

**Bethany Lutheran Church
Gathering**

Pastoral Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk Jake and Lindsay Grass

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness p. 77 LBW

Opening Hymn
“Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” LBW 559

Greeting p. 78 LBW

Hymn of Praise “This is the Feast” p. 81 LBW

Prayer of the Day

**Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grants us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen**

We Hear God’s Word

First Lesson Jonah 3:10 – 4:11

Psalm 145:1-8 p. 286 LBW

Second Lesson Philippians 1:21-30

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon

We Respond In Faith

Hymn of the Day “Amazing Grace” LBW 448

Apostle’s Creed p. 85 LBW

Prayers of the Church “Hear our Prayer”

Sharing of the Peace

Special Music Choir

Offering

Offertory Response “Let the Vineyards” p. 86 LBW

Offertory Prayer “Merciful Father” p. 87 LBW

Great Thanksgiving p. 88 LBW

The Lord’s Prayer p. 91 LBW

Distribution

Communion Hymns “Lamb of God” p. 92 LBW

Post Communion Canticle “Thank the Lord” p. 92 LBW

We Go To Serve

Benediction

Bells

Dismissal

Sending Hymn “God of Grace and God of Glory” LBW 415

Announcements

Welcome to Worship: A special word of welcome to guests in our midst. Please sign the Guest Register and do come again.

Looking for a church home? We invite you to become a part of the family of Bethany.

Hearing Assistance Devices: are available for your use during the worship service. Please ask an usher or the person working with the sound system if you would like to try one.

Invitation to Holy Communion: All who are baptized and believe Jesus is present in the bread and wine and trust in the words “given and shed for you” are welcome to come and partake in the Holy Meal. Children who do not commune are invited to come with their family and receive a baptismal blessing.

Prayer Request: Mariam Lang, Gene Lostetter, Eunice Kanne, Jane McLain, Norma Trittelwitz, and Fran Anderson.

Continuing Prayer Concerns: Andy Dahlberg, families of military who have served or are currently serving our country. Missionaries Allan & Marie Krahn and family.

September E-team Event: Bethany Lutheran Picnic & Softball Sunday is today immediately following worship at the Grantsburg Elementary softball field. Bring a picnic for your family, gloves, bats, balls, and sunscreen. If you have any questions please contact any of the Bethany E-team members.

New Church Directory: Signups for our new church directory are available before and after the service. We will be taking pictures September 30th and October 1st but now is the time to get the time slot that works best for you. If you have questions please ask Pastor Jay.

Men’s Breakfast and Bible Study: will be next Friday September 26th at Espresso Cabin at 6:30am.

Goodbye Luncheon: there will be a luncheon at Faith Lutheran today at 12:00 to say goodbye to Pastor Soppeland who has taken a call in Princeton, MN. All are welcome.

Financial Peace University: Jake and Lindsay Grass will be facilitating a small group study of methods for becoming debt free. The date for this will be October 19th here at Bethany Lutheran Church.

Dollars for Scholars: The Grantsburg chapter of “Dollars for Scholars” is calling all cooks. Dollars for Scholars’ goal this year is to get \$500 or more in scholarship money to EACH graduate at GHS intending to go to college or junior college.

This goal was attained last year! The upcoming Homecoming Supper is our big fundraiser – please come Friday October 3rd to the Middle School for a great meal and silent auction. Can anyone donate a large bowl of yummy salad for this event? Bethany Church will have five graduates this year that will benefit from this endeavor – Gretchen Hedlund, Jessica Moyer, Jennifer Lisiecki, Jon Derocker, and Kevin Berry. If you would like to help please talk to Sara Ticknor. Thank you!

Luther Point Opportunities: This year’s weekend camp theme will be ASK based on Matthew 7:7. Through bible study, games, crafts, campfires, worship and more, campers will learn how Jesus invites us to Ask, Seek, and Knock. Grandparent and Grandchild weekend camp will have a theme with a focus on the special family faith rituals and traditions that center around the Advent and Christmas seasons.

NEW - Senior High weekend camp – October 4-5, 2008
6th-8th grade weekend camp – October 18-19, 2008
NEW – Grandparent/Grandchild – December 6-7, 2008
3rd – 5th Grade weekend camp – March 21-22, 2009

The Week Ahead

Date	Event	Time	Place
Wednesday	Choir	6:00 p.m.	Church
	Youth Night	7-9 p.m.	Church
Friday	Men’s Breakfast	6:30 a.m.	Espresso Cabin
Sunday	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.	Church
	Worship	11:00 a.m.	Church
	Men’s Fishing Day	2:00 p.m.	Thoreson Park

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Our Mission Statement: “To Spread the good news of the saving grace of Jesus Christ to our community and neighbors and to nurture and strengthen the faith of, and care for, our members.