

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a Congregational Meeting on October 19th following the church service at Bethany. That is also the day of the Scholarship Dinner.

Please stay for the meeting and then head down to the luncheon. Thank you.

Bethany Church Council

PRAYER REQUESTS

Today we pray for the healing and ongoing care for Paul Benard, Shellee Wright, Doug Ort, Korbin Johnson, Jeff Duhn, Wilma Nielsen, Nolyn Johnson, 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.

We pray for the Family & Friends of Dale Opheim who passed away this past week.

*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.

VOLUNTEER DUTIES

VOLUNTEER DUTIES FOR LOST ISLAND:

LECTOR: Jeff Geiger (today) *Alaire Nielsen (Oct 12)*

Altar Guild for Oct: Karyn Leininger, Linda Pitt, Amee Norris

Communion Assistant: Troy Leininger

VOLUNTEER DUTIES FOR BETHANY

MUSICIAN: Tim Nielsen (today) *Holly Sidles (Oct 12)*

LECTOR: Matt Malm (today) *Frank Veltri (Oct 12)*

GREETERS: Dave & Judy Cole (today) *Pam & Terry Rouse (Oct 12)*

USHERS: Kyle Hagen, Mark Evans (today) *Bob Steger, Brian Malm (Oct 12)*

ACOLYTE: Carter Reinders *Caitlin Cole/Payton Evans (Oct 12)*

Altar Guild for Oct: Pat Vician

Comm Assists: Amy Malm, Kathy Mehan, Liza Saxton

WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY!!

PASTOR: Deb Mechler

ORGANIST: Tim Nielsen

OCTOBER 5, 2025

**SERVICE FROM ELW-SETTING 4
17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

The world and those who live in it.

What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

We will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

*GATHERING HYMN....ELW #597 *"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"*

*GREETING AND KYRIE.....ELW Pg 147

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE.....ELW Pg 149 *"This is the feast..."*

*SALUTATION

*PRAYER OF THE DAY: See Insert

FIRST READING.....Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

PSALM.....Psalm 37:1-9

SECOND READING.....2 Timothy 1:1-14

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION.....ELW Pg 151

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

*GOSPEL.....LUKE 17:5-10

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON.....Pastor Deb Mechler

*HYMN OF THE DAY:.....ACS #1063 *"God of the Fertile Fields"* (Insert)

*NICENE CREEDELW Pg 104

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY...#184 ELW “Let the Vineyards....”

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

We are here, because of those who passed on their faith to us. We are generous, because God has blessed us with gifts beyond imagination. ***We would pass on these gifts, as well as hope and Love, as we offer them to our God, in the name of Jesus. AMEN***

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

.....***We think if we turn off the media, we will not listen to the voices of our neighbors, God of all the world. We are blessed with family and friends, and so do not know the lonely. We are at ease in a world which is troubled, and so do not notice the bitter tears of others. Because we are people of affluence and privilege, we cannot understand those who are broken by the anger and brutality of the world.***

Yet, you know, God of the sufferers. You hear the cries of those living in oppression, and call us to listen. Your tears mingle with those whose children lie mangled or dead in war zones, and would have us be peacemakers. Your faithfulness is great, when ours seems so futile, yet you would have us serve the world alongside your Child, Jesus, even as he served us with his life and gifts! AMEN

Call this to mind: God is ever faithful; hope is the gift passed on to us, love is the gift we can share with others; God’s mercies never come to an end.

Great is God’s faithfulness to all people, in all places. Thanks be to God, who has given us the promise of life in Christ Jesus our Lord! AMEN

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

***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:

#759 ELW “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” (Lost Island)
Sing along or Meditate to “Gratitude” (Bethany)

***POST -COMMUNION**.....#207 ELW “Thankful hearts.....”

***PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**

***SENDING HYMN**.....ELW #733 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

***DISMISSAL**...Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

HOLY COMMUNION



We invite all who are baptized to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion with us. We ask that you believe that Christ is present in the bread and wine and that you desire the benefits He offers. If you would like to come forward for a blessing and not receive Holy Communion, please indicate by crossing your arms. If you are not able to come forward, please indicate to the usher and we will serve you at the pew. The yellow colored cup is grape juice. Gluten free wafers are also available.

CALENDAR

WEEK OF OCTOBER 6 - 12TH

Monday—Oct 6th

No AM Quilting

Dale Opheim’s Funeral Luncheon

Wednesday—Oct 8th

12 Noon Men’s Bible Study

3:30—9 pm Youth Groups Meet

5:30 pm Board of Youth Meets

Saturday—Oct 11th

9 am Quilting at Lost Island

Sunday—Oct 12th

8:45 am Lost Island Worship

9:45 am Coffee Connection at Bethany

10:15 Lost Island Sunday School

10:30 am Bethany Worship

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