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Inspiring and Empowering Spirit



I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Ephesians 3:16-17a

SUNDAY, July 11, 2021

7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:30 A.M.

*A congregation of
the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

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).

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.

PRELUDE

GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: As we trust in God's promises made in our baptism, we gather in
the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

P: Let us come before our gracious and compassionate God,
confessing our need for grace and forgiveness in our lives.

(Silence for personal confession)

P: Gracious and compassionate God,

**All: we come before you confessing our sins, some we know,
some we don't know, some things we have done, some
things we have left undone. As we bring our sinfulness to
you, meet us with your compassion. That forgiven, we
may be empowered by your Spirit to live a renewed and
vibrant life. Equip us for a life of service to you and for
you. In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

P: Our compassionate God looks down upon us with a heart full of
grace and mercy. By water and the word we are joined with Jesus
Christ our Lord and Savior. Through the Holy Spirit, God raises us
to new life in Christ and dwells in us. In trust and hope, I assure
you that your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place TFF 102

There's a sweet Spirit in this place
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord
there are sweet expressions on each face
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have
Been revived when we shall leave this place

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Stir in our hearts, stir in our lives. Inspire us, empower us and help us to grow into a deeper relationship with You. Amen

WORD FROM GOD

BIBLE READING:

Ephesians 3:14-21

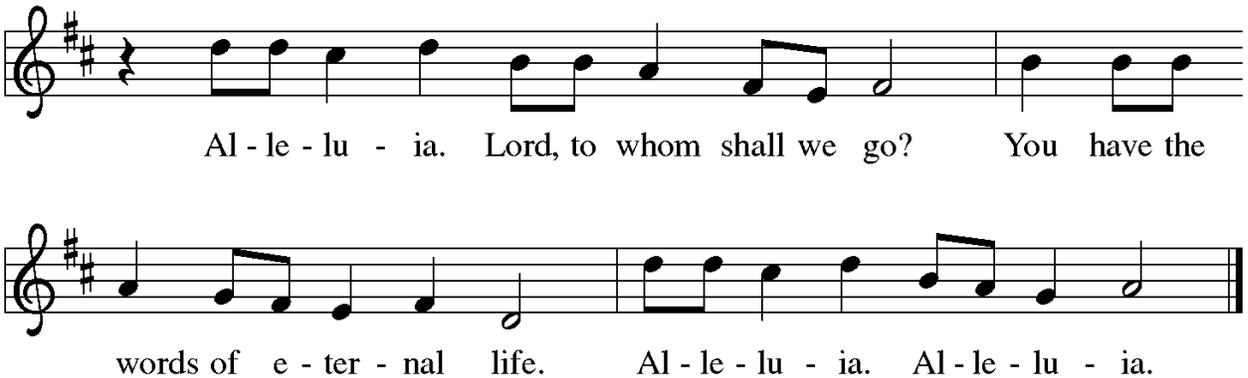
For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power, that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus through out all generations, forever and ever! Amen. (NIV)

Word of God, word of life.

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.

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR JOY HEINE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

Refrain



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934
Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991
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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: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

(Pause for silent reflection)

AM: Holy parent, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself. Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace**

AM: Awesome Creator, you steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and the mightiest of sycamore trees. Spring up green growth from the earth, nourish the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops, and bless the work of farmers and laborers. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace**

AM: God of the oppressed, turn the ears of those who are in power to the voices of prophets in our own day. Protect those who speak difficult truths when it is risky to do so. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace**

AM: God of strength, you are near to those who endure difficulty. Comfort all who are survivors of violence, guard the refugee and the immigrant, and protect all those who are victims of prejudice and discrimination. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace**

AM: God of love, we pray for this holy house and all those who worship here. We pray especially for those whose efforts behind the scenes often go unnoticed; for the custodian(s) and maintenance workers, for our office staff (*other positions may be named*), and for all of our volunteers. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace**

AM: We thank you, God, for the saints, martyrs, and prophets who have died in the faith (*especially Benedict of Nursia*). We remember those in this community who have recently died (*especially Lucy Clay, Mr. & Mrs. Le, Elaine Gale, Leroy Hooper, Clarence Hooper, Emil Mariani, Lou Jeanne Walton, and Mona Matson*). United with them as God's children, assure us that we are yours forever. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace**

Pastor: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

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)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system of music covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and moving lines.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Let us pray.

All: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name.

COMMUNION

P: Welcome to this meal, a foretaste of the feast to come.

C: **We come to feast upon God's love and grace revealed in his son, Jesus Christ.**

P: Jesus gave his life for you, that you may have God's unconditional forgiveness.

C: **We come to the feast and offer to God our praise and thanksgiving.**

P: Jesus gave his life for you, that you may have life.

C: **We come to the feast asking that God would refresh and renew us that we may live as God would have us live.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: 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

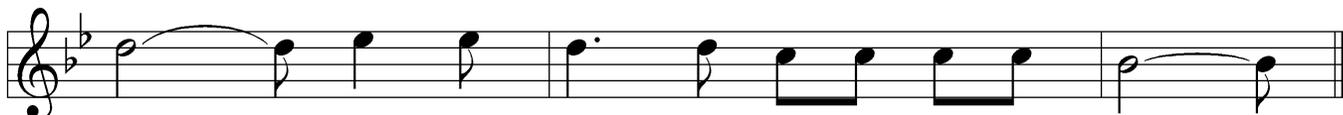
I'm Goin'-a Sing



1 I'm goin' - a sing when the Spir - it says sing. I'm goin' - a
2 I'm goin' - a pray when the Spir - it says pray. I'm goin' - a
3 I'm goin' - a moan when the Spir - it says moan. I'm goin' - a
4 I'm goin' - a shout when the Spir - it says shout. I'm goin' - a



sing when the Spir-it says sing. I'm goin'-a sing when the Spir-it says
pray when the Spir-it says pray. I'm goin'-a pray when the Spir-it says
moan when the Spir-it says moan. I'm goin'-a moan when the Spir-it says
shout when the Spir-it says shout. I'm goin'-a shout when the Spir-it says



sing, and o - bey the Spir - it of the Lord.
pray, and o - bey the Spir - it of the Lord.
moan, and o - bey the Spir - it of the Lord.
shout, and o - bey the Spir - it of the Lord.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: I'M GOIN'-A SING, African American spiritual

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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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THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

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

TODAY	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Picnic Meeting
TUESDAY	9:30 a.m.	Walk for Life
NEXT SUNDAY	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship In-Person and online

Online Service is on:

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/Ucc3974ZJisCzhwgN5uyphFw>

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/events/s/bethel-lutheran-online-worship/285814119301654/?ti=icl>

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:



HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Theola Junigan



Happy
Birthday!

Monday, July 12

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, *especially Dorothy Nevils, Lee Harrington, Lashoda Brown, Will Thomas, George Priest, Carlton Potts, Denise Marie Jones, Texann Robinson, Dominic Cruse, Loreth Johnson, Bette Lawrence, Merle Brown, Talia Shelton, Tomorrow Reid, David Rose, Ann Rose, Mark Galazin, Autumn Galazin, , Jim Kiercheras, Bob Hernandez, Elaine Sandine, Toronna Qualls, Joe Swanson, Crispen Bowfinger, Juanita Walker, Tommy Walker, Ebbie Lee Hill, Andrea Griffith, Naudia Lewis, Jomar Hess, Bayne Spotwood, Patricia Bueltmann, Willie Patterson, Marvin Lewis, Danny McCoy, Bob Arvidson, Mildred Shannon, and Vertis Bolden*



THE BETHEL FAMILY lifts up in the saints of every time and place *especially the families Lucy Clay, Mr. & Mrs. Le, Elaine Gale, Leroy Hooper, Clarence Hooper, Emil Mariani, Lou Jeanne Walton, Mona Matson and Theodore Hooper*). 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.*

Want to help spread the word about our online worship service? If so, send family and friends a text message at least an hour before the worship service begins inviting them to our online worship service and include the Facebook and YouTube link.

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/Ucc3974ZjisCzhwgN5uyphFw>

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/events/s/bethel-lutheran-online-worship/285814119301654/?ti=icl>

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

The remaining schedule for outdoor worship is:

- Sunday, August 8 (at Marquette Park near the Lagoon)
- Sunday, September 19
 - South Parking lot

Weather permitting.

Please join and bring a chair.



LOOSE CHANGE-Building Maintenance Fundraiser:

Bethel Lutheran Church is beginning a Building maintenance fundraising campaign. The first phase of the campaign is collecting "Loose change". Bring the loose coin from your old shoe box or under your couch cushions. We will have a collection container during every Sunday worship service until September 19. Every little bit help to keep the building in good repair.



Welcome Back!

We will be back to full in person worship on September 12th. We look forward to seeing everyone face to face once again. Fellowship and coffee after church in the basement.

Vacation Time:

Pastor Joy will be on a much-needed vacation from July 17 to August 2.

Worship Services during Pastor's absence are scheduled as follows;

- July 18-Spirit filled recorded Service offered by Church Anew. It can be watched in the Sanctuary and online.
- July 25 – A message from Greg Bueltmann, Congregation President
- August 1- A message from Mary Stewart-Pellegrini, PhD.

During Pastor's vacation emergency calls should be directed to the church office.

Pastor Charlie Strietelmeir will be available for Pastoral care.

BETHEL STAFF

Pastor
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Office Secretary

Pastor Joy Heine
Greg Bueltmann
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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