



BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

DEBORAH & JAEI

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 13TH, 2025

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

+ indicates to stand in body or spirit;
bold print indicates congregational responses

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE "I. Prelude from 'Piano Music for a Sunday Morning'" Keith Kolander

WORDS OF WELCOME

+ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin
to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(a brief silence for reflection)

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

We confess that we have turned from you

and given ourselves into the power of sin.

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,

things we have done and things we have failed to do.

Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life

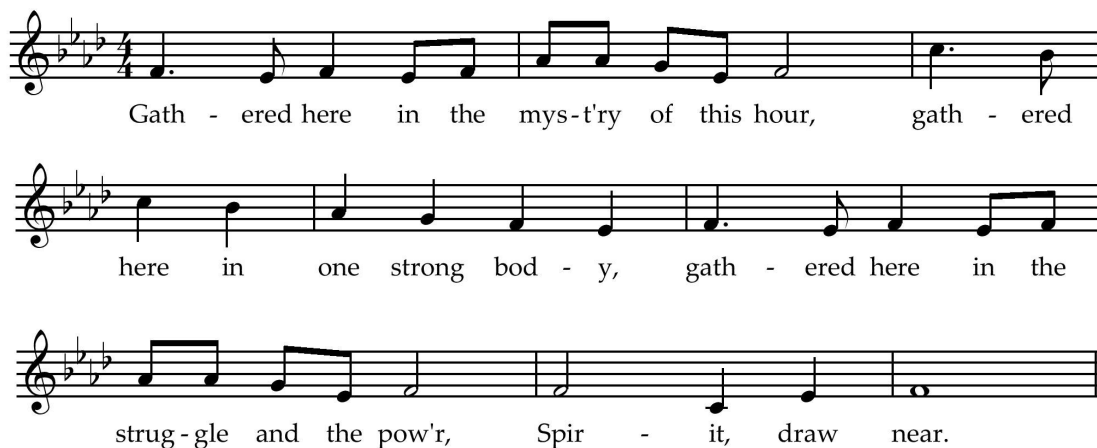
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

+ GATHERING HYMN "Gathered Here" VT #3



Gath - ered here in the mys-t'ry of this hour, gath - ered
here in one strong bod - y, gath - ered here in the
strug - gle and the pow'r, Spir - it, draw near.

+ APOSTOLIC 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Mighty God, you worked through the combination of Deborah, Barak, and Jael and intervened with a storm to deliver your people. Bring your salvation, your healing, to our time. Act again through public servants and private lives, in shared leadership and mutual responsibility. In Jesus' name, Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

READING *JUDGES 4:1-24; 5:1, 12-13, 24-27, 31*

A reading from Judges.

¹The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. ²So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. ³Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

⁴At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. ⁵She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. ⁶She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. ⁷I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'" ⁸Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go." ⁹And she said, "I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. ¹⁰Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

¹¹Now Heber the Kenite had separated from the other Kenites, that is, the descendants of Hobab the father-in-law of Moses, and had encamped as far away as Elon-bezaananim, which is near Kedesh.

¹²When Sisera was told that Barak son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor, ¹³Sisera called out all his chariots, nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the troops who were with him, from Harosheth-ha-goiim to the Wadi Kishon. ¹⁴Then Deborah said to Barak, "Up! For this is the day on which the LORD has given Sisera into your hand. The LORD is indeed going out before you." So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with ten thousand warriors following him. ¹⁵And the LORD threw Sisera and all his chariots and all his army into a panic before Barak; Sisera got down from his chariot and fled away on foot, ¹⁶while Barak pursued the chariots and the army to Harosheth-ha-goiim. All the army of Sisera fell by the sword; no one was left.

¹⁷Now Sisera had fled away on foot to the tent of Jael wife of Heber the Kenite; for there was peace between King Jabin of Hazor and the clan of Heber the Kenite. ¹⁸Jael came out to meet Sisera,

and said to him, "Turn aside, my lord, turn aside to me; have no fear." So he turned aside to her into the tent, and she covered him with a rug. ¹⁹Then he said to her, "Please give me a little water to drink; for I am thirsty." So she opened a skin of milk and gave him a drink and covered him. ²⁰He said to her, "Stand at the entrance of the tent, and if anybody comes and asks you, 'Is anyone here?' say, 'No.'" ²¹But Jael wife of Heber took a tent peg, and took a hammer in her hand, and went softly to him and drove the peg into his temple, until it went down into the ground — he was lying fast asleep from weariness — and he died.

²²Then, as Barak came in pursuit of Sisera, Jael went out to meet him, and said to him, "Come, and I will show you the man whom you are seeking." So he went into her tent; and there was Sisera lying dead, with the tent peg in his temple. ²³So on that day God subdued King Jabin of Canaan before the Israelites. ²⁴Then the hand of the Israelites bore harder and harder on King Jabin of Canaan, until they destroyed King Jabin of Canaan.

¹Then Deborah and Barak son of Abinoam sang on that day, saying:

...

¹²"Awake, awake, Deborah!

Awake, awake, utter a song!

Arise, Barak, lead away your captives,

O son of Abinoam.

¹³Then down marched the remnant of the noble;

the people of the LORD marched down for him against the mighty.

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²⁴"Most blessed of women be Jael,

the wife of Heber the Kenite,

of tent-dwelling women most blessed.

²⁵He asked water and she gave him milk,

she brought him curds in a lordly bowl.

²⁶She put her hand to the tent peg

and her right hand to the workmen's mallet;

she struck Sisera a blow;

she crushed his head;

she shattered and pierced his temple.

²⁷He sank, he fell,

he lay still;

between her feet he sank, he fell;

where he sank, there he fell dead.

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³¹"So perish all your enemies, O LORD!

But may your friends be like the sun as it rises in its might."

And the land had rest forty years.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

+ HYMN OF THE DAY “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory” ELW #890



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
 2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
 3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
 he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
 with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
 Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
 As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.
 Our God is march - ing on.
 while God is march - ing on.



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

+ SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING



Guests

Generosity is part of who we are as God's people. Guests can use their QR code to give via Breeze, Bethel's trusted online giving platform. Select "Member Faith Giving" to give to the general budget. Members can use their QR code to sign into Breeze to give a one-time gift or to schedule an automated donation. Online giving cards (at the name tag stations), checks, or cash may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed.



Members

ANTHEM "Psalm 4: When I Call (The Psalms Project)" Shane Heilman

+ OFFERTORY



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me._____ Cast me not a - way from your
pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir - it from me._____ Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with
your Spir - it free._____ Cre - ate in me a clean
heart, O God, and re - new a right Spir - it with - in me._____

✠ MEAL ✠

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



Give thanks to the Lord.



+ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

It is truly right and proper at all times and places to give our thanks to you, Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Ever-living God. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

The Words of Institution / Las Palabras de la Institución

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever. **Amen.**

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

The first time through will be sung as a solo; all may join in on the repeat.



earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our

dai - ly bread, and for - give us our tres - pass - es,

as we for - give those who tres-pass a - gainst__ us;

and lead us not in - to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv - er

us from__ e - vil.__ For the

king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours

now and for - ev - er. A - men.

LAMB OF GOD

Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on

us. Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes a-way the sin of the world,



HOLY COMMUNION HYMN *"We Come to the Hungry Feast"* ELW #479

1 We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry for a world re-leased
3 We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry that the hun-ger cease,
To hun-gry hearts un-sat-is-fied the love of God is
from hun-gry folk of ev-'ry kind, the poor in bod-y,
and know-ing, though we eat our fill, the hun-ger will stay
not de-nied. We come, we come to the hun-gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun-gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun-gry feast.

+ TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

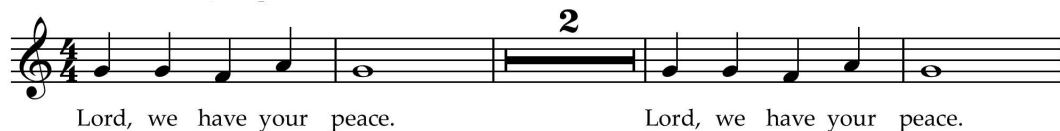
✠ SENDING ✠

+ BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN “*Send Us Forth In Peace*”

Lord, we have your peace.



+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE “If I Had a Hammer” Lee Hayes & Pete Seeger

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Inger Hanson
Assisting Minister: (8:30) Eric Lundin (10:30) Joanna McLees
Ushers: (8:30) Don Pavek, Dave & Char Jacobson, Kelly Groenewold
(10:30) Michael & Nancy Sparby
Readers: (8:30) Anton Armstrong (10:30) Nancy Sparby
Sacramental Ministers: (8:30) Pastor Phil Ruud, Phyllis Larson, Dottie Hammer,
Marci Groenewold, Carol Cole, Jeanne Cloud
(10:30) Jason Pollington, Ben Fisher
Altar Care: (set) Phyllis Larson (clean) Phyllis Larson
Guitar: Gary Lewis Flute: Krista Middlebrooks
Vocal Duet: Christina Schwietz & Sam Dwyer
Keyboards: Megan Engel
A/V Technicians: Sam Dwyer, Asher Engle, Nathan Hoekstra, Brent Kivell

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THIS WEEK

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY—THURSDAY 9 AM - 3 PM

MONDAY

12:00 pm  Bible Study @ the Vault
7:00 pm Creation Care Committee

TUESDAY

9:45 am Staff Meeting
5:00 pm Worship & Arts Planning
6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY

12:15 pm Pray Without Ceasing
6:00 pm Summer English Class (ESL)

THURSDAY

9:30 am FAB (Faith & Books) (Youth Room)

FRIDAY

9:30 am WoW (Women of the Word) (Zoom)

SATURDAY

8th Grade Christikon On Site Trip departs!
9th Grade Christikon Backpacking Trip returns!

CHRISTIKON BACKPACKERS

Please keep our 9th graders
in your prayers as they are
“on trail” in Montana this week!

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

July 6	in person attendance
8:30 am	117
10:30 am	68
Total	185

NEXT SUNDAY...

The text of the day will be **Esther 1:1-22**



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