

11th 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: Come Jesus, come.
All: **We welcome your presence.**

*Morning Prayer

***Hymn** *How Great Thou Art* Ph-467

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, it is easy to confess with our lips that you are Lord, but it is much harder to believe with our hearts, to live in a way that puts you first. We are quick to trust in idols. We depend on what we can see, touch, and control, instead of waiting to hear your still, small voice. Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief, so that what we confess with our lips we may truly believe in our hearts. *(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)* ...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. There are no prerequisites, no disqualifications, no exceptions. **We are saved, we are forgiven, we are freed! Hallelujah!**

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.**

We Listen For God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

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

Responsive Psalm Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22

One: Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
All: Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.
One: Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
All: I have not regarded what others do; at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.
One: My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip.
All: I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words.
One: Show me your marvelous lovingkindness, O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.
All: But at my vindication I shall see your face; when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Second Lesson Romans 10:5-15

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

Gospel Lesson Matthew 14:22-33

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

Sermon

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* PH-404

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 either before or following worship.

*Congregational Response *Doxology*
*Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication
*Affirmation of Faith *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell, the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

We Leave to Serve God

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's worship leaders: Pastor Lori Kleppe;
Stephen Bartenhagen, 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. Children's "Busy Bags" are also found in the
narthex.

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.

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Today, August 9

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

Monday, August 10

9:30 a.m. Diaconate

Thursday, August 13

9:30 a.m. Sewing

Next Sunday, August 16

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, and Ken Popenhagen.

Stoney Brook – Kate Ewing, Kathy Meyer

Good Samaritan Center – Peggi Pape

Eastern Star Decorah – Doyle Gorden

Maple Crest – Tex Heyer

Copper Creek – Sandy Schnor

****Session will meet today after fellowship.****

John O. Falb's Celebration of Life will be held on August
21st in Florida. It will be live-streamed at Bethel with
the time to be announced (late morning-early
afternoon). Please help us let others know of this
opportunity. There will be a coffee and dessert reception
following.

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**Welcome to worship at
Bethel Presbyterian Church,
where everyone is welcome.**

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