



# BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 21ST, 2026

8:30 & 10:30 AM

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

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

**PRELUDE (8:30)** “*Andate in F Major*” arr. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

**(10:30)** “*French Suite No. 5 in G major, BWV 816 II. Courante*” arr. J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

## 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 "God of the Sparrow" ELW #740 stanzas 1, 3-6



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the swirl - ing  
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the emp - ty  
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the prod - i -



stars How does the crea - ture say Awe  
 grave How does the crea - ture say Grace  
 gal How does the crea - ture say Care



How does the crea - ture say Praise  
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks  
 How does the crea - ture say Life

5 God of the neighbor  
 God of the foe  
 God of the pruning hook  
 How does the creature say Love  
 How does the creature say Peace

6 God of the ages  
 God near at hand  
 God of the loving heart  
 How do your children say Joy  
 How do your children say Home

**+ 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**

**Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost,  
to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest,  
to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**✠ WORD ✠**

**FIRST READING** *ROMANS 6:1B-11*

A reading from Romans.

<sup>1b</sup> Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

**+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff contains the melody for the next two phrases: 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes with rests, and a final double bar line is present at the end of the second staff.

+ **HOLY GOSPEL** *MATTHEW 10:24-39*

The gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup> “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

<sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

<sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup> “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HOMILY**

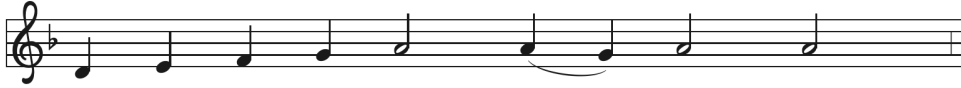
+ **HYMN OF THE DAY** “*You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*” ACS #954



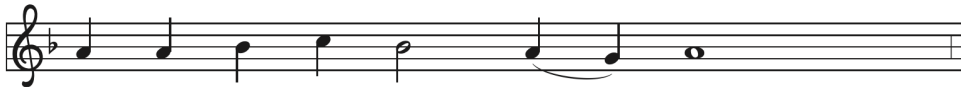
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.  
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,  
3 You, who walk each day be - side us,  
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
 stripped of might up - on the cross,  
 sit in pow - er at God's side.  
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



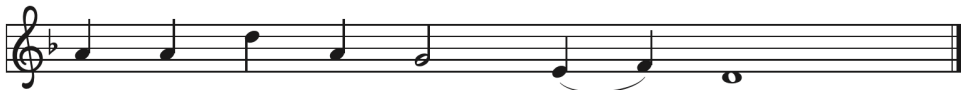
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er  
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,  
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,  
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.  
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,  
 have a love that reach - es wide.  
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.  
 you, who are both gift and cost.  
 you, who are our pil - grim guide.  
 you, who are our death and life.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

**+ 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 "French Suite No. 5 in G major, BWV 816 III. Sarabande" arr. J.S. Bach

## + OFFERTORY

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.



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.

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN "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 - ti - ence 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.

#### + TABLE BLESSING

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

### ✠ SENDING ✠

#### + A BLESSING ON FATHER'S DAY

To those who have a child: **we celebrate with you.**

To those who have lost a child: **we mourn with you.**

To those who are waiting to become a parent, excited and anxious all at once:  
**we anticipate with you.**

To those who thought they would be a father, but are not:  
**we grieve the dreams that are not to be.**

To those who step-parent, foster, or mentor: **we walk with you on these complex paths.**

To those who do not wish to be a father, do not fit into societal norms,  
and gift families and communities in other ways: **we appreciate you.**

To those who dedicate time to play or gentle guidance, showing up for games or recitals,  
**we are better for the ways you are expanding society's vision of masculinity.**

To those who strive to balance the demands of work, marriage or relationship, and children:  
**we see your joy and your sacrifice.**

To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year:  
**we see your sadness and your pride.**

To those who have disappointment, heartache, and distance with your children:  
**we sit with you.**

To those who have warm and close relationships with your children: **we celebrate with you.**

To those who have fathers with you, **we honor that ever changing relationship,  
so simple and yet so complex.**

To those who were held by your father and given a sense of safety,  
or who were lifted onto his shoulders for a bird's-eye view,  
**we treasure the tenderness of fatherhood you experienced.**

To those who had a father who put your needs above his own convenience and comfort,  
or who shows generosity and mercy:  
**we celebrate that nourishment in your life.**

To those who longed for your father more than you were held by him, **we grieve with you.**  
To those who experience abuse or neglect from your father: **we acknowledge your hurt.**  
To those whose fathers have gone before you, **we mourn with you.**

Whatever Father's Day means to you this year,  
may you know you are loved. You are seen. You are worthy.  
And you are infinitely dear to our big, wild, beautiful God,  
who is the very best example of a parent that we know. **Amen.**

+ **SENDING HYMN** "This Is My Father's World" ELW #824



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car - ols raise; the  
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for - get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.  
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.  
Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

+ **DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE** "Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren (My soul, now bless the Lord)" arr. Dietrich Buxtehude

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Pastor Ben Schori

Assisting Minister: (8:30) Anton Armstrong (10:30) Rolf Kragseth

Ushers: (8:30) Bruce Dueffert, Harley Foster, Don Pavek, Lee Runzheimer  
(10:30) TBD

Readers: (8:30) Janice Lehmkuhl (10:30) Jill Fisher

Sacramental Ministers: (8:30) Clark Cary, Connie DeGrote, Carol Cole, Wendell Arneson, Warren  
Broughton, Beth Christensen  
(10:30) Jason Pollington, Phil Ruud

Altar Care: (set) and (clean) Linda Zolnosky (cups) Mary Loven

Guest Keyboards: Chad Fothergill

A/V Technicians: Sam Dwyer, Asher Engle, Nathan Broughton, Nathan Hoekstra

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**SUNDAY ATTENDANCE**

June 14	in person attendance
8:30	141
10:30	49
Total	190

**NEXT SUNDAY...**

The text of the day  
will be **Matthew 10:40-42**  
with Romans 6:12-23.  
Pastor Inger will preach.

## THIS WEEK—JUNE 22—JUNE 27

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

### GOOD EARTH VILLAGE NORTHFIELD WEEK & MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER TRIP

Keep our children & youth in your prayers  
in their summer camping adventures.

This week, our elementary kids are at Good Earth Village  
in Spring Valley, MN and our middle and high school youth are at  
Flathead Bible Camp in Montana.

#### TUESDAY

9:00 am



Quilting

#### THURSDAY

9:00 am

FAB (Faith & Books) (Youth Room)

9:00 am

Men of Bethel

10:00 am

Projects with Purpose

#### FRIDAY

9:15 am



WoW (Women of the Word) via zoom



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