

3rd 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: Serve the Lord with gladness;
All: come into God’s presence with a song.

*Morning Prayer

***Hymn** *God Is Here!* **Ph-461**

Thanksgiving for Baptism
Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of our salvation, incline your ear to us. You have given us power: power to heal, to bring hope, to comfort, to restore. But we ignore that power, choosing to live our own lives. At worst, we abuse that power, storing up riches for ourselves without an eye for the needs of others. Forgive us. Remind us of our call to proclaim your good news, and to welcome each other as **we would welcome you.** *(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)* ...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness
The ancient words still bring truth today: **While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.** Praise be to God for this abounding love!

Words of Peace
Since we have received the peace of Christ, let us share that peace with one another. The peace Christ be with you all! And also with you.

*Congregational Response *Glory Be to the Father* PH-579

We Listen For God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Exodus 19:2-8a
Reading ends: Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.
Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm Psalm 100

One: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!
Serve the LORD with gladness; come into
God’s presence with a song.
All: Know that the LORD is God, our maker to
whom we belong; we are God’s people and the
sheep of God’s pasture.
One: Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving
and the courts with praise; give thanks and
bless God’s holy name.
All: Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love
is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures
from age to age.

Second Lesson Romans 5:1-8
Reading ends: Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)
Reading ends: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

We Respond to God’s Word

***Hymn** Lord, You Give the Great Commission PH-429

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Response: hear our prayer.

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.

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 either before or following worship.

*Congregational Response *Doxology*
*Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication
*Affirmation of Faith

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church’s own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33

***Hymn** *I Love to Tell the Story* **Screen**

We Leave to Serve God

*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Response *Song of Hope* PH-432

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's worship leaders: Rev. Lori Kleppe;
Julie Aanes, Lay Leader; and Linda Johansen, 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

Beverages are available in the narthex and may be
enjoyed during worship. You are invited to help
yourself.

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Today, June 14

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

Thursday, June 18

9:30 a.m. Bible Study at Stoney Brook

Next Sunday, June 21

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 Durscher, Sarah Updegraff Murray, Kirk Bruso, Rose
Marie Knight (Julie Larson's mom), Baby McCoy (continuing
to heal at home.)

Stoney Brook – Kate Ewing, Kathy Meyer
Good Samaritan Center – Peggi Pape
Eastern Star Decorah – Doyle Gorden
Maple Crest – Tex Heyer
Copper Creek – Sandy Schnor

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. If helpful, 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.

Church World Service is asking for donations that will be collected at Synod School the last week of July. If you would like to contribute items for the kits or make a donation of money for supplies to be purchased, there is a display in the fellowship hall of the three kits with the list of requested supplies. Please take care when purchasing items as many need to be fragrance-free.

-Please join us in welcoming Pastor Stacey Nalean-Carlson who will be leading worship on the 28th. Pastor Stacey served at Zion a number of years ago and it is our joy to welcome her to Bethel while Lori is on vacation.

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Bethel Presbyterian Church,
where everyone is welcome.**

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