

# Bethany Lutheran Church

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 1, 2010

## Order Of Service

### The Introduction

*Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.*

### \*Congregation Stands

The Prelude

"Sing Praises"

Turner

The Hymn

"Open Now Thy Gates"

LBW # 250

- 1) Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,  
Where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 2) Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me;  
Where we find thee and adore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
To my heart, oh, enter thou, let it be thy temple now!
- 3) Here thy praise is gladly chanted, here thy seed is duly sown;  
Let my soul, where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
So that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.
- 4) Thou my faith increase and quicken, let me keep thy gift divine;  
Howsoe'er temptations thicken, may thy Word still o'er me shine  
As my guiding star through life, as my comfort in all strife.
- 5) Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done indeed;  
May I undisturbed draw near thee while thou dost thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

### 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 sin 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

"Be Thou My Vision"

WOV # 776

- 1) Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
Thou my best thought by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2) Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
- 3) Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou, and thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 4) Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### \*The Greeting & Kyrie

LBW PP. 57-58

L: 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.**

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**

LBW P. 62

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

**\*The Prayer For The Day**

All: **Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Special Music**

*"In Times Like These"*

Lois Pinar

**The First Reading**

**Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–23**

*The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.*

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. <sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all

that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. <sup>18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

**The Second Reading**

**Colossians 3:1–11**

*Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes in order to put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.*

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. <sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

**\*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 12:13–21**

*In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.*

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed;



**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**

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**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 communion rail at the front of the church by the center aisle and return via the side aisles. The center of the communion tray is grape juice (darker in color) and the rest of the tray is wine.*

**Communion Hymn**

*"O Living Bread"*

LBW # 197

- 1) **O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest!  
The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest.  
Oh, wondrous food of blessing, oh, cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing, with praises overflows!**
- 2) **My Lord, you here have led me within your holiest place,  
And here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace;  
For you have freely given what earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.**
- 3) **You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy.  
And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.**
- 4) **Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened with heav'nly food, while here  
My course on earth is lengthened, to serve with holy fear.  
And when you call my spirit to leave this world below,  
I enter, through your merit, where joys unmingled flow.**

**\*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**

**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. Share the good news.

**C:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**THE WORSHIP HAS ENDED...OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

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**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Thursday (8:30- 4:00 p.m.) Friday (8:30 - 12:00 p.m.)

**THOSE WHO SERVE**

Pastor - pr@bethanyescanaba.org . . . . . Dean A. Peterson  
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Soloist . . . . . Lois Pinar  
Sound System . . . . . Andrew Sedlar  
Acolytes . . . . . Blake Beauchamp, Kyle Piehler  
Nursery Supervisor . . . . . Traci Harris  
Ushers . . . . . Tom & Donna Wilson, Jim & Sandy Wilson, Tom Wilson, Audrey Wilson

*Radio Broadcast - in loving memory of her brother, Jim Bichler who passed away last November, and what would have been his birthday on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, by Ernie & Jean Vanlerberghe.*

*Altar Flowers - given by Sirhka Saarelainen in loving memory of Fred Leisola and what would have been his birthday on August 6<sup>th</sup>.*

*Center Vase - in joyful celebration of Gene Jones' 88<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 2<sup>nd</sup> by his wife, Alice and family.*

**STEWARDS RECORD**

Budgeted Goal to Date . . . . . \$177,785  
Budgeted Goal Received to Date . . . . . \$167,548  
Attendance Last Sunday . . . . . 155

**MINISTRIES**

MONDAY 7:00 p.m. Worship Service & Communion in Education Building  
TUESDAY 7:00 p.m. Evangelism & Social Ministry Committee Meeting  
WEDNESDAY 9:00 a.m. Quilting in Fellowship Hall  
FRIDAY 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Circle Luncheon @ Swedish Pantry

**WELCOME!** - we are brothers and sisters in Christ, so welcome one another with sincerity, kindness and love. 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:

**Terry Mokszycke** **Betty Bolm** **Chris Anderson**  
**Ruth Nelson** **Joann Schmeling** **Ruth Sundstrom**  
**Mel Karkkainen**  
**Heidi Finstrom** (cousin of Robert & Mary Anderson) **John Kroll Jr** (Alice & Lloyd Jensen's nephew)  
**Paul Johnson** (Helen Cook's brother) **Bill Howe** (Bill & Lil Howe's son)  
**Joanne Marcoe** (Leroy & Charlene Scheeneman's friend) **Carl Yordy** (Terry & Karen Mokszycke's friend)  
**Kenny Patenaude** (brother of Jean Bourassa)

Our deepest sympathy to the Mary & Terry St. Pierre & Phil & Chrysta Christensen families. Mary's sister, Julanne M. Rotta, passed away on Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> and her funeral was held this past Wednesday and Phil's father, Don Christensen, passed away on Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> and his funeral will be held today in Menominee. May the prayers of everyone sustain them and give them strength in the midst of these sorrowful days.

**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.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL** - next Sunday August 8<sup>th</sup> the Social Ministry Evangelism Committee will be hosting a "50's" ice cream social. Come and meet our guest pastor, Rev. Peter Warmanen, who is the Activities Director at Fortune Lake Bible Camp. Bring your friends and enjoy sundaes, root beer floats and treats. We hope to see you there.

**COFFEE HOUR** - everyone is invited to the "coffee & goodies" hour following this mornings worship service in the downstairs fellowship hall. Today we thank **Claire Atwood, Fran Flodin, Delores Hanson & Faye Peterson** for serving and providing the goodies. We are still in need of hosts for: **August 15, 22, 29; September 5.**

**CANCELLED** - we could not fill the bus so the Great America trip has been cancelled.

**FYI** - Interim pastor Dean will be out of town on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Jean Sovey has graciously volunteered to do the worship service on the 8<sup>th</sup> and Ralph B.K. Peterson on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will not have communion on either of those two Mondays.

**LADIES SUMMER GATHERING** - it's time again to come together with Bethany friends (and new friends) to talk about the "Lutheran Women Today's" summer topic, **PRAYER**. The Bethany Belles invite you to join them on Thursday morning, **August 12<sup>th</sup>**, at Jean Peterson's home. Last August, we had 28 women who gathered for a similar event and really enjoyed the fellowship. This year's theme is **PRAYER**, and the conversation will center around questions like - how long should we continue to pray (**PERSISTENCE**); how long should we wait for answers (**PATIENCE**); what strength can we get when answers do come (**POWER**). You can spend the morning just listening or raise a hand to share a thought or story. We are a group of friends hoping to learn more about our lives together. The morning begins at 9 a.m. with a light breakfast and continue until 11:30 a.m. Bethany "gals" of all ages are invited. And it's fine to bring a friend. **The deadline to sign up is Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Please call Jean Peterson 786-9661 or the Church Office - 786-6642**

**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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 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"* featuring Elvis Presley tunes. You will have free time to visit The Mall of America or enjoy the pool and exercise room at the hotel. 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. Sign up soon with a \$75.00 deposit. Call Passageways travel (789-0800) to go on this great Fall get-away!

**FAIR BOOTH** - the Delta Conference of the ELCA, including Bethany, will have a booth at the U.P. State Fair once again this summer. The purpose of the booth is to be a presence at the fair, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. The booth, which will be in the Ruth Butler Building, will have Bibles, devotional material, and information about our congregations available for fair goers. In addition, we will be representing our brothers and sisters from around the synod. Each congregation in our conference is asked to help staff the booth from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Teams of two will be at the booth at all times. Passes to the fair will be provided. Bethany is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>** at the Fair grounds. Please call the church office (786-6642) if you are able to staff the booth at one of these times. **11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (One more person), 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

**MEETINGS** - the Social Ministry and Evangelism Committees will meet this Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the education building. The Fellowship Circle will meet for a summer luncheon at the Swedish Pantry on Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at noon.

**SCHOOL KITS** - August is designated as SCHOOL KIT month. A school kit may provide the only supplies for children returning to school after the disruption of war or be used in adult literacy classes. A kit includes:

- ▶ Padded or spiral notebooks of ruled paper approximately 8 ½" x 10 ½" containing 150-200 sheets of paper (no loose paper). If using 70-sheet notebooks, please include 3). No loose-leaf paper.
- ▶ One blunt scissors (safety scissors with imbedded steel blades work well)
- ▶ One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ▶ One pencil sharpener
- ▶ Six new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers - unsharpened (secure together with a rubber band)
- ▶ One eraser approximately 2 ½" long
- ▶ 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors
- ▶ One box of 16, or 24 crayons
- ▶ One sturdy cloth bag approximately 12"x14" with cloth handles

All items should be new and in good condition. Full as well as partial school kits are appreciated. Patterns for school kit bags are available by calling 1-800-LWR-LWR-2. Or visit [lwr.org/parish](http://lwr.org/parish) and click on School Kits.

**PURCHASING** - a display of "Fair Trade Coffee, Cocoa & Tea" 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.

**ORIENTATION MEETING** - If you, or someone your know, are interested in adopting a child, Lutheran Social Services (LSS) is hosting informational adoption orientation meetings in our area. You will hear about the adoption process; learn the difference between domestic and international adoption, including eligibility requirements, fees, and more. LSS Adoption Social Workers will be available to answer your questions on-site. The meetings are FREE of charge, but registration is required. To register call Kerry Wiese at (906) 226-2160 or email [Kerry.Wiese@lsswis.org](mailto:Kerry.Wiese@lsswis.org). The location is 1029 North Third Street, Marquette, MI and the dates are: August 16 - 12 noon; September 13 - 5:30 p.m.; October 4<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 p.m.; November 8<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 p.m.; and December 6<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 p.m. You will need only one session.

**RADIO BROADCASTS** - the cost of broadcasting the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Sunday morning is \$85.00. Available Sundays in **2010** are: **September 5 and December 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.