

4th 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: What a friend we have in Jesus, all our
sins and griefs to bear;
All: what a privilege to carry everything to
God in prayer.

*Morning Prayer
***Hymn** *Christ Is Alive!* Ph-108

Thanksgiving for Baptism
Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we try to follow your word: to put others
above ourselves, to remember that we are all bound
together as your beloved children, to seek the common
good instead of our own interests. But it is so easy for
our lesser selves to get the better of us. We succumb to
jealousy, vindictiveness, callousness, and indifference. In
your mercy, send your healing to those we have hurt,
and to our own misguided souls so that we may follow
you once more. (Pause for a few moments of silent
reflection and personal confession.) ...through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness
We are united in Christ’s life, death, and resurrection:
he has saved us from sin so that we might live in God.
Thanks be to Jesus Christ, who frees us from sin!

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 Jeremiah 20:7-13
Reading ends: Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is
our God, the Lord alone.
Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm Psalm 69:7-10 (11-15) 16-18
One: Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.
All: I have become a stranger to my own kindred,
an alien to my mother’s children.
One: Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the
scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon
me.
All: I humbled myself with fasting, but that was
turned to my reproach.
One: I put on sackcloth also, and became a by-word
among them.
All: Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,
and the drunkards make songs about me.
One: But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the
time you have set, O LORD: “In your great
mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing
help.
ALL: Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me
and out of the deep waters.
One: Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,
neither let the deep swallow me up; do not let
the pit shut its mouth upon me.
All: Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; in
your great compassion, turn to me.
One: Hide not your face from your servant; be swift
and answer me, for I am in distress.
All: Draw near to me and redeem me; because of
my enemies deliver me.

Second Lesson Romans 6:1b-11
Reading ends: Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is
our God, the Lord alone.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 10:24-39
Reading ends: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon
We Respond to God’s Word
***Hymn** *How Firm a Foundation* PH-361
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** *O Jesus, I Have Promised* PH-388

We Leave to Serve God

***Charge and Blessing**

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

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s worship leaders: Rev. Lori Kleppe;
LeAnn Poplenhagen, Lay Leader; and Farrah Fritz,
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 21

10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship

Fellowship following

Thursday, June 25

9:30 a.m. Sewing Circle

Next Sunday, June 28

10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship w/Noisy Bucket offering

Fellowship following

-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.

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, and John
Falb.

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.

Join us for worship in the park on July 5 at 9:30. We are
hosting the service this year and are pleased to welcome Pastor
Bryant, the new pastor leading West Union United Methodist
Church and St Paul in Elgin. This will be his first Sunday in his
new call. Remember to bring a lawn chair to the service.
Worship will relocate to Bethel if there is inclement weather.

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where everyone is welcome.**

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