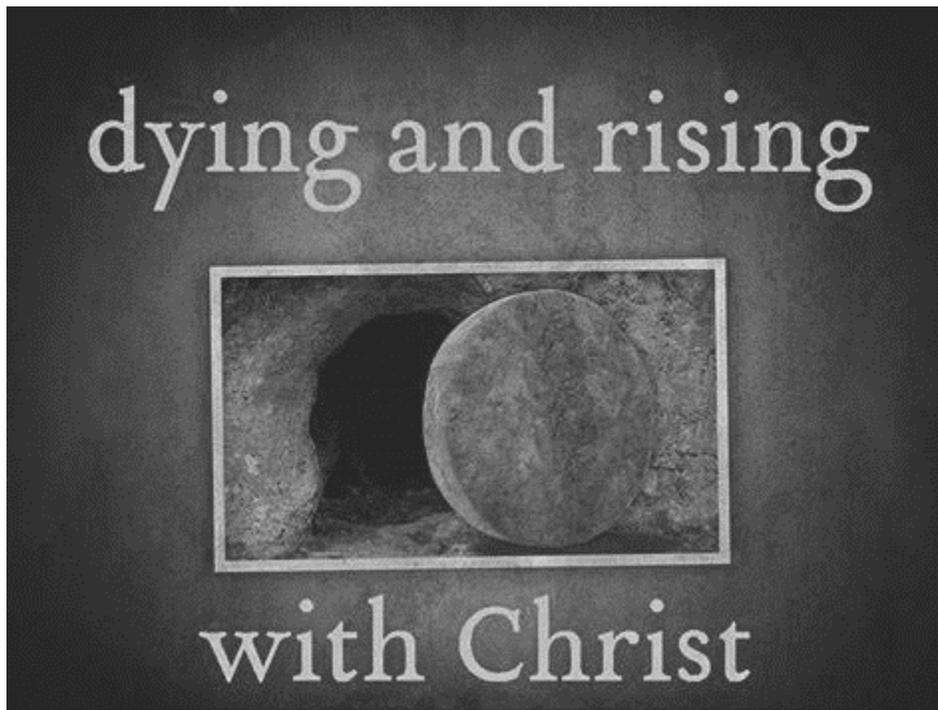




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*A congregation of
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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020
11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10:30 A.M.**

WELCOME

Bethel's Mission Statement – Bethel's mission is to be a Lutheran congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ in the community of Miller, in which members are nurtured in the faith and by whom community residents are ministered to, with the expectation that the Holy Spirit will add to our fellowship and ministry.

Welcome to worship! May you experience the blessing of God for you and your life during this time. Bethel Lutheran Church is open to everyone and all are welcome here. Enjoy the music; raise your voice in song and prayer. Let the Spirit of the Lord touch your heart and soul and feel free to join in worship again in the coming weeks.

Holy Communion – is celebrated the second Sunday of each month. Holy Communion is open to all the baptized in addition to those who worship here on a regular basis. Holy Communion is administered by the distribution of individual "Fellowship Cups" which contain a wafer (bread) and juice (wine).

Dwelling in God's Word immediately after the worship on a Zoom conference: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6529663880> Password: kappa
Everyone is invited and welcome.

If you are new to worship, you are invited to fill out a Welcome Card or write your name, address and phone number on a sheet of paper then place it in the offering plate.

Additional information about the variety of ministry opportunities here at Bethel are listed at the end of this worship bulletin.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

GATHERING HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

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GREETING

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Cong: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray.

All: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

BIBLE READING:

Romans 6:1-14

A reading from Romans.

¹What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound?

²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹²Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM:

Psalm 145:8-14

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,

¹²that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through- out all
ages.

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

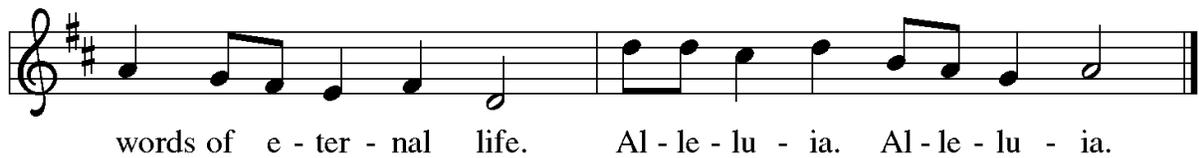
Reader: Word of God, word of life.

Cong: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

WORD OF GOD:**Romans 7:14-8:2**

¹⁴ We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. ¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

²¹ So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! [\(P\)](#)

So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

8 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you ^[a] free from the law of sin and death.

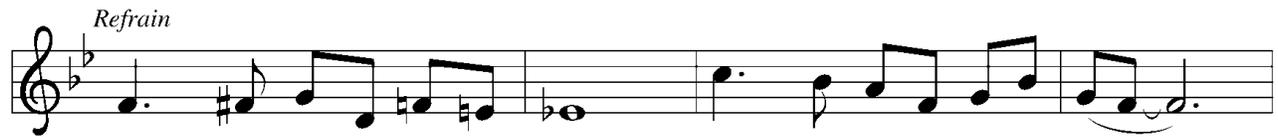
So ends the Reading

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON**PASTOR JOY HEINE**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Just a Closer Walk with Thee



Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;



dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



- 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
- 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Refrain

Text: North American traditional
Music: CLOSER WALK. North American traditional
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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

AM: Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

(Pause for silent Reflection)

AM: Lord, you gather the church to be part of your mission as ambassadors of Jesus Christ. As Jesus acknowledged the great faith of a woman from outside his people, help your church discover and find blessing in the faith of people we might reject. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

M: You have blessed us with the bounty of the earth. Grant your grace to all your creatures, that the earth will flourish. Relieve waters choked by garbage, renew soils stripped of nutrients, and refresh the air all creatures need to live. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

AM: You call the nations to be glad and sing for joy. Let your way be known among all the nations of the world, now divided by competing interests, contending alliances, and consumed by enormous worry. Bless us and make your face shine upon all. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

AM: You show unexpected mercy, kindness, and generosity. We pray for those who do not have enough, for outcasts in our villages, cities, and town, and for those who need your healing (*especially Ebbie Lee Hill, Barbara Kompare, Jenna Stillo, Leon Orf, Monica Beemon, Miriam David, Lou Jeanne Walton, Andrea Griffith, Naudia Lewis, Jomar Hess, Alice Hoskins, Jennifer Mariani, Carlton Potts, Bayne Spotwood, Connie Hubbard, Amber Letbetter, Patricia Bueltmann, Chuck Blanchard, Eddie Robinson, Ben Watkins, Carol Armiger, Willie Patterson, Sandra Lewis, Marvin Lewis, Danny McCoy, Bob Arvidson, Mildred Shannon, Vertis Bolden, and John Karagory*) . Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

AM: In you we live and move and have our being. Grant our congregation (name) grace to find our life refreshed in you. Accompany us in the rhythms of late summer. Give us rest and renewal, and strengthen us for mission in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

AM: Your eternal promises are more than we could ever imagine. As you gather all the saints (*especially Joseph Thornton, Mason A. Rodriguez, Sharon Freedman, Ted Hooper, Mary Morris, Curtis Nevils, Bobby Hooper, Jim Topolewinaki, Barbara Young, Thomas Henley, Freddie Hooper, Don Argyilan, and Judy Waugh*), join us also with them on the great day of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

Pastor: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always

Cong: And with you also

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING (For Online Contributions go to <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1234592> or the Giving page on the website www.bethelmiller.org)

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Music: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

All: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty,
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871-1938
Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873-1954

DISMISSAL

AM: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: **Amen.**

AM: God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Cong: **Thanks be to God.**

Cong: **With joyful hearts, living in Christ
We love and serve our neighbors.
We are Bethel!**

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We welcome our visitors in the name of Jesus.

If you do not have a regular church home, we invite you to return to worship with us every week. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Joy Heine at 219-938-6677 or visit our website www.bethelmiller.org

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

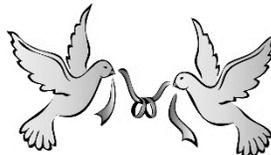
PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR WAYS YOU CAN JOIN THESE TIMES TOGETHER ON-LINE!

TODAY	10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Sunday Morning Dwelling in the Word Fellowship via Zoom Meeting ID: 652 966 3880 Password; kappa
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study Via Zoom Conference Meeting ID 936 646 7032 Password: L1LAC
NEXT SUNDAY	10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Sunday Morning Worship Dwelling in the Word Fellowship via Zoom Meeting ID: 652 966 3880 Password; kappa

All in person events are canceled or on-line. Please see the website www.bethelmiller.org or our Facebook page for more information <http://www.facebook.com/bethelmillerbeach>

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

Chukwuki & Ruth Onwuka



Saturday, August 15

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Taylor Spotwood
Tyler Spotwood
Khaon Robinson



Saturday, August 15
Saturday, August 15
Monday, August 17

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Worship Service Bulletins are printed first thing Thursday mornings. Please provide the office any announcements you would like posted by the Wednesday. You can include words of encouragement in the bulletin during this time of isolation. Please send words of encouragement to bethelmiller@hotmail.com. Thank you.

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY we remember those who are in need of healing (illness, infirmity, homebound, etc. *especially Ebbie Lee Hill, Barbara Kompare, Jenna Stillo, Leon Orf, Monica Beemon, Miriam David, Lou Jeanne Walton, Andrea Griffith, Naudia Lewis, Jomar Hess, Alice Hoskins, Jennifer Mariani, Mrs. McCain, Carlton Potts, Bayne Spotwood, Connie Hubbard, Amber Letbetter, Patricia Bueltmann, Chuck Blanchard, Eddie Robinson, Ben Watkins, Carol Armiger, Willie Patterson, Sandra Lewis, Marvin Lewis, Danny McCoy, Bob Arvidson, Mildred Shannon, Vertis Bolden, and John Karagory*



THE BETHEL FAMILY lifts up in the saints of every time and place *especially the families Joseph Thornton, Mason A. Rodriguez, Sharon Freedman, Ted Hooper, Mary Morris, Mattie Edmond, Curtis Nevils, Bobby Hooper, Jim Topolewinaki, Barbara Young, Thomas Henley, Freddie Hooper, Don Argyilan, and Judy Waugh* . Please hold the families in prayer as they mourn these losses, comforting and supporting them in the example of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord.



THE BETHEL FAMILY CONTINUES TO PRAY: Open the ways of love, in the pursuit of peace throughout the world, and bless the efforts of healthcare professionals, administrators, first responders, cleaning crew, grocery store workers, truck drivers, activists and caregivers for women and children experiencing domestic violence, relief workers, especially those who find themselves in harm's way, *Lillie McElroy, Latonya Lark, Kendra Riley, Matthew McLaurin, Brandon Campbell, and Edward Sampson.*

DWELLING IN THE WORD FELLOWSHIP: Please join Greg Buelتمان and Florzell Hawkins in an after church worship fellowship hour. This is a time to reflect on God's Word using the bible text of the day. Dwelling in the word begins immediately following worship on August 9th via zoom conference format. The meeting ID: 652 966 3880 password kappa.

BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays, at 10:30 a.m.

All are welcome. We will continue to enjoy the lively discussion from the comfort of your home using the Zoom conference call format.

Meeting ID: 936 646 7032

Password: L1LAC



Date	Bible Study Text
August 12	<i>Dying and Rising with Christ</i> Psalm 145:8-14 Romans 6:1-14 (Main text): Romans 7:14-8:2
August 19	Salvation is for All 1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13 Romans 9:30-10:4 (Main text): Romans 10:5-15
August 26	<i>The New Life in Christ</i> Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138 Romans 12:1-8 (Main text): Romans 12:9-21
Sept. 2	Marks of the True Christian Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm 103:8-13 Romans 13:8-14 (Main Text):Romans 14:1-12

Thank you and God Bless you. Be Safe.

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