

5th 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: This is the day that the Lord has made;
All: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
One: Your love, O Lord, forever we will sing.
All: **From age to age, we will proclaim your faithfulness.**

*Morning Prayer

*Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Ph-276

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God who provides our every need, you have given us countless gifts. You have welcomed us for all of who we are. You have showered us with steadfast love. You have freely given us eternal life in Christ Jesus. We do not deserve these gifts. **We take them and squander them. We continue to trust ourselves more than we trust you. We fail to embrace others as you have embraced us. Accept our confession. Be our glory and our strength for the days to come, our strength, shield, and deliverer.** *(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)* ...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Part of God’s provision for all of us is a well of forgiveness that never runs dry. Thanks be to God! Amen.

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 Genesis 22:1-14
Reading ends: Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.
Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm Psalm 13

One: How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?
All: **How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? How long shall my enemy triumph over me?**
One: Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
All: **lest my enemy say, “I have defeated you,” and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.**
One: But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart is joyful because of your saving help.
All: **I will sing to the LORD, who has dealt with me richly.**

Second Lesson Romans 6:12-23

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

Gospel Lesson Matthew 10:40-42

Reading ends: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

We Respond to God’s Word

*Hymn *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* PH-379

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 *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* PH-426

We Leave to Serve God

*Charge and Blessing
*Congregational Response *Song of Hope* PH-432
Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's worship leaders: Rev. Stacey Nalean Carlson; Robin Bostrom, 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 28

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

Next Sunday, July 5

10:00 a.m. – Worship in the Park w/the Lord's Supper
Fellowship following

Welcome to Bethel Pastor Stacey! We are blessed to have you with us this morning!

Diaconate will receive their quarterly offering following worship on Sunday, July 12th. We appreciate your generous support of our mission.

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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Bethel Presbyterian Church,
where everyone is welcome.**

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