



## BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

### *Binding of Isaac*

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2025

8:15 AM & 10:30AM

*+ indicates to stand in body or spirit;*

***bold print*** indicates congregational responses

### ✠ GATHERING ✠

**PRELUDE** *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* arr. Emma Lou Diemer

### WORDS OF WELCOME

### + CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
who looks upon us in compassion,  
forgives our sin,  
and heals our lives. **Amen.**

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

*(a brief silence for reflection)*

Have mercy, O God,  
**against you, you alone,**  
**we have sinned.**  
**In your compassion,**  
**cleanse us from our sin**  
**and take away our guilt.**  
**Create in us a new heart**  
**and give us a steadfast spirit.**  
**Do not cast us away,**  
**but fill us with your Holy Spirit**  
**and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

As tender as a parent to child,  
 so deep is God's compassion for you.  
 As high as heaven is above earth,  
 so vast is God's love for you.  
 As far as east is from west,  
 so far God removes your sin from you,  
 renewing your life through Jesus Christ.  
 Blessed be God who crowns us  
 with mercy and love.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

+ **KYRIE** stanzas 1 & 3

*Refrain*

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

*Last time*

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the  
 3 For peace in our hearts, for



health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;  
peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly;



for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,  
for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,



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

#### + APOSTOLIC GREETING

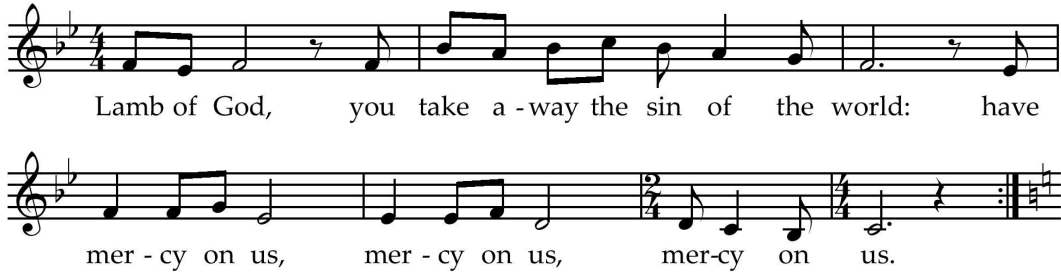
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

#### + PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of Abraham and of Isaac, of sacrifice and provision, our hearts struggle with testing,  
are steadied when you supply the ram, and break open when you offer your only Son, Jesus,  
to the world. By your Spirit, strengthen us to trust in your future, through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

+ **SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION** “Lamb of God” (from ‘Now the Feast and Celebration’)



+ **HOLY GOSPEL** JOHN 1:29-31

A reading from the gospel of John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>The next day (John) saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

The gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



**READING** GENESIS 21:1-3; 22:1-14

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised.  
<sup>2</sup>Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. <sup>3</sup>Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him.

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<sup>1</sup> After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>2</sup> He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.” <sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. <sup>5</sup> Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” <sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. <sup>7</sup> Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup> Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them walked on together.

<sup>9</sup> When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood.

<sup>10</sup> Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>12</sup> He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”

<sup>13</sup> And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place “The Lord will provide,” as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

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

**HOMILY**

+ HYMN OF THE DAY "Peace Be with You! Jesus Told His Friends" VT #165



1. A - bra-ham took I - saac up a hill, fear-ing what
2. "Peace be with you!" Je - sus told his friends, giv-ing them



God would have him do. Why would God de - mand that he per -  
com - fort in their fear. "Do not be a - fraid!" he tells his



form\_ such a deed?\_\_\_\_\_ Could he trust his con-science to de -  
peo - ple to - day.\_\_\_\_\_ Fol-low Je - sus as your friend and



cide? Then he saw God would meet his need.  
guide; fol - low him on the nar - row way.



We can do God's will be - cause our God will pro - vide.  
We have all we need be - cause our God will pro - vide.



Ho - ly light is shin - ing in our hearts. Ho - ly peace is



flow - ing in our breath. God has prom-ised us the things we



#### + APOSTLES' CREED

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 THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

#### + SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord 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 "Lamb of God" Anna Laura Page

### + OFFERTORY "With Joy"

With joy, with joy, we will of-fer in thanks giv-ing all you've  
giv-en us to give. With joy, with joy, we will of-fer in thanks  
giv-ing with joy. We will of-fer in thanks giv-ing with joy.

### + OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions.  
Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love,  
through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## ✠ MEAL ✠

### + GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.**



## + EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, that you spoke things into being and ordered all relationships.  
For the good of this world you made and so love, you offered your only Son, Jesus,  
through whom you make all things new.

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Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord. Through this meal give us the strong assurance that you are with us and will keep us wherever we go, that we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

## + THE LORD'S PRAYER

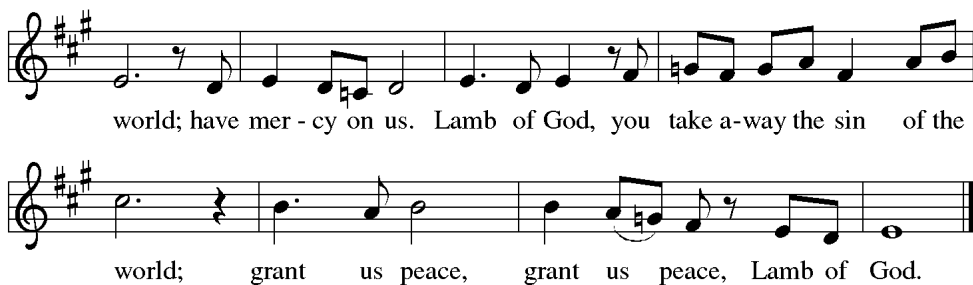
Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory  
are yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

## + EL PADRE NUESTRO

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,  
santificado sea tu nombre;  
venga a nos tu reino;  
hágase tu voluntad,  
así en la tierra como en el cielo;  
el pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy;  
y perdónanos nuestras deudas  
así como nosotros perdonamos  
a nuestros deudores;  
y no nos dejes caer en la tentación;  
mas líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino,  
el poder y la gloria,  
por los siglos de los siglos. **Amén.**

## LAMB OF GOD





**HOLY COMMUNION HYMN** *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”* ELW #759

**+ TABLE BLESSING**

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

**+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us, that Christ, with you and the Holy Spirit, are glorified. Amen.**

**✠ SENDING ✠**

**+ BENEDICTION**

God all mighty, God most merciful,  
✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

**+ SENDING HYMN** *“On Our Way Rejoicing”* ELW #537

**+ DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE** *“The God of Abraham Praise”* arr. Michael Burkhardt

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Pastor Inger Hanson & Pastor Ben Schori  
Assisting Minister: (8:15) Anton Armstrong (10:30) Krista Middlebrooks  
Ushers: (8:15) Craig Grunzke, Don Pavek, Cal Feine, Harley Foster  
(10:30) Denise Halvorson  
Readers: (8:15) Paula Mathison (10:30) Darlene Broughton  
Sacramental Ministers: (8:15) Clark Cary, Barb Holm, Telford Norvold, Carol Cole  
(10:30) Darlene Broughton  
Altar Care: (set) Carol Lysne, (clean) Margaret Grunzke, (cups) Gary DeGrote  
Church Choir Director: Peter Schleif  
Trumpet: Gerry Hoekstra  
Keyboards: Megan Engel  
A/V Technicians: Sam Dwyer, Asher Engle, Nathan Broughton, Nathan Hoekstra

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## **SUNDAY ATTENDANCE**

<b>September 7</b>	<b>in person attendance</b>
8:15 am	147
10:30 am	90
Total	257


## THIS WEEK

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

### MONDAY

- 12:00 pm  Bible Study @ the Vault  
6:30 pm ISAAH Meeting (Fireside Room)


### TUESDAY

- 9:45 am Staff Meeting  
12:00 pm Lydia Circle  
5:00 pm Personnel  
6:30 pm  Church Council

### NEXT SUNDAY...

The text of the day will be  
**Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17**  
with John 1:50-51.

### WEDNESDAY

- 3:30 pm Limitless  
4:30 pm Homes for God's Children  
5:45 pm  Bistro  
6:15 pm Ring Forth Youth Bell Choir  
7:00 pm  6th-9th Grade Confirmation Orientation  
Church Choir Rehearsal  
8:05 pm  Brio Youth Bell Choir

### THURSDAY

- 8:30 am Men of Bethel  
9:30 am FAB (Faith & Books) (Youth Room)  
11:00 am Fellowship @ the NRC Parkview East Sunroom

### FRIDAY

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



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