



Eighth Weekend after Pentecost

July 25, 2020 - 2:30pm & 5:00pm

July 26, 2020 - 8:30am

Prelude

Hymn of Invocation: I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

LSB 651

- 1 I love Your kingdom, Lord,
The place of Your abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.
- 2 Beyond my highest joy
I prize its heav'nly ways,
Its sweet communion, solemn vows,
Its hymns of love and praise.
- 3 I love Your Church, O God,
Your saints in ev'ry land,
Dear as the apple of Your eye
And graven on Your hand.
- 4 For them my tears shall fall;
For them my prayers ascend;
For them my cares and toils be giv'n
Till toils and cares shall end.
- 5 Sure as Your truth shall last,
To Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield
And brighter bliss of heav'n.

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Confession and Absolution

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

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- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

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- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Absolution

Service of the Word

Introit: Psalm 125

- P** Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
C **which cannot be moved, but abides forever.**
- P** As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people,
C **from this time forth and forevermore.**
- P** For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous,
C **lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.**
- P** Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,
C **and to those who are upright in their hearts!**
- P** But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the LORD will lead away with evildoers!
C **Peace be upon Israel!**
- C** **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

Kyrie

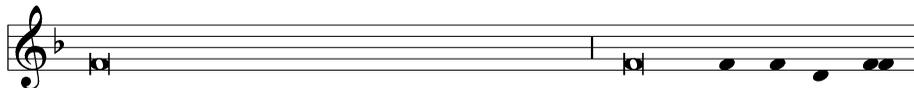
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



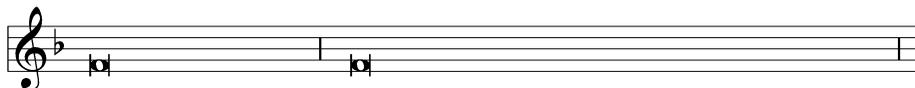
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Welcome

Pastor Tim Eden

Children's Time (Sunday)

DCE Jeff Bellach

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

⁶“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

A Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

C How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

A For from him and through him and to him are all things.

C To him be glory forever. Amen.

Epistle

Romans 8:28–39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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C 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.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:44–52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

G I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day: Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

LSB 563 sts. 1–4, 6

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty,
Was also shed in love for me.
- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

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Sermon: Who Would Sell Everything For That??

Pastor Tim Eden

Hymn: What Wondrous Love Is This

LSB 543 sts. 1–3

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this

That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb,
Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

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Prayer of the Church

The Prayers are listed on the insert. *(Each Petition will end, "Lord, in Your mercy." The worshippers respond, "hear our prayer.")*

Lord's Prayer

**☩ 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.**

Blessing & Benediction

Hymn to Depart: The Church's One Foundation

LSB 644 sts. 1–5

- 1 The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.

- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

- 4 Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

- 5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace

That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

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Announcements

Postlude

Offering *(You may leave your offering and Connection Cards in the baskets as you are ushered out of the sanctuary.)*

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A Warm Bethel Welcome to Our Guests!

We are delighted you are with us. We hope you will fill out the connection card on the back of this bulletin. We usually have a mug for first time guests but these days are different. Now we have hand sanitizer.

Children's Activity Books are available in the narthex beside the Elders Credenza.

Nursery—right now we cannot offer the nursery. If your little one becomes restless, feel free to walk around the narthex or in the Parish Hall. We will have toys in the Parish Hall and sound on in there for you to still listen to the worship service. The ushers will be glad to be of assistance. Please know though, that your children and babies are always welcome as we worship.

Sunday Adult Bible Class and Children's Sunday School ONLINE

Throughout the summer we will continue to offer online Adult Bible Class [found on our website www.blcbcs.org](http://www.blcbcs.org).

Pastor Tim and DCE Jeff are leading a study on the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. With plenty of visuals, timelines, and maps; they will take you on a journey back in time to see how our awesome God leads us, forgives us, and helps us on life's way.

Sunday School for children is still being offered online with Mrs. Amanda and Mrs. Connie. [Look for it on our website, www.blcbcs.org](http://www.blcbcs.org)

Youth, Junior High, and 5th & 6th Grade will continue to meet via zoom during the normal Sunday School hour 10am-11am on Sunday. To access any of the zoom Bible Studies please contact DCE Jeff.

ONSITE WORSHIP AT BETHEL - Schedule for August.

The Lord's Supper will be served on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays.

Saturdays at 2:30 pm, Traditional Divine Service for those at high risk for serious illness

Saturdays at 5:00 pm, Traditional Divine Service with social distance seating

Sunday at 8:30 am, Traditional Divine Service with social distance seating

Sunday at 11:15 am, Contemporary Divine Service with social distance seating

• We cannot, at this time, offer our professional nursery services.

We are still:

Live Streaming – Sunday worship at 8:30 & 11:15.

Providing Men's Monday Evening Bible Study Group by ZOOM. Contact George McIlhaney.

Providing Men's Friday Morning Bible Study Group by ZOOM. Contact Marty Criswell.

Our Boards are meeting through ZOOM or at church (practicing social distancing).

Also, Pastor Eden continues to have his *Today's Briefing from God's Word* available on Facebook and website. His schedule for the month of Aug. will be on Mon., Wed., & Fri.

Don't Forget to return your Baby Bottle for HOPE Pregnancy Center!

Thank you! *Board of Community Service*
Hopepregnancy.org 979.695.9193

In Our Prayers This Week

Those, in our Bethel Family, celebrating birthdays this week: John Kappler, Fran Beard, Hollis Kujawski, Garrett McIlhaney, Anna Martini-Stoica, Doug Symmank, Mason Lustick, Norb Mahnke, Scott Duchmasclo, and Grace Clark.

Those of our families who are expecting babies.

Those who are struggling with infertility.

Those under Hospice Care and their families: Ray Schreiner, Robert Schulz, Bobbie Murphy, Sandi Sefcik, Alice Criswell and Norma Flory.

Those who are ill, hospitalized, or dealing with Chronic health issues and their families: Amy Dahmann & Baby, The Wiechman family, Juan Ramirez, Frances Duchmasclo, Pearl Symmank, Earl Tomlin, Esther Synatschk, Roy Schoenfeld, Stacey Donathen, Lynn Stroud, Gabe Sanchez, Calvin Copeland, Donna Kotaska, David Olson, Marilyn Meyer, Gordon & Darla Sherman, Sherrie Plagens, Marie Bell, Ruth Chow Hoy, Courtney Sebesta, Donna O'Sullivan, Heaven Ware, Preemie William Ryan Price, Preemie Gracelyn Munoz, Toddler Eva Koebernick, Toddler Logan Meier, Denny Blakely, Ellis Hise, Linda Wellman, Mary Kamr, Sarah Clark, Cora Mickan, Tonia Olson, Gabby Baker, Marinell Bartlett, Geneva Sanchez,

Bradley Isenberg, Maribel Martinez, and Xylia Martinez.

Those with injuries, scheduled surgeries or recovering from surgeries: Zach DeVries, Carol Moravec, Bill McIye.

Our Christian Brothers and Sisters around the world, being persecuted for their faith.

Bethel's Mission VBS Team & SOS Ministry
***On Location* program** on Monday nights, July 13, 20, 27, Aug. 3.

Our Missionaries:

University Lutheran Chapel A&M Campus & Int'l Students Ministry as they are still searching for a new pastor.

Rev. Karim Baidoui, Disciples Of the Way.
Pastor Steve Wiechman-Breathe Life Ministries
Mtakuja Secondary School in Tanzania.

Those who mourn:

Gary Shockey and family at the death of his grandmother, Martha Garetson on July 9.
Valerie Markert & family at the death of her Aunt Caroline Hengst. The family of Margaret Eimann who died on June 22.

Our Beloved Members:

Anor Byer
LaNelle Coursey
Alice Holik
Mike Lenz

Barbara Petty Milton Reim Judy Wieghat Sam Clark

All those in the Military and their families:

Army

Jaden Zaneck
Emalyn Menefee (Jennifer Skains' daughter)
Justin Swarb (Kathy Herwald's cousin)
Katherine Haney (**Deployed** to S. Korea, David Fleeger's niece)
Walker Eifert (The Ellis' son-in-law)
Grant Holman (Nicole Rincones' son)
Kyle Kendall (Rachel Jungklaus' cousin)
Teddy Vaughen (Barbara Frazier's grandson)

Marines

Tyler (Brandon) Shane –(Becca & Gabe

Sanchez' son)

Vincent Jochen, (The Boyds' son-in-law)
Matthew Sutherland

Navy

Ben Pannkuk
Niels Olson (**Deployed** to Guam)
William "Web" Beard (Bob Beard's son)
Kristian Sutton, (Barbara Sutton's son)
Cameron Skains (Jennifer Skain's son)

Air Force

Joshua Stroud (**Deployed** to Middle East)
Cullen Douget (new members Wade & Terressa Douget's son)
Matthew Simpson (John & Mary Hagan's grandson)

Army Reserve

Kenneth Jones
Michael Sutton

BETHEL CALENDAR

Sun., July 26 thru Sun., Aug. 2, 2020

Sunday, July 26 8th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m.- Divine Service (Traditional) --- Sanctuary

10:00 a.m.- Sunday School and Adult Bible Class—
Videos ONLINE

11:15 a.m.- Divine Service (Contemporary)- Sanctuary

Monday, July 27

6:30 p.m.- Church Council Mtg – Parish Hall

7:00 p.m.- Monday Men’s Bible Study - Meet
ONLINE with ZOOM

Wednesday, July 29 Church Office Closed

Friday, July 31

6:30 a.m.- Men’s Bible Study—Meet ONLINE with
ZOOM

Saturday, Aug. 1- 9th Saturday after Pentecost

With The Lord’s Supper

2:30 p.m. – Divine Service (Traditional) – Sanctuary

5:00 p.m. – Divine Service (Traditional) - Sanctuary

Sunday, Aug. 2 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

With The Lord’s Supper

8:30 a.m. – Divine Service (Traditional)-Sanctuary

11:15 a.m.-Divine Service (Contemporary)-Sanctuary

Watch the Website and Emails for Updates

At this time, we will NOT be providing Child Care.

“Our lives may be full of stress, but Jesus is with us as He has always been—walking with us, holding us in His hands, keeping us in His care. Nothing can take God's love away from us. Nothing, not even death—not even death on a cross!—can keep Jesus from the people He came to save.” *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*

www.lutheransforlife.org

THE LUTHERAN HOUR for the month of July is sponsored to the glory of God by David & Rita Baumann. To God be all the glory!

TODAY’S ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Julie Maly in loving memory of Gary Kasner on his birthday, July 30.

My Walk with Jesus this week will include . . .

Praying for all those on our Church prayer list.

Reading my Bible Daily.

Attending a weekly Bible Study.

Registration for Holy Communion

I believe that God sent His Son, Jesus as my Savior from sin, Satan, and death, and that He is Lord of my life. I repent of my sins and ask God's forgiveness for Jesus' sake. I believe the Risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine all communicants receive His true Body and Blood. I resolve to dedicate myself anew to my Lord through His Church, by regular worship, study of His Word, faithful witness, and loving service.

Signatures of those communing

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What Lutherans Believe

Membership at Bethel

Associate Membership

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR:

Prayer Chain

Children/Youth

Women

Men

Seniors

Music

Connection Card

July 25 & 26, 2020

Saturday Sun. 8:30 Sun. 11:15

Name: Dr./Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms. _____

Children in Attendance (Name & Age) _____

1st Time Guest

2nd Time Guest

Regular Attender

College Student

Member/Associate

Change in Contact Information

Email (please print) _____

Best Contact Phone (_____) _____

Address _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Prayer Requests _____

Confidential Prayer

Please register for The Lord's Supper on the reverse side. Please place this card in the offering plate or give it to an usher.



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