

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Today we pray for the healing and ongoing care for Paul Bedard, Dawn Daniels, Darlene Naig, Shellee Wright, Janice Franck, Doug Ort, Korbin Johnson, Jeff Duhn, Wilma Nielsen, Nolyn Johnson, Pam Rouse, Kylie Hill, Sharon Omundson & Family, Shirley Knutson, Jim & Carol Krause, David Stephens, Rick Rienhardt, Lon Twait, Bridget Johnson, Robert Mortenson, Jr., and those we name in our hearts.

\*Our companion synods: The Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania-Yakobi Parish companion with Lost Island and the Evangelical Lutheran Church Laz-Paz Parish in Chile, companion with Bethany.

\*We remember Thomas Crocoll and Logan Murray who are in the military.



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY!!

PASTOR: Deb Mechler

PIANIST: BETHANY GEIGER

JULY 20, 2025

SERVICE FROM ELW-SETTING 4 W/COMMUNION & BAPTISM  
7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME, GREET ONE ANOTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**\*PASTOR SPEAKS..... C: *In the mirror we call scripture, Revealing God, we see ourselves for who we are and are not. We whine about those who are not doing what we think they should, and ignore our failings. We speak words which nibble away at the life in our family and friends. We step over the poor on our way to get more and more, ignoring their needs.***

***Forgive us, Reconciling Love. Sit us down at Jesus' feet, so we may learn the balanced life you intend for us. Then, and only then, we can set aside our grudges, to offer our gifts to our neighbors; we can stop licking at our hurts, to bring healing to others; we can reach out and welcome our sisters and brothers, even as we have been welcomed into your heart through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.***

*Silence is Kept*

**P: Christ Jesus comes to reconcile us to God, so we can be reconciled to one another. Recreated in God's image, we are made whole.**

**C: *When we are in Christ, everything becomes new. Our past is just that — out past!***

**P: Do you really believe this—that your past is done, and you are a new person? If so, go out and reflect it in your life.**

**C: *Thanks be to God! We will go forth and live as reconciled people. AMEN***

**\*GATHERING HYMN.....ELW #595 "Jesus Loves Me" (LI)**

**ELW #834 "Immortal, Invisible" (B)**

**\*LOST ISLAND—RITE OF BAPTISM ELW PG 227\***

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**P: God has called us to this place What do you see?**

**C: *We see people who model for us God's joyous embrace of all people.***

**P: God has brought us to this place. What do you hear?**

**C: *We hear God's hope that we are able to see each person as or sister or brother.***

**P: God has challenged us to open our lives and hearts to others. What will you do?**

**C: *We will do only one thing: Welcome everyone in God's name!***

\***SALUTATION:** The Lord be with you *And also with you.*

\***PRAYER OF THE DAY:** See Insert

**PSALM**.....Psalm 15

\***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**.....ELW Pg 151

\***GOSPEL ANNOUNCED & RESPONSE:** *"Glory to You O Lord"* (spoken)

\***GOSPEL**.....Luke 10:38-42

\***EPISTLE READING:**.....Colossians 1:1-28 *(Insert)*

**SERMON**.....Pastor Deb Mechler

\***HYMN OF THE DAY:**.....**ACS #1084** *"God Be the Love"* (insert)

**THE PRAYERS**.....God of Grace *"Hear Our Prayer"*

\***APOSTLES CREED...(Bethany)**.....**ELW Pg 105**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERTORY...** .....**#184 ELW** *"Let the Vineyards..."*

\***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. *Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.*  
*Amen*

\***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**.....**ELW Pg 152**

\***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

\***THE LORD'S PRAYER** .....**ELW Pg 154**

**HOLY COMMUNION**.....**ELW PG 154**.....*"Lamb of God....."*

*HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:*

**ELW #471** *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* (Lost Island)

Sing along or Meditate to *"Firm Foundation"* (Bethany)

\***POST -COMMUNION**.....**#207 ELW** *"Thankful hearts....."*

\***PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**.....**ELW Pg 155**

\***SENDING HYMN**.....**ELW #820** *"O Savior, Precious Savior"*

\***DISMISSAL**...Go in peace. God's Spirit lives in you.

**C. Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

## VOLUNTEER DUTIES

### VOLUNTEER DUTIES FOR LOST ISLAND:

**CLERGY:** Pastor Deb (today) *Pastor Jeff (July 27)*

**LECTOR:** Jeff Geiger (today) *Alaire Nielsen (July 27)*

**Altar Guild for July:** Karyn Leininger, Susan Rohan, Lavonne Mason

**Communion Assistant:** Jeff Geiger

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### VOLUNTEER DUTIES FOR BETHANY

**CLERGY:** Pastor Deb (today) *Pastor Jeff (July 27)*

**MUSICIAN:** Bethany Geiger (today) *Laura Gustafson (July 27)*

**LECTOR:** Frank Veltri (today) *Amelia Ort (July 27)*

**GREETERS:** Richard Ayers' family (today) *Mark & Paytn Evans (July 27)*

**USHERS:** Michael Jacobson, Lonnie Naig (today) *David Sidles, Chuck Duhn (July 27)*

**Altar Guild for July:** Lori Forry

**Comm Assists:** Marit Veltri, Angie Hetrick, Kathy Mehan (today)

## CALENDAR

### WEEK OF JULY 21ST—28TH

#### Monday—July 21st

*Quilters: 9 AM Morning*

*5 PM Night*

#### Sunday—July 27th

*8:45 am LI Worship*

*10:15 LI Sunday School*

*10:30 Bethany Worship*

#### Tuesday—July 22nd

**Office Closed**

#### Thursday—July 24th

**All articles due for**

**August Newsletter**

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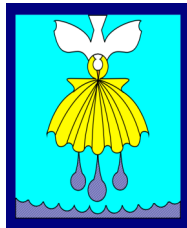
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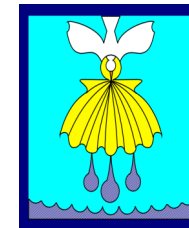


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