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Welcome to Worship! Everyone please sign the Fellowship Pad in your pew. If you are visiting today, please sign the guest book in the narthex, too. We invite you to come again to worship with us.

**THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE AT EAST LEACH PARK
SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2018**

Prelude: Hymn Medley

Spencer Ukulele Club

“Jesus Loves Me”, “Come All You People”, “Jesu, Jesu”

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;

For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,

Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;

That we may live out truth and justice and grace,

Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;

For life and for love, for our work and our play,

Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
That you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:10-18

Chanted, Tone 2

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)

¹⁰All your works shall praise | you, O Lord,
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom
and speak | of your power,**

¹²that all people may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures
through- | out all ages.**

You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon | you, O Lord,
and you give them their food | in due season.**

¹⁶You open | wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in | all your ways
and loving in | all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who | call upon you,
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the gospel.

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 6:1-21

THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT:

P: The Holy Gospel according to.... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." ¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. ¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

CONCLUDING RESPONSE:

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jennifer Henry

Hymn of the Day: *"Let Us Now Go to the Banquet"*

Refrain:

Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe.

The table's set and a place is waiting; come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

I will rise in the early morning; the community's waiting for me.
With a spring in my step I'm walking with my friends and my family. *Refrain*

God invites all the poor and hungry to the banquet of justice and good
Where the harvest will not be hoarded so that no one will lack for food. *Refrain*

May we build such a place among us where all people are equal in love.
God has called us to work together and to share ev'rything we have. *Refrain*

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Confession and 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.**

Most merciful God, **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The 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 Church

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation...

Prayer Petition Response: *"Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying"*

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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...Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Children's Sermon

Katie Hare, Youth & Family Minister

Sharing the Peace

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

Offering: *"Have No Fear Little Flock"*

Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom; have no fear, little flock!

Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you in his love forever; have good cheer, little flock!

Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above,
For he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you; praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God,
For he stays close beside you, in all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!

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Children are welcome to come forward at the offering time to drop some coins into the “Jingly Jar” for Sunday School missions.

Offertory Hymn: *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son & Holy Ghost.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution and The Lord’s Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.

Invitation to Communion

All who seek Christ’s true presence promised to us through the bread and wine, body and blood, are welcome and invited to commune. Wine or grape juice is available and regular or gluten-free wafers. Children are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Holy Communion

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.

Communion Song

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

Communion Hymn: *“Children of the Heavenly Father”*

Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.
Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.
Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

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Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Benediction

Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song: *“This Little Light of Mine”*

This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine; Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”* – Traditional

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Welcome everyone to worship at Bethany Lutheran Church and a special welcome to visitors! It is our hope that you experience the love of Christ this morning and His presence in the beauty of God’s creation.

The liturgical color for the season of Pentecost is green. Green is the color of vegetation, living things and the promise of new life. It is used for the Seasons of Epiphany and Pentecost. As we speak of Pentecost Sunday as the “birth of the Church,” so the lengthy Pentecost season reflects the life and growth of the church.

Many thanks to our worship volunteers helping with services today:

Reader: Mary Ann Quail; Communion servers: Onalee Wright, Katie Hare, Lois Becker;
Ushers: Bob & Lois Becker, Katie Hare, Onalee Wright

PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Health Concerns:

Jo Beving, Don Cowell, John Fogarty, Ben Heien, Mary Rose Hemme,
Jamie Huber, Sandy Manwarren, Kim McCune, Keith Orr, Mike Palm,
Gordon Quail, Steve Salts, Gayle Simons;
Rick Dietrich (*Pam Bjorklund’s brother*);
Collynn and Kayson Cameron (*Mark & Sharon Cameron’s grandchildren*);

Those who mourn:

The family of Betty Nelson
The family of Al Klumper;

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP TIME Please stay for fellowship time, with food & FUN following today’s service!!

YOUR NUMBER PLEASE... We’re in the process of proofing the final copy of our upcoming pictorial membership directory. The directories include a section of addresses and phone numbers. Do you have a particular phone number that you prefer to have included in this area? If so, please let us know at the church office by July 31. Thank you!

CALLING ALL GOLFERS The Western Iowa Synod invites you to enjoy a day of golf in support of the Church of Damascus Road prison congregation at the annual Bishop's Charity Open on Wednesday, August 15 at Okoboji View Golf Course in Spirit Lake. Play is a 4-person best shot tournament with a shotgun start at 9am. Cost is \$50/person which includes cart, 9 holes of golf and lunch. For more information or to register visit the synod website at: <http://www.wisynod.org/synod-events.html>. Join the fun and support a great cause, too!

130TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Come, celebrate the 130th anniversary of the founding of Bethany Lutheran Church! Our Jell-Obration celebration is planned for Sunday, August 19 between services in the basement dining room. We invite members of the congregation to bring their favorite Jell-O to be judged on most creative, most colorful, best display, most ingredients and tastiest. While the judging is going on we will play Jell-O Trivia. Surely you can't wait to find out what denomination eats the most Jell-O or what role Jell-O played in a major spy ring! Bring your favorite stories of Bethany's history and find out what essential home utility one couple gave up to fund the building of Bethany's first church building. Everyone is welcome!!

QUILT AUCTION WEEKEND Don't miss the Annual Quilt Auction weekend at Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp coming up on August 3 and 4! The weekend includes a variety of events and enjoyment for everyone. Quilt previewing and the traditional Scandinavian Feast happens on Friday, August 3, beginning at 5pm, with a Glenn Henriksen concert in the chapel at 7:00pm. Activities on Saturday August 4 include more viewing time through noon, a 5K Run/Walk at 8:00am, lunch from 11am-1pm, the AUCTION at 1pm and pie & ice cream! See the poster on the bulletin board for details, or log-on the camp website at: www.okoboji.org.

**PASTOR JEN AND JERRY'S MOST EXCELLENT ADVENTURES OR
THE HENRY'S AH-AH MOMENTS IN JORDAN AND ISRAEL**

No matter what the title is, the presentations are finally ready! The Bethany Lutheran Church family is invited to two *different* presentations of their 4 weeks in Jordan and Israel. Light refreshments will be served.

- When: Sunday, August 5 at 5:00-6:30 AND Sunday, August 12 at 5:00-6:30
- Where: Bethany's Sanctuary (using screen & new sound system)
- Who is invited: Congregation, your friends, your neighbors, your families, etc.
- What if we can't come on one or both of those days? Well, if good enough, perhaps others will ask for presentations to be given to area groups or clubs.

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 29

9:00 am Outdoor Worship Service at East Leach Park

10:00 am Fellowship and Outdoor Fun

Tuesday, July 31

12:00 pm Pastors Text Study

Wednesday, August 1

10:00 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

Saturday, August 4

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

2:00 pm Loving Spencer: Flowers @ Longhouse

Sunday, August 5

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Fellowship

11:00 am Worship

4:45 pm Longhouse/Northshire Worship

5:00 pm Ah-Ha Moments of Jordan & Israel Trip (Pr. Jen & Jerry present)