

Bethany Lutheran Church
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
July 18, 2010

Order Of Service

The Introduction

Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." Almighty God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word from above. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, with Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the words of life.

***Congregation Stands**

The Prelude *"I Am With You Always"* Keeny
The Hymn *"The Church's One Foundation"* LBW # 369

- 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 this 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 blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
That we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.**

Sharing Of Parish Concerns

***The Confession & Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.
Gracious God,

C: **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.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen**

***The Hymn** *"Immortal, Invisible"* LBW # 526

- 1) **Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!**
- 2) **Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**
- 3) **To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**

- 4) **Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

***The Greeting & Kyrie**

LBW PP. 57-58

- L: Sisters and brothers, called to freedom in Christ: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**
- L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- L: 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 mercy.**
- L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C: **Amen.**

***The Hymn Of Praise**

"This Is The Feast"

LBW PP. 60-61

- C: **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***The Salutation & Prayer**

LBW P. 62

- L: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
L: Let us pray.

***The Prayer Of The Day**

- All: Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Special Music

The Beck's

The First Reading

Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹⁰Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

The Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-28

Sometimes Paul preaches with great attention to theological concepts. Here, however, Paul offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. ²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

***The Alleluia (sung)** LBW P. 62

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

***The Announcing of the Gospel (sung)**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***The Gospel** **Luke 10:38–42**

Jesus uses his visit to two sisters as an occasion to remind disciples that an important aspect of obedience is singleminded devotion to Jesus and his word.

Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was

distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

***After the Gospel (sung)**

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

LBW P. 63

The Message

The Baptismal Hymn *"Jesus The Very Thought Of You"* LBW # 316

- 1) **Jesus, the very thought of you fills us with sweet delight;
But sweeter far your face to view and rest within your light.**
- 2) **No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind recall
A sweeter sound than your blest name, O Savior of us all!**
- 3) **O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
How kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!**
- 4) **O Jesus, be our joy today; help us to prize your love;
Grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home above."**

The Sacrament of Baptism

Nicholas Kevin Bellows

The Apostles' Creed

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right
hand of the Father.
He will come again 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**

The Offertory

"O Cup That Heals"

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***The Offertory Response (sung)** *"Doxology"* LBW # 565

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***The Prayer**

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C: **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***The Great Thanksgiving** LBW P. 68

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 him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

***The Words of Institution** LBW P. 69

***The Prayers**

Pastor will conclude each petition with the words, *"Lord, in your mercy"*.
Congregations response: *"Hear our Prayer"*.

***The Lord's Prayer**

All: **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**

***The Communion** P. 71

The Distribution of Communion

All baptized Christians, who commune in their congregations, are welcome at the Lord's Table. At the invitation of an usher, please proceed to the front of the church by the center aisle and return via the side aisles. We will use intinction, dipping the Eucharistic bread into the consecrated wine or grape juice. Pastor will be holding the

Communion Hymn *"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"* LBW # 370

- 1) **Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The unity of heart and mind is like to that above.**
- 2) **Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**
- 3) **We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**
- 4) **From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

***The Post Communion Canticle**

All: **Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***The Post Communion Prayer**

P: **God our creator, at this table you have satisfied us with the good things of your grace. Fix our hearts on your mercy and truth, that our lives may reflect your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
C: **Amen.**

***The Benediction** LBW P. 76

P: Continue to walk in Christ Jesus.
Rooted and built up in him.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you
now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

***The Dismissal**

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

THE WORSHIP HAS ENDED...OUR SERVICE BEGINS

**BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
202 S 11th St - Escanaba, MI 49829**

**(906) 786-6642
SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday (8:30- 4:00 p.m.) Friday (8:30 - 12:00 p.m.)**

THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor Dean A. Peterson
Secretary Sandy Flinn
Director of Parish Ministries Jeanne Sauter
Organist Don Aronson
Liturgist John Beck
Lector Kim Beck
Sound System Paige Cavadeas
Acolytes Hannah Lee, George Rubright
Nursery Supervisor Traci Harris
Ushers T. J. Myrick, Tyler Myrick, Audrey Wilson,
Jim & Sandy Wilson, Tom Wilson

*Radio Broadcast - in honor of our son-in-law, Pete Peterson who retired after
32 years in the Air Force, by LeRoy & Charleen Scheememan.*

*Altar Flowers - in joyful celebration of the baptism of her youngest great
grandson, Nicolas Kevin Bellows today, by Ardith Paarni.*

STEWARDS RECORD

Budgeted Goal to Date \$165,932
Budgeted Goal Received to Date \$155,342
Attendance Last Sunday 186

MINISTRIES

MONDAY 7:00 p.m. Worship Service & Communion in Education Building
 TUESDAY 5:30 p.m. Bethany Gems Circle Picnic @ Dorothy Zeno's
 WEDNESDAY 9:00 a.m. Quilting in Fellowship Hall

WELCOME! - St. Paul wrote that in Christ *"all things hold together"* (Colossians 1:17, NRSV). As we worship, let us remember that only Christ can hold a person, a church or a nation together. We ask everyone present to sign a pew card and place it in the offering plate and if you have a request, indicate it on the back.

PRAYERS - we pray for the following people, who are in need of our prayers. If you know of someone whom we should include, please let us know by way of the pew cards or by calling the church office. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month. If you feel someone should remain longer, please call the church office. We pray for:

Betty Bolm	William Mulvaney	Chris Anderson
Elmer Bessonon	Joann Schmeling	Ruth Sundstrom
Mel Karkkainen	Jean Jokipi & Janet Dykstra (Lil Zorza's friends)	
Paul Johnson (<i>Helen Cook's brother</i>)	Don Christensen (<i>father of Phil & Chrysta</i>)	
John Kroll Jr (<i>Alice & Lloyd Jensen's nephew</i>)	Kenny Patenaude (<i>brother of Jean Bourassa</i>)	
Bill Howe (<i>Bill & Lil Howe's son</i>)	Joanne Marcoe (<i>Leroy & Charlene Scheeneman's friend</i>)	
Carl Yordy (<i>Terry & Karen Mokszycke's friend</i>)		

Please join us in expressing Christian sympathy to the family of Ruth Vinette. Her husband, Dale passed away last Thursday, July 8th and his funeral service was held on Monday at Bethany.

SERVING - remember in prayer those serving in the military. We pray for Adam Johnsen, Jeff & Star Monson, Christopher Klingman, Brian Rahoi, Richard Peterson, Matt & Mark Witte, Jennifer Scheeneman Brooks, James Mokszycke, Leeann (Scheeneman) Peterson, Neal Palmreuter, John Greenhouse & Mary Leadbetter, Brendan Conaway, Dan Scott, Dan Bourassa, Emily Greenhouse and Rick Kell, who is working in Afghanistan with the Army Corps of Engineers.

BAPTISM - received into membership today through the Sacrament of Baptism is Nicholas Kevin Bellows, son of Timothy & Melissa. Nicholas' godparents are Olivia Rivard and Zachary Estes. May God's blessing be with Nicholas as he enters the family of faith.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL - mark your calendars for Sunday August 8th as your Social Ministry Evangelism Committee will be hosting an ice cream social. Bring your friends and enjoy sundaes, root beer floats and treats. We hope to see you there.

All students and their friends entering 6th - 12th grade this fall are invited to go on the bus trip to Great America on Tuesday, August 3. Get your \$50.00 deposit in to the church office a.s.a.p. as we are limited to 45 seats. Because of the gas situation the total cost of the trip not yet been determined. The cost does include



a sausage or egg McMuffin, \$10.00 for lunch and pizza on the way home. Give your "McMuffin" order when you make your deposit. We will leave early and return home between 10:00 and 11:00 p.m. More information will be given to you as we get closer to our departure time. **July 30th is the deadline to sign up.**

LADIES SUMMER GATHERING - Remember last year? August? A summer gathering for Bethany ladies? Again, this year, we will come together in August for sharing and discussion and enrichment. And our resource will be our "Lutheran Women Today" magazine using this summer's insightful topic--PRAYER. The Bethany Belles circle invites you to join with them on Thursday morning, August 12, at Jean Peterson's home. We'll think and talk about prayer in our lives. Does it work? Does God hear? Does it have power? The morning will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a light breakfast and continue until around 11:30 a.m. Bethany "gals" all ages are invited. And it's fine to bring a friend. As the day approaches, please let the office know if you can attend. We welcome you!

FLLC SCHOLARSHIP MONEY — We have been very fortunate to receive some scholarship money to be used for Fortune Lake. Fees range from about \$260.00 to \$300.00 depending on what program you attend. If you would like to attend camp let Jeanne know so we will have an idea of how many students will be going. The scholarship money can be used for any of the programs held during the summer at Fortune Lake. The size of the scholarship will depend on the number of campers and the amount of money donated. Right now we have 8 students planning to attend camp at Fortune Lake. If you can help a "camper" a lot of kids would appreciate it.

COFFEE HOURS are held following the 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning services throughout the summer. Today we thank John & Charlene Cavadeas for serving and providing the goodies. Servers are needed to make the coffee, make or buy the goodies, and clean up the kitchen and fellowship hall afterwards. You will be reimbursed for all expenses. If you can help, please call the church office (786-6642) or indicate on a pew card. Sunday's that we need hosts for are: July 25; August 1, 15, 29; September 5.

SPECIAL THANKS - the church grounds look a lot nicer thanks to Tom & Nan Smith who donated and spread mulch around the bushes on the north side of church and Nan has been weeding and caring for our flowers by sign in the circle driveway. Their donation and labor is much appreciated! **THANK YOU TOM & NAN!**

CALLING - we are always looking for Sunday School teachers to teach, team teach or be a substitute. If you have a child in either of those classes or would like to volunteer because you love kids and want them to grow in their Christianity we would love to have you aboard. If you have questions or would like to find out more about the lessons we use please call Jeanne at 786-6642. The 7th and 8th grade lessons are found on line and are very well organized with enough information for the class time provided.

MINNEAPOLIS! October 6-8, 2010 - Join your Bethany friends on a 3 day getaway to the fabulous Twin Cities! On this tour you will see, experience and hear the stories as only a local guide can tell! Historical sites, landscape wonders, lovely parks, awesome skyscrapers, Victorian mansions, Cathedrals, churches, the beautiful downtown of both Minneapolis and St. Paul and more!

A fabulous dinner show featuring the Broadway hit, "All Shook Up!" Features these classic Elvis tunes: All Shook Up, Burnin' Love, Heartbreak Hotel, Love Me Tender, Don't Be Cruel, Jailhouse Rock, Teddy Bear, C'mon Everybody, It's Now or Never and Blue Suede Shoes.

You will have free time to visit The Mall of America or enjoy the pool and exercise room at the hotel. The mall has everything imaginable – rides, restaurants, entertainment as well as shopping from "A to Z"!

A fall cruise color tour with lunch on the St. Croix River! Two nights at the all new Country Inn & Suites, (walkable or shuttle to the mall) a delicious breakfast is included. Deluxe motorcoach from ESCANABA, MI and points enroute. Meals Included — 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 1 dinner.

FUN! FUN! FUN! Sign up soon with a \$75.00 deposit. Call Passageways travel (789-0800) to join your Bethany friends and their friends on this great Fall getaway!

RADIO BROADCASTS - the cost of broadcasting the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Sunday mornings is \$85.00. Available Sundays in **2010** are: September 5. Two people may sponsor the same Sunday at \$42.50 each. Dates for **2011** are: January 2, 16, 23, 30; February 13, 27; March 6, 13, 27; April 3, 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; June 5, 12; July 3, 10, 17, 31; August 14, 28; September 4, 11, 18; October 2, 16, 23, 30; November 6, 20, 27; December 4, 11, 18.

PURCHASING - a display of "Fair Trade Coffees, Cocoa & Teas" is located in the Narthex and in the Church Office - if you are buying one of these products in the narthex, please place your money in an envelope that is provided and place the envelope in the box by the display. If purchasing in the Office, pay Sandy.

*FYI – The Breakfast Blend Decaf is called Organic Decaf.

MIDSUMMER MUSIC - join the Gravelles for "A Little Midsummer Night Music" on Friday, July 23 at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church - 819 First Ave South. The vocal recital features pieces by Mozart, Bernstein, Vivaldi, Brahms, and more. A free will offering will be collected for the Alliance Against Violence & Abuse. A light reception will follow.

TEE OFF...9th Annual Bishop's Golf Scramble Fundraiser

for Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp
Monday, September 13, 2010
Oak Crest Golf Course Norway, MI

- Registration begins at 8 a.m. (CST)
 - Shotgun start at 9 a.m. (CST)
- \$60 per person includes 18-holes, cart and lunch
 - Lunch with prizes will follow
 - Deadline is September 1, 2010

Make checks payable to NGLS and mail to:
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(More information available on the Synod website)