

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

\*Indicates that all who are able are invited to stand.  
**Bold type** invites the people to respond.  
PH by hymns denotes the large hymnal &  
STF is the blue soft sided hymnal

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude  
Lighting the Candles and Ringing of the Bell  
Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship:  
One: Happy are those who delight in the Word of God.  
All: **They are like trees planted by streams of water, and they will flourish.**

\*Morning Prayer  
\*Hymn *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* PH-477

Call to Confession  
Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we fail to put our trust in you completely. Instead, we calculate our gains and losses, hoarding the things that do not lead to abundant life. Forgive us, and help us to treasure only you, that we may follow faithfully and discover the blessings only you can give...  
*(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)*  
...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness  
Words of Peace

Please turn to one another with a wave and a smile as you share God's peace.  
\*Congregational Response *Glory Be to the Father* PH-579

We Listen For God's Word

Prayer for Illumination  
Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 18:1-11  
Reading ends: This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm and Psalm Prayer Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

One: Lord, you have searched me out;  
O Lord, you have known me.  
All: **You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**  
One: You trace my journeys and my resting places and are acquainted with all my ways.  
All: **Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.**  
One: You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.  
All: **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**  
One: For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
All: **I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**  
One: My body was not hidden from you while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.  
All: **Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.**  
One: How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!  
All: **If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**  
One: Almighty God, creator of the universe, we are filled with wonder at all your works and overwhelmed by your infinite wisdom. We praise you for your majesty; yet even more we rejoice that you do not forget us, yet desire to know and care for us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

New Testament Lesson Philemon 1:1-21  
Reading ends: This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson Luke 14:25-33  
Reading ends: This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

We Respond to God's Word

\*Hymn *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* PH-326

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation  
  
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
It is truly right...

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution  
We Share the Bread and Cup  
Prayer after Communion

Offering  
*Thank you for your gifts of financial support of Bethel's ministries which may be placed in the offering plate near the main entrance to the sanctuary. Please hold our ministries in your prayers as music is shared during this time.*

\*Congregational Response *Doxology*

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

\*Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)  
**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**  
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten, of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate in the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended**

into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who precedes from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**We Leave to Serve God**

\*Hymn    *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*    PH-369

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response    *Song of Hope*    PH-432

Postlude

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Today's worship leaders: Rev. Lori Kleppe; Martha Bartenhagen, Lay Worship Leader; Sue Updegraff, Musician

Pastor Kleppe would welcome visiting you in your home or at a coffee shop in town. Her contact information is 563-380-8187 or [lori.kleppe@gmail.com](mailto:lori.kleppe@gmail.com)

“Sanctuary Sips”, a hospitality table, has been placed in the narthex. Please help yourself to a beverage which may be brought into the sanctuary.

**THIS WEEK AT BETHEL**

**Today, September 7**

10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship w/the Lord’s Supper  
Fellowship following  
Session Meeting

**Monday, September 8**

9:30 a.m. – Diaconate

**Thursday, September 11**

9:30 a.m. – Sewing Circle

**Next Sunday, September 14**

10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship  
Fellowship following

Members and friends of Bethel who seek healing and wholeness in their lives are kept in prayer during worship. Today we are remembering – Cathy Bemiss, Teri Brockway, Don & Janice Durscher, Sarah Updegraff Murray, Kirk Bruso, baby McCoy and Tex Heyer.

Stoney Brook - Kate Ewing, Kathy Meyer

Good Samaritan Center - Peggi Pape

Eastern Star Decorah – Doyle Gorden

Ossian Care Center – Cindy Barness

**Welcome to Worship at Bethel Presbyterian Church!**

-The order of service is found in your bulletin and projected on the screen.

-An \* shows the time when the congregation stands. If it is more comfortable to remain seated, please do so.

-Restrooms are found on each level of the church. An usher will help you find your way. Fully accessible restrooms are located in the basement.

-A nursery room is available but we welcome hearing the sound of small children.

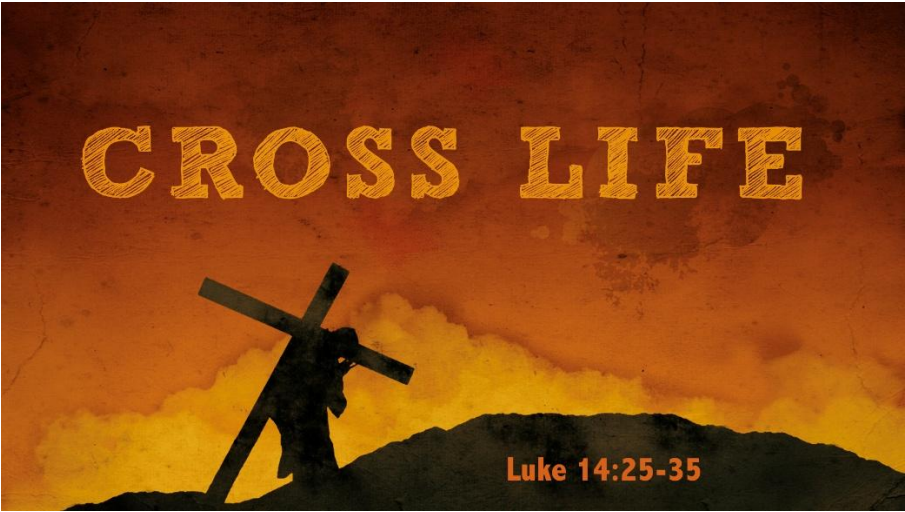
-Communion is offered on most first Sundays of the month. All are welcome to receive the elements of the meal. An usher will invite you forward or servers may come to you in the pew.

-We are so glad you are worshiping with us this morning. If your schedule allows, please join us for a time of fellowship following the service.



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*A People and a Place where God is made Known*



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where everyone is welcome.**

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