

# *The Ordinary Time after Pentecost*

## **Of the Land and Seasons**

*and Setting 8 liturgical elements from the ELW*

Sunday, October 4, 2026

### **Faith-Bethany Partnership or Trinity-Bethel Partnership**

*Two partnerships, four campuses drawn together, worshipping across boundaries  
within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*



### **Introduction**

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

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## **Two Partnerships, Four Campuses**

*Serving Ishpeming | ELCA, Northern Great Lakes Synod*

### **You Are Received Here, as you are**

We are **partnerships, worshiping across Ishpeming** – serving Ishpeming and its surrounding neighborhoods. Rooted in Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, we believe God's grace is for all people and all creation, calling us into lives of compassion, justice, service, and hope.

Whoever you are, whatever your story or questions, you are free to listen, to join in as you are able, and to be met by the living presence of God. Whether you are new to church, returning after time away, carrying faith or doubt, or joining us from a distance — **there is space for you here.**

Our services are livestreamed to extend that welcome beyond these walls. Our camera remains focused on the chancel and worship leaders. We do our best to protect the faces of children, and we ask for your grace knowing we cannot control every moment. Questions or concerns about our livestream? Please speak with a pastor or worship leader.

From the earliest days of the Church, God's people gathered in different places while sharing one faith, one mission, and one Spirit. Bethany, Faith, Trinity and Bethel 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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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*One community. Four campuses. Many gifts. One body in Christ.*

**Grace and peace to you: welcome.**

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*Be Still and Know*  
Finlandia, Arr. Mark Hayes

## 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 pours love into our hearts  
and healing upon the earth.

**Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,  
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness  
in the world and in our own hearts.**

**Creation groans from overuse.**

**Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.**

**Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.**

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love  
to others.**

**Turn our hearts back to you.**

**Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.**

**Renew us to live as your holy people,  
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,  
in whom there is no condemnation,  
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.  
Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

*Can You Feel the Seasons Turning (ACS 1065)*



1 Can you feel the sea - sons turn - ing, winds and waves grown  
2 Can you hear the crea - tures cry - ing— lynx and ot - ter,  
3 Can you feel the sea - sons turn - ing? Storm clouds gath - er



wild and strange? Can you feel cre - a - tion groan - ing,  
wolf and whale? Can you hear the Spir - it sigh - ing  
in the skies. All a - round us signs of warn - ing



fear - ful of the com - ing change: ice - caps melt - ing,  
as her chil - dren grieve and fail? Na - ture's poor, the  
bid us o - pen fright - ened eyes. Called by God to



o - ceans ris - ing, homes and hab - i - ta - tions lost?  
first to suf - fer, pay the price of hu - man greed.  
serve as stew - ards till earth's gar - den greens and thrives,



Can you feel the sea - sons turn - ing? Can you count the bit - ter cost?  
Can you hear the crea - tures cry - ing, beg - ging us to stop and heed?  
can we learn in time to lis - ten? Can we turn and change our lives?

## 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

(Cantor/Choir) *We pray for peace, O Lord, make plowshares of our swords, make plowshares of our swords, hear us when we cry to you...*

*Assembly*



Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have  
mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

(Cantor/Choir) *Christ, make us grow in grace until we see your face, until we see your face, hear us when we cry to you...*

*Assembly*



Christ, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Christ, have  
mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

(Cantor/Choir) *Defend your church, O Lord, and root it in your word, and root it in your word, hear us when we cry to you...*

*Assembly*



Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have  
mer-cy on us: hear our *rit.* cry. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray, together.

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

*A sermon for the young, and young at heart; come forward as you wish to engage a story and the wonder of faith.*

## PRAYER SONG



## NOISY OFFERING COLLECTION

*The noisy offering, for October, supports The Salvation Army. Thank you!*



## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-7

<sup>1</sup> I will sing for my beloved  
my love song concerning his  
vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup> He dug it and cleared it of stones  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst  
of it

and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded rotten grapes.

<sup>3</sup> And now, inhabitants of  
Jerusalem

and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for  
my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield  
grapes,

why did it yield rotten grapes?

<sup>5</sup> And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup> I will make it a wasteland;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with  
briers and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup> For the vineyard of the LORD of  
hosts

is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are his cherished garden;  
he expected justice  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness  
but heard a cry!

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalms 80:7-15

We will chant the psalm, in unison.



<sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

<sup>8</sup> You have brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you cast out the nations and planted it.

<sup>9</sup> You cleared the ground for it;  
it took root and filled the land.



- <sup>10</sup> The mountains were covered | by its shadow  
and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.
- <sup>11</sup> You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea  
and its branches | to the river.
- <sup>12</sup> Why have you broken | down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?
- <sup>13</sup> The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.
- <sup>14</sup> Turn now, O | God of hosts,  
look | down from heaven;
- <sup>15</sup> behold and | tend this vine;  
preserve what your right | hand has planted.

## SECOND LESSON

Acts 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup> The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup> with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup> When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup> if we are being questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup> This Jesus is

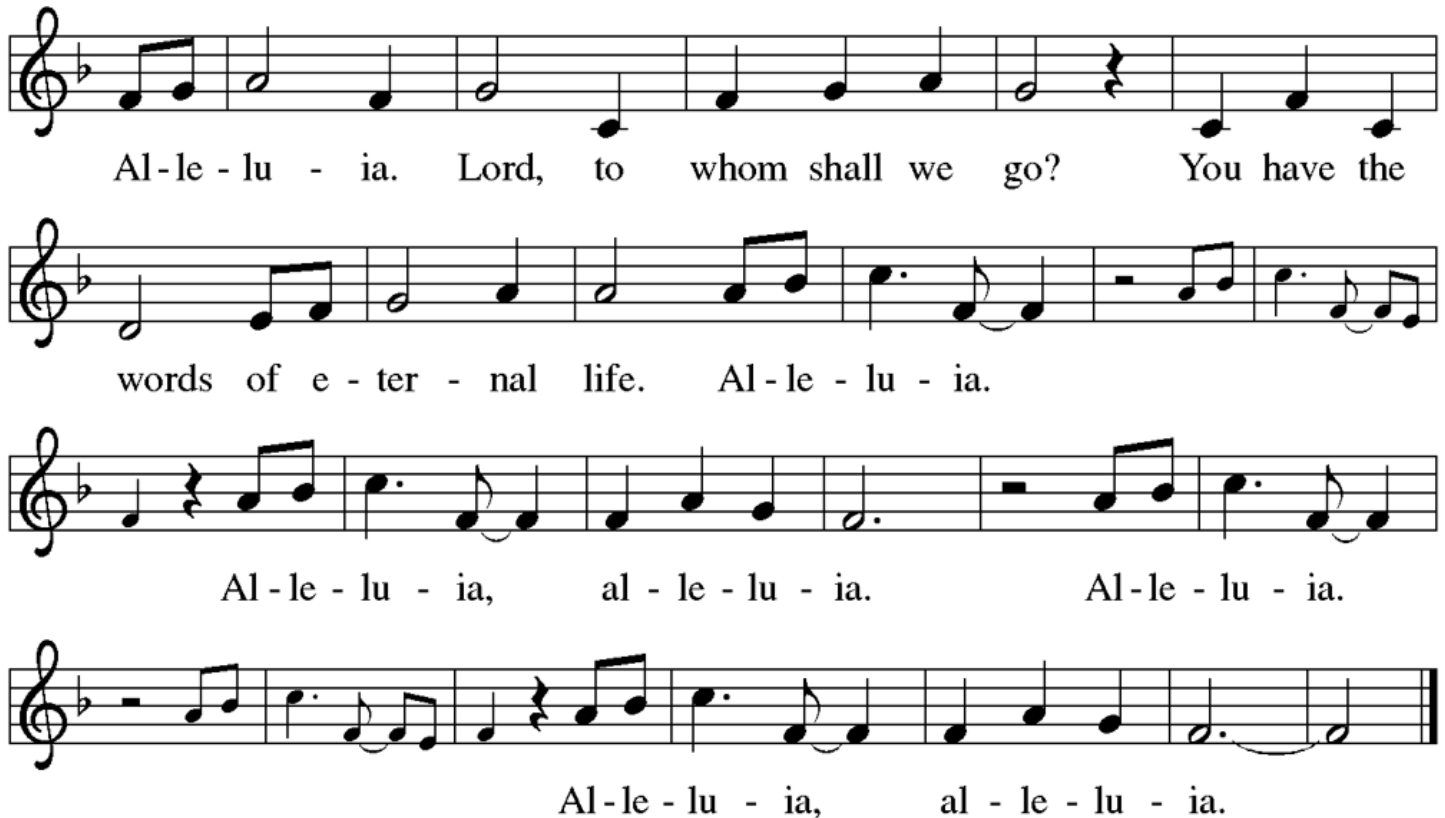
‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.’

<sup>12</sup> “There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

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

## GOSPEL ACCLIMATION



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 21:33-46

The gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, o Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>33</sup>“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord’s doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

<sup>43</sup> “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. <sup>44</sup> The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

<sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup> They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

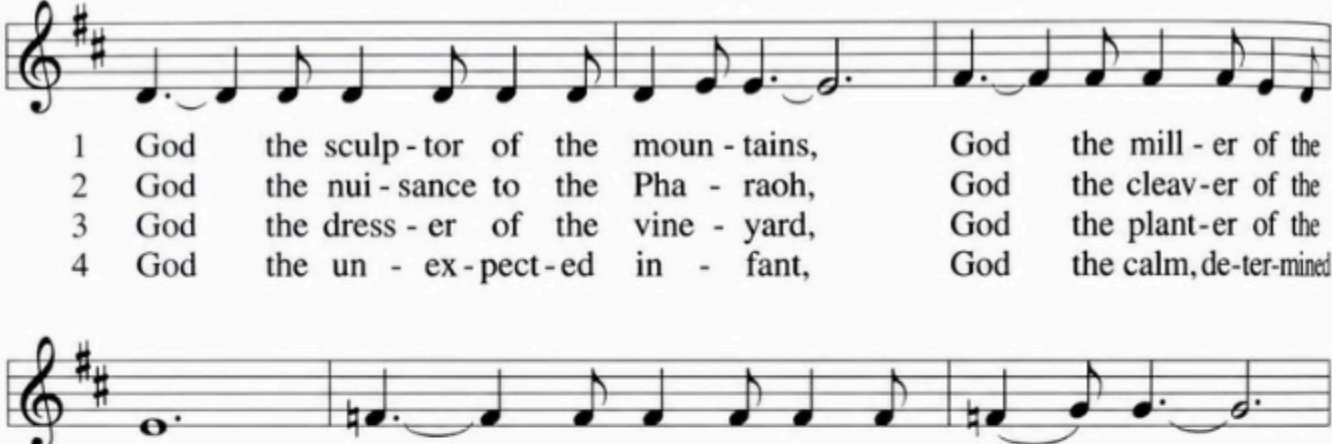
*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*God the Sculptor of Mountains (ELW 736)*



1 God the sculp - tor of the moun - tains, God the mill - er of the  
2 God the nui - sance to the Pha - raoh, God the cleav - er of the  
3 God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the plant - er of the  
4 God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the calm, de - ter - mined

sand, God the jewel - er of the heav - ens,  
sea, God the pil - lar in the dark - ness,  
wheat, God the reap - er of the har - vest,  
youth, God the ta - ble - turn - ing proph - et,

*Continues on next page.*

God the pot - ter of the land: you are womb of all cre -  
 God the bea - con of the free: you are fount of all de -  
 God the source of all we eat: you are host at ev - 'ry  
 God the re - sur - rect - ed truth: you are pres - ent ev - 'ry

a - tion, we are form - less; shape us now.  
 liv - 'rance, we are sight - less; lead us now.  
 ta - ble, we are hun - gry; feed us now.  
 mo - ment, we are search - ing; meet us now.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

*Silence is kept for preparation.*

God of every generation, we give thanks for all who have sought to renew and transform your holy church. Inspire us to follow their example in our own day. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every creature, bless and protect the earth and all those who dwell within it. We give thanks for those who have helped us to see your Spirit in creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every tribe and nation, restore peace to the world's conflict zones, and shelter those who live within them. We pray especially for the safety of displaced people and refugees. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering. We lift up those Siblings who have invited us to walk with them in prayer for healing, for peace, and for community; silently or aloud, we name them now... .. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every truth, you draw us nearer to you through your holy word. We give thanks for teachers of the faith. Fill their hearts with your Spirit, that they inspire others with your truth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every soul, you are the one who calls us home. We give thanks for all the saints who have been restored to perfect unity with you.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## OFFERING OF 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** (Faith-Bethany Partnership)

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
by Lowell Mason, arr. by Dave Fackrell

## OFFERING

Ways to support ministries here at, and in, Ishpeming:

**Bethel**



**Faith-Bethany**



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*We give thanks for your sharing of gifts and generosity!*

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

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray, together.

**Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



*Great Thanksgiving*

## **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you. **And also 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**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
we praise your name and join in adoring song...

# SANCTUS

1 Long, long a - go in Je - ru - sa - lem, as the  
 2 High on a throne sat the might - y Lord, robes  
 3 Oh, what a sight it was to see and

scrip - tures do re - cord, I - sa - iah to the  
 flow - ing through the hall, while six - wing - ed an - gels  
 oh, what a sound to hear! The tem - ple door - posts

tem - ple came to see the ho - ly Lord.  
 flew a - bove. I - sa - iah heard them call.  
 shook and quaked, and smoke was in the air.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, God's glo - ry fills all heav'n and earth,

God of pow - er and might.

*last time*

## **COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Let the peoples praise you, generous and abundant Creator...

United by your Spirit with all your people,  
we pray through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
to you, our Source and our Goal,  
our Sun and our Shield,  
our God now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **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.**

**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!<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Wildman, Terry M.. First Nations Version: An Indigenous Bible Translation of the New Testament (p. 10). InterVarsity Press. Kindle Edition.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Just as this broken bread was first scattered on the hills, then was brought together and became one, so let your church be brought together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours are the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever. **Thanks be to God!**

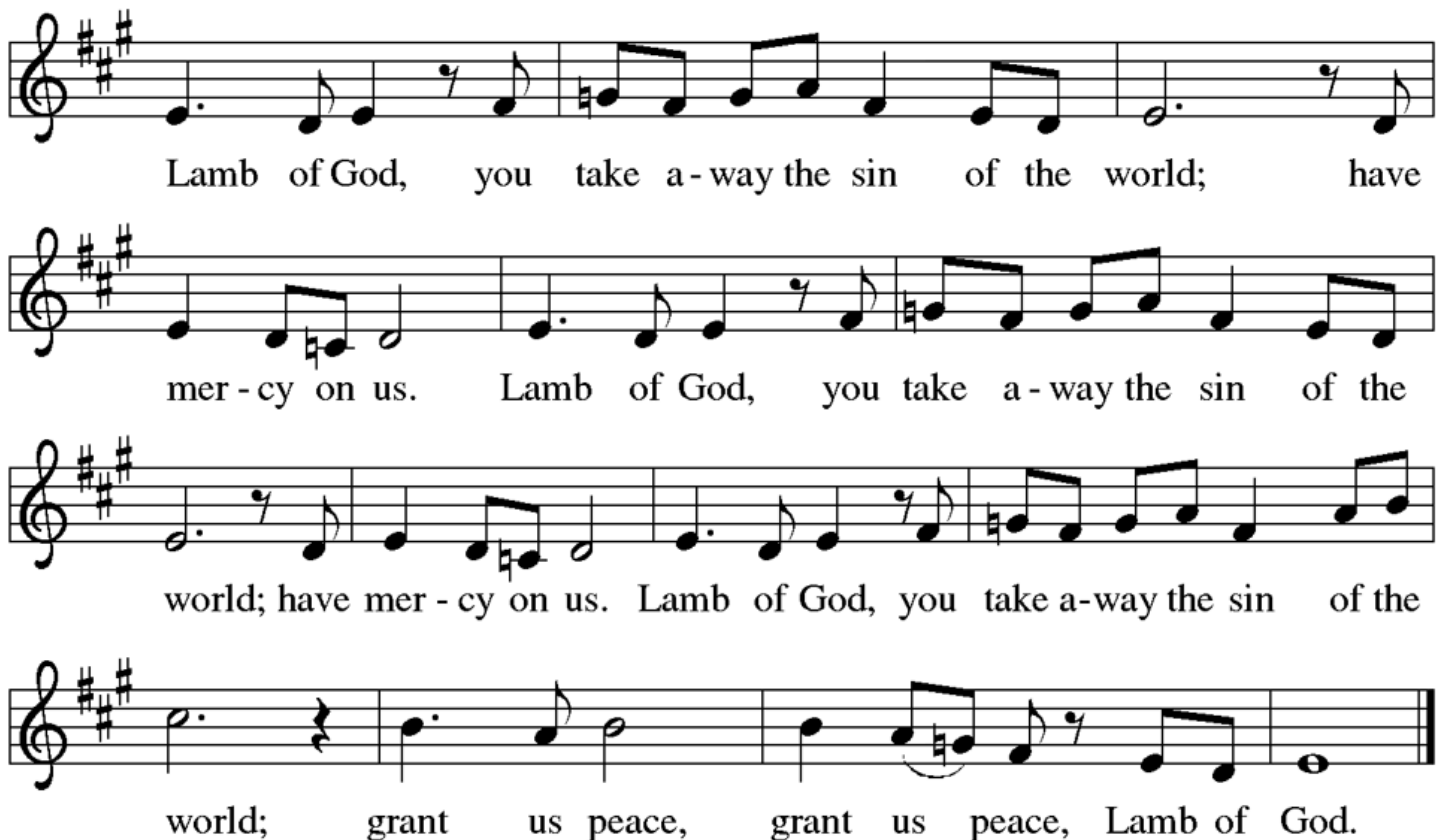
## AFFIRMATION OF THE SPIRIT'S PRESENCE FOR ONLINE AND RADIO

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

*We celebrate an open table in this community; all are welcome and all ages are welcome. Children recognize when they are being excluded, and if they reach out their hands our Pastors will include them because Christ invites the whole community to participate. An outstretched hand at this Table is enough understanding to celebrate participation. Our communion bread is gluten free, and egg free is available. Grape juice and wine are both available in each celebration; grape juice is a clear liquid, wine is reddish in color.*

## LAMB OF GOD



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

*Come Let Us Eat (ELW 461)*



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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## ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMN

*Please use the cranberry hymnal in the pew Eat This Bread Drink This Cup (ELW 492)*

## 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**

The God of love  
draw you into full accord and one mind,  
in the ☩ body of Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

The God of hope  
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances  
through the ☩ interceding of the Spirit.

**Amen.**

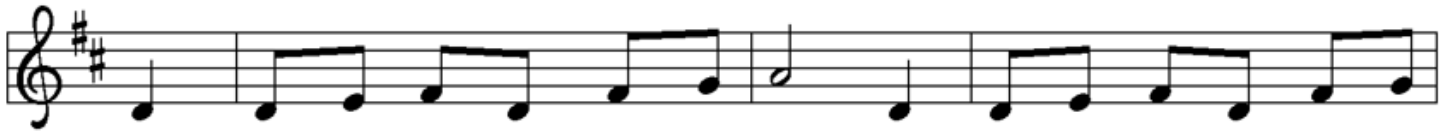
The God of grace  
☩ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**



## SENDING HYMN

## *All Creatures Worship God Most High (ELW 835)*



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and  
2 Sing, broth-er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and  
3 Sing, broth-er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the  
4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain or sor-row



sky: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Sing, broth-er sun, in splen-dor  
grain: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear sis-ter wa-ter, use-ful,  
throng: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear moth-er earth, so rich in  
grieve: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis-ter moon and stars of night:  
clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to hear:  
care, praise God in col-ors bright and rare: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-  
fears; still make your song a-mid the tears:



lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
waiting to hush our final breath:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
fair is the night that leads us home.  
Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
Alleluia.

## DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Bringing in the Sheaves*  
George A Minor

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## *Upcoming Commemorations*

**Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226**

**Sunday, October 4, 2026**

Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.

**Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, died 1864**

**Sunday, October 4, 2026**

Fliedner helped to bring about a revival of the ministry of deaconesses among Lutherans. He was influenced in this by Moravian deaconesses he had met. The motherhouse he founded in Kaiserswerth, Germany, inspired many around the world to take up this ministry.

**William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536**

**Tuesday, October 6, 2026**

Tyndale was ordained a priest in England, and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany. He completed the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.

**Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787**

**Wednesday, October 7, 2026**

Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe to send someone who could take charge and unite their work. Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans. Among other accomplishments, his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888.

**Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, died 1986 (TFF)**

**Saturday, October 10, 2026**

A native of Chicago, Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America. Ordained in 1958, he served in positions including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.

## 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](mailto:faithlc180.581@gmail.com), 906-486-9083;

Trinity and Bethel Administrator: [Bethellc333@gmail.com](mailto:Bethellc333@gmail.com), 906-485-5533;

Bethany Administrator: [secretary@bethanyishpeming.org](mailto:secretary@bethanyishpeming.org), 906-486-4351.



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.

**The Councils of the Faith-Bethany partnership** have appointed a committee of six, three from each campus, to meet with Bishop Katherine Finegan to design the process for calling Pastor J Michael Mills as pastor to both congregations.

Those agreeing to serve are Deanna Johnson, Vic Cox, Dan Argall, Terra Frustaglio, Faith Cain, and Abbey Hollinshead.

The committee has mailed letters to members of the Faith and Bethany campuses. If you have not received a letter, please call the campus office. A call vote is scheduled for Sunday, October 11, following worship at the Bethel campus.

We ask your prayers for the work of this group and for the discernment of the Holy Spirit as she has guided and continues to guide our steps forward.



### **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!

## Faith-Bethany Social Ministry seeks Additional Members

### What is Social Ministry?

Social Ministry is a committee that meets once monthly on the second Tuesday of each month at the Bethany Campus, under the current leadership and spiritual guidance of MaryEllen Peterson, at 10:30AM. The group receives funding through the 'noisy offering' funds and fellowship donations. It provides the 'goodies' and serves fellowship once monthly, on average. The ministry brings hope and promotes emotional healing by collecting and distributing food for our neighbors and homebound; sending 'handmade' cards made by the Card Ministry to homebound Siblings; and offering additional gifts include giving, mercy, compassion: each playing a part in sharing and asserting God's love, prepared by the Spirit to serve the community.



We welcome new members who wish to experience the involvement in making our community 'Someplace Special', as TV6 says. Come early to the meeting and join the Quilters at 10am for coffee and goodies. Contact MaryEllen Peterson or JoAnn Manty for more information/questions. Hope to see you helping us serve our community with giving, mercy and compassion through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

## Paranormal Poetry and Fiction: A Live Reading with Beverly Matherne



U.P. Poet Laureate Emerita Beverly Matherne will be at the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library to read a selection of paranormal poetry and fiction! The author of seven books of poetry is professor emerita of English at Northern Michigan University, where she directed the MFA program in creative writing and served as poetry editor of Passages North literary magazine.

# Wednesday, October 14 at 5:30pm

## Upcoming Services

|              |                                                                                                                                                                                             |         |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 11-Oct, 10AM |  4ISH at Bethel Campus  |         |
| 18-Oct, 10AM | Bethany                                                                                                                                                                                     | Trinity |
| 25-Oct, 10AM | 4ISH at Trinity Campus (Reformation Sunday)                                                                                                                                                 |         |



## Celebration of Closing Events for Trinity Lutheran Church:

|                         |              |                                                     |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday, October 14th | 5:30pm-7pm   | Free Soup Supper                                    |
| Saturday, November 14th | 3pm-4:30pm   | Meet & Greet with Pastor Wight Hoogheem             |
| Sunday, November 15th   | 10am worship | Rev. Dr. Joel Wight Hoogheem                        |
| Sunday, December 13th   | 6pm          | Night of Christmas MusicCoffee Fellowship to follow |
| Saturday, December 19th | 3pm-4:30pm   | Meet & Greet with Pastor Skrenes                    |
| Sunday, December 20th   | 10am         | worship Rev. Thomas Skrenes                         |
| Sunday, January 10th    | 10am         | worship Rev. Sharolyn Swenson                       |
| Sunday, January 24th    | 10am         | worship Bishop Katherine Finegan                    |
| Sunday, January 31st    | 12:30pm      | Building Blessing & Storytelling                    |
| Sunday, February 7th    | 10am         | worship Closing Service for TrinityMembers          |
|                         | 2pm          | Closing & Decommissioning Service                   |



# Rainbow Roadshow

Upper Peninsula Community Education Tour

## Upcoming Tour Dates

### Marquette

**Mon., October 5**

**Know Your Community**

**Know Your Queerstory: LGBTQ+ History and Trivia @ 6 PM**

Peter White Public Library, Community Room

217 N Front St, Marquette, MI 49855, USA



**Join the 4ISH** for an EQMI educational session on Sunday, October 4th, 4-6:00PM at the Bethany Campus. *Charcuterie boards will be provided, from Rare Earth Cafe!*

# Free Soup Supper

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
414 E. RIDGE STREET,  
ISHPEMING MI

October 14th

5:30 PM to 7:00 PM  
In the Fellowship Hall

Honoring years of meals faithfully  
provided:  
Soups, Breads, Dessert Bars, Coffee,  
Milk, or Tea

**Trinity** is also looking for **donations** of soup, bread, bars, and milk, as well as clean-up help workers for their **free soup dinner** on Wednesday, October 14. There will be sign-up sheet downstairs at Trinity if you are willing to help in any way! Thank you!

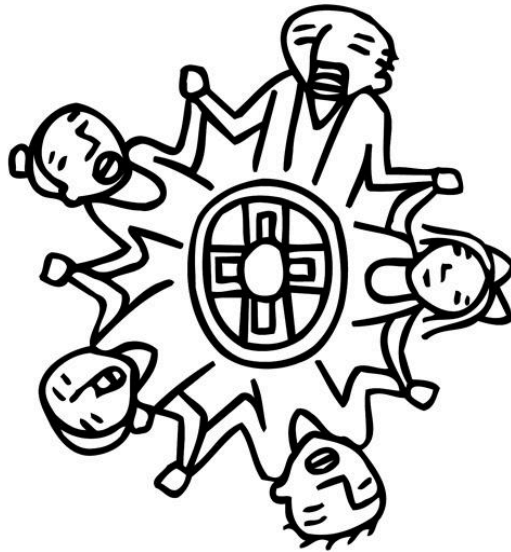
# A Community of Leaders

## Trinity-Bethel Ministry Team Leaders

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| Christian Education: | Jennifer Juntunen – <a href="mailto:bethelishsundayschool@gmail.com">bethelishsundayschool@gmail.com</a> |
| Social Ministry:     | Kay Herrala – <a href="mailto:kay.herrala@gmail.com">kay.herrala@gmail.com</a>                           |
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|                      | Jason Chapman - <a href="mailto:jason.chapman204@gmail.com">jason.chapman204@gmail.com</a>               |
| Property (Trinity):  | Peter Johnson - <a href="mailto:pojohanson43@gmail.com">pojohanson43@gmail.com</a>                       |
| Worship & Music:     | <i>Team Leader needed</i>                                                                                |
| Youth:               | <i>Team Leader needed</i>                                                                                |
| Finance (Trinity)    | Kris McDonnell– <a href="mailto:mskrm68@aol.com">mskrm68@aol.com</a>                                     |
| Finance (Bethel)     | Anne Giroux – <a href="mailto:giroux_anne@hotmail.com">giroux_anne@hotmail.com</a>                       |

## Faith-Bethany Ministry Team Leaders

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| Spiritual Education: | Abbey Hollinshead - <a href="mailto:faithspiritualeducation@bethanyishpeming.org">faithspiritualeducation@bethanyishpeming.org</a> |
| Finance (Bethany):   | Cheryl Sleeman                                                                                                                     |
| Finance (Faith):     | Laura Korte                                                                                                                        |
| Social Ministry:     | Maryellen Peterson                                                                                                                 |
| Stewardship:         | Addy Lemire                                                                                                                        |
| Worship and Music:   | Denise Kaukola-Mason                                                                                                               |
| Property (Bethany):  | Bruce Bussone                                                                                                                      |
| Property (Faith):    | Kathy Richards                                                                                                                     |



|            | <b>Bethel Council:</b> | <b>Trinity Council:</b> | <b>Faith Council:</b> | <b>Bethany Council:</b> |
|------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| President: | Bud Hart               | Rosemary Larson         | Abbey Hollinshead     | Dave Leverton           |
| VP:        | Steve Nelson           | Adele Price             | Kurt Penrose          | Addy Lemire             |
| Secretary: | Anne Giroux            | Robbie Powelson         | Jolene Silva          | Denise Kaukola-Mason    |
| Treasurer: | Anne Giroux            | Jan Grove               | Laura Korte           | Cheryl Sleeman          |
|            | Bill Seppanen          | Jim Kippola             | Karen Perrault        | Don Hurrell             |
|            | Carol Watts            | Kathy Koski             | Anne Poirer           | Bruce Bussone           |
|            | Earl Eliason           | Tim Kubas               | JoAnn Manty           | Heather Swanson         |
|            | Kathleen Smith         |                         | Donna Kroon-Harris    |                         |
|            | Laura Kantola          |                         | Lois Ombrello         |                         |

## OUR LEADERS IN PARTNERED MINISTRY

Pastors: J. Michael Mills and Tim Johnston  
Presiding: Pastor J. Michael Mills  
Assisting Minister:  
Lector:  
Music Director: Donna Poirier  
Organist/Accompanists: Carol Cox, Linda Hurrell, Marty Achatz  
Cantor: Beth Achatz  
Coffee Hour: (Bethany Campus) Social Ministry team

## CALENDAR

Today *Ordinary Time, Green and Growing Sunday*  
9:00A Choir practice, Bethany Campus  
10:00A Partnership Worship/Online, Bethany/Trinity Campuses  
11:00A Fellowship, Call Meet and Greet for Faith-Bethany Partnership  
4:00P EQMI Educational event with 4-ISH, Bethany campus

Monday 5:45P Cardio Drumming, Bethel Campus  
6:00P Rainbow Roadshow - Know Your Community,  
Peter White Library, Community Room

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  
1:00P Prayer Shawls, Bethel Campus  
6:00P Choir Practice, Bethany campus  
7:00P Persepolis Book Study, Bethany Campus

Thursday 9:00A Quilters, Bethel campus  
6:00P Social Ministry Meeting, Bethel Campus - All are Welcome!  
6:30P Hope Circle, Bethany Campus

Saturday 9:00A Confirmation Retreat, Bethany Campus

Sunday *Ordinary Time, Green and Growing Sunday*  
9:00A Choir practice, Bethel campus  
10:00A 4ISH Partnership Worship, Bethel Campus  
11:00A Fellowship and Faith-Bethany Partnership Call Meeting, Bethel

### Church Office hours Bethany Campus

Monday 10:00A - 4:30P  
Tuesday 10:30A - 5:30P  
Wednesday 10:00A - 11:45A, 1:45P - 4:30P  
Thursday 10:00A - 11:00A, 3:30P - 5:30P

### Church Office hours Faith Campus

Tuesday 10:00P - 2:00P  
Wednesday 1:00P - 5:00P

### Church Office Hours Bethel Campus

Tuesday 10:00A-3:00P  
Thursday 10:00A-3:00P

*Please contact the office if you would like to make an appointment to see the Pastors.*