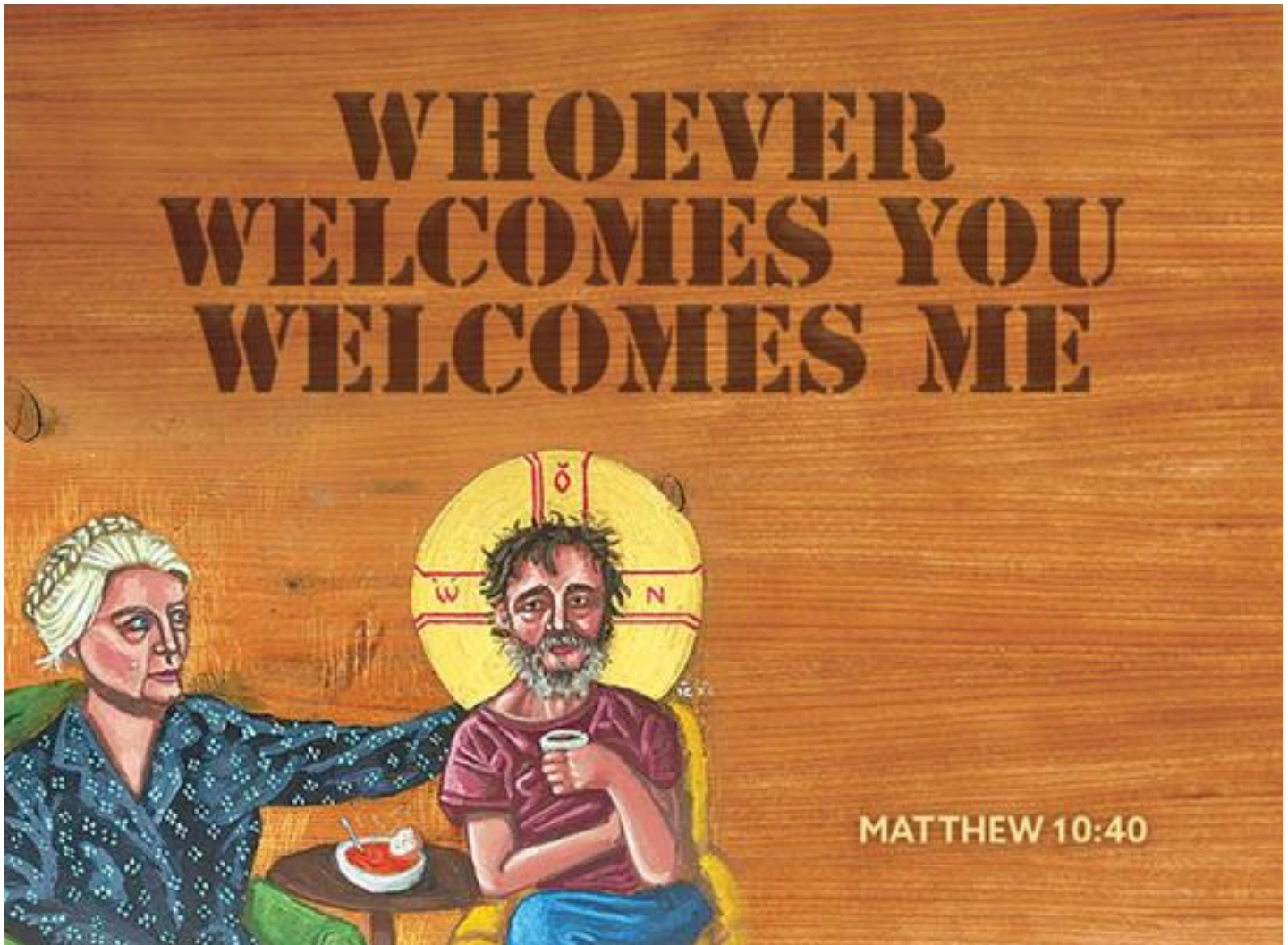


The Ordinary Time after Pentecost

ELW Holy Communion Setting Eight
Sunday, June 28, 2026

Faith-Bethany Partnership

One partnership, two campuses within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Introduction to the day

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

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You Are Received Here, as you are

We are one partnership worshipping across two campuses: Bethany Lutheran and Faith Lutheran. We are called to serve you, each other, Ishpeming and our 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

Shine on Us
by Michael W. & Deborah Smith

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Please stand, as you're willing and 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.

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.

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.

GATHERING SONG

Gather Us In (ELW 532)



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



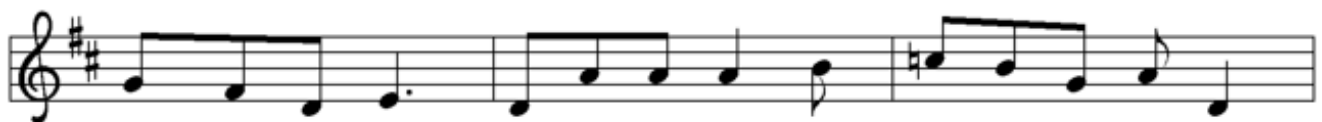
van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,

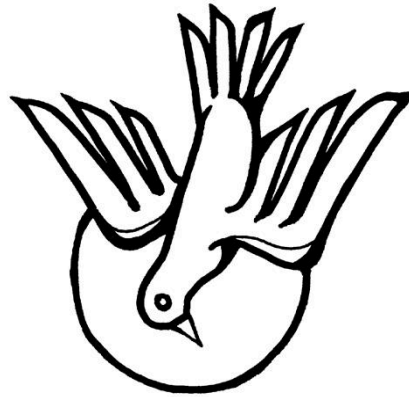


we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



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

Please be seated.

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.

Little seed coat breaking... little root a-waking...
thank you, thank you for the world you're making

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray, together.

God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, 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.

Word

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

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 28:5-9

A reading from Jeremiah.

⁵ The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

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

PSALM

69:7-18

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

- ¹ Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- ² **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**
- ³ “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- ⁴ **‘I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.’”**
- ¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.
- ¹⁶ **They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**
- ¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.
- ¹⁸ **Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

SECOND READING

Romans 6:12-23

A reading from Romans.

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death.

²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 10:40-42

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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 of Christ in Every Age (ELW 729)



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

CREED

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

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our
Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

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.

Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division. Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We lift up the names of our Siblings who have invited us into care together through our prayer connections, silently or aloud, now... .. Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

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, 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".

Please be seated.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

ANTHEM

The Gift of Love
by Hal Hopson

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 JuneNois Offering supports the North Carolina Youth Trip.
- 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.

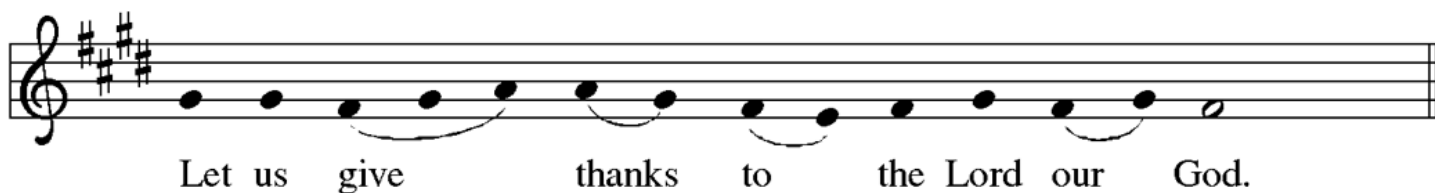
Great Thanksgiving

DIALOGUE

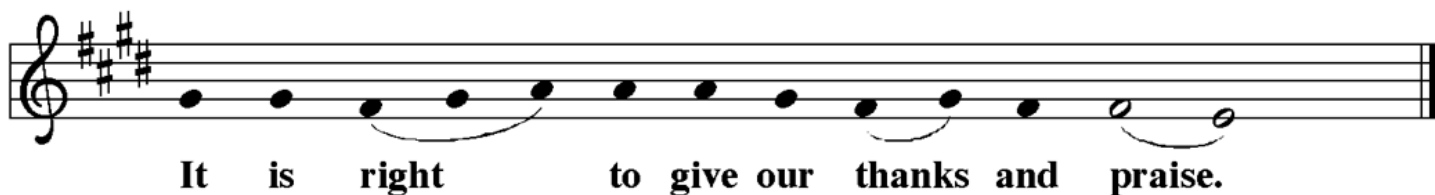
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

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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



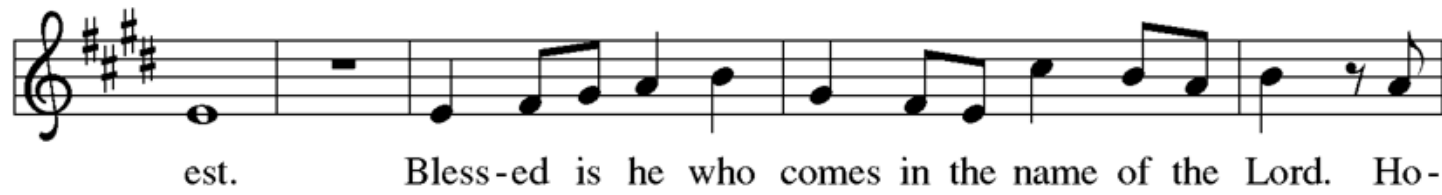
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



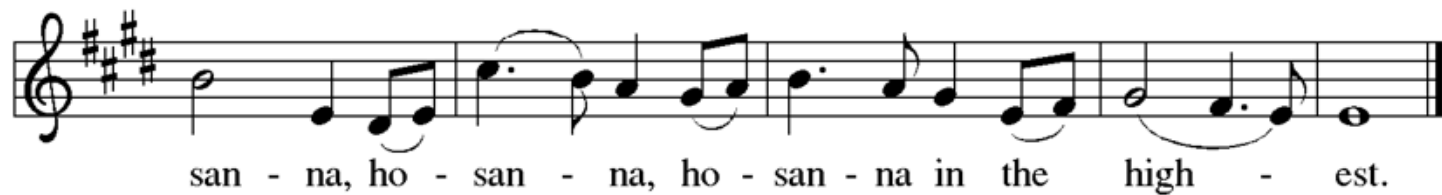
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -



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

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. **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

Just as I am, Without One Plea (ELW 592)



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMN

Please use the cranberry hymnal in the pew

Blessing, Honor, and Glory (ELW 433)

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

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus (ELW 802)



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



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



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



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



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

DISMISSAL

Go in peace-filled partnership! Christ is with you! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

He Is Exalted
by Twila Paris



Upcoming Commemorations

Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, died around 202

Sunday, June 28, 2026

This important early church leader tried very hard to hold to the faith handed down by the apostles. An opponent of the movement known as gnosticism, Irenaeus was one of the first to speak of the church as catholic, or linked together.

Peter and Paul, Apostles

Monday, June 29, 2026

These two strong-willed apostles are the pillars of the church in the first generation after Christ. Peter was one of the Twelve, one who both offered a glorious confession of faith and later denied knowing Jesus. Paul once led the persecution of Christians, then was converted and helped bring the faith to non-Jewish people.

Catherine Winkworth, died 1878; John Mason Neale, died 1866; hymn translators

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Neale was an English priest who specialized in the translation of Latin and Greek hymns into English. Winkworth lived in Manchester, England, and devoted herself to translating German hymns. Almost all English-speaking hymnals include many of their translations.

Thomas, Apostle
Friday, July 3, 2026

Though frequently remembered as "doubting Thomas," this apostle also demonstrated a willingness to suffer and die with Jesus (John 11:16), and finally claimed the risen Christ as "my Lord and my God!" By tradition, he later worked as a missionary in India. Long commemorated on December 21, Thomas's celebration is moved to July 3 in agreement with ecumenical calendars.

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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.

Sunday
SERMONS

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.

CHOIR UPDATE

NEW REHEARSAL TIME!

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

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.

Community Events



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

Join the 4ISH on Monday, July 6th, and Wednesday, July 8th at :30PM to explore what this means for you, and for us: the invitation and possibilities. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall of the Bethany Campus.

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

an INTRODUCTION to



GODLY PLAY

Saturday, July 18, 2026

10am-3pm ET


Bethany Lutheran Campus
at 715 Mather Avenue
Ishpeming, Michigan
with Pr. Sharolyn Swenson,
Godly Play Trainer



<<<Register here \$15 for lunch



Godly Play is a world-wide movement of faith-nurture and spiritual guidance rooted in sacred story, play, and wonder. The workshop is for adults supporting children in faith at home, church, or community. Register by July 11th...and join us on July 18th from 10am-3pm ET at Bethany Lutheran in Ishpeming. The workshop is free, but you are invited to contribute \$15 for lunch. This introduction will model the practice of Godly Play, and also help you recognize opportunities to include this practice throughout your ministries.



MAGIC BOOK
COMMUNITY STUDY

Sisters in the Wind
by Angeline Bouley

- o 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.

- o Meeting 1: 9/29 from 630-745pm at Bethany
- o 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.

- o Meeting 1: 11/3 from 630-745pm at Bethany
- o 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)

FOURTH OF JULY WATER DISTRIBUTION



This year water will be handed out to Ishpeming parade participants at the end of the route but not distributed along the route. Water donations can be dropped off at Bethel. Volunteers are needed to label water bottles on June 30th @6:30PM

CAMPUS WORSHIP SCHEDULE: *Planning Ahead*

28-Jun, 10AM	Faith	Bethel
05-Jul, 10AM	Bethany	Trinity
12-Jul, 10AM	Faith	Bethel



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**, last Sunday of each month, **beginning on June 28th**, at the Faith Campus.



OUR LEADERS IN PARTNERED MINISTRY

Pastors: J. Michael Mills and Tim Johnston

Presiding: Pastor J. Michael Mills

Assisting Minister: Terra Frustaglio

Lector: JoAnn Manty

Music Director: Donna Poirier

Organist/Accompanists: Carol Cox, Linda Hurrell

Ushers: Norman Denney and Lois Ombrello

Altar flowers are in honor of Olga Norell's birthday from the Paul F. Blewett Fund

CALENDAR

Today	<i>Ordinary Time, Green and Growing Sunday</i>	
	8:00A	Gender Justice study, Faith Campus
	9:00A	Choir practice, Faith Campus
	10:00A	Partnership Worship/Online at Faith Campus
Tuesday	9:00A	Quilters, Bethany Campus
	11:00A	Quilters, Faith Campus
	11:00A	Bible Study at Bethel Campus
	2:00P	Teal Lake Senior Living Center Worship with Pastor J.
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, Bethany Campus
	10:00A	Partnership Worship/Online, Bethany Campus

Church Office hours Bethany Campus

Monday	10:00A - 4:30P.
Tuesday	10:00A – 3:00P, 4:00 - 5:00P
Wednesday	10:00A – 1:00P, 3:00P – 5:00P
Thursday	10:00A – 11:00A, 2:30 - 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.