

THIS WEEK'S SERVANT

The Rev. Andrew Barkley is a retired pastor in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. He and his wife, Lynn, are members of Bethel.



5th Sunday after Pentecost
Thursday, July 6, and Sunday, July 9, 2017

If you have prayer requests you'd like included in our worship prayers, please go to the one of the Prayer List stands and write them down. They will be given to Pastor before the worship prayers.

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday 6:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays and the Thursday prior
Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,
Mandi Stilson – Choir/New Music Accompanist

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

SERVING TODAY

Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

<i>Elder:</i>	Randy Gifford	<i>Mike Bandman</i>
<i>Comm/Asst. Elder:</i>	OPEN	<i>Al Diercks</i>
<i>Acolytes:</i>	OPEN, OPEN	<i>Lily Freehling, Ellie Maag</i>
<i>Ushers:</i>	Don Heidlauf, Monte Stoltzman	<i>Morrie Cook, John Schultz, OPEN</i>
<i>Lay Readers:</i>	Joanne Heidlauf, Karen Kozlik	<i>JJ Jones, Jacob Stoltzman</i>
<i>Greeters:</i>	Ellen Dalrymple, Kreamer Family	<i>Dorner Family, Irene Karlovics</i>
<i>July Altar Guild:</i>	Diane Rogala	<i>Diane Sanders</i>
<i>July Counters:</i>	David and Cheryl Ross	

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

Chuck and Christie Kozlik in celebration of Sasha's 3rd birthday.

CATECHISM SERVICE

Today's service uses words from Martin Luther's Small Catechism as it teaches us about the basic elements of the Christian faith.

Opening Hymn

Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing

LSB 737; tune: 812



1 Re - joice, my heart, be glad and sing, A cheer - ful
2 He is your trea - sure, He your joy, Your life and
3 Why spend the day in blank de - spair, In rest - less
4 Did not His love and truth and pow'r Guard ev - 'ry
5 He on - ly will with pa - tience chide, His rod falls



trust main - tain; For God, the source of
light and Lord, Your coun - sel - or when
thought the night? On your Cre - a - tor
child - hood day? And did He not in
gent - ly down; And all your sins He



ev - 'ry - thing, Your por - tion shall re - main.
doubts an - noy, Your shield and great re - ward.
cast your care; He makes your bur - dens light.
threat - 'ning hour Turn dread - ed ills a - way?
casts a - side In o - cean depths to drown.

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: These words remind us of our baptism. What is Baptism?

C: *Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.*

P: What benefits does Baptism give?

C: *It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.*

P: What does God's Word in Romans 6 teach us about Baptism?

C: *"We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."*

Baptism Verse *Baptized into Your Name Most Holy*

LSB 590 st. 1

Baptized into Your name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,
Your Spirit now shall live within.

Confession and Absolution (*Forgiveness*)

P: What is Confession and Absolution?

C: *Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.*

P: Confess and admit your sins to God the Father.

C: *I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let his love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I pray You, Almighty God, merciful Father, for the sake of the innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.*

P: Do you believe that word of Christ's forgiveness I speak to you
is from the Lord Himself?

C: I do.

P: Receive the forgiveness Christ won for you by His Passion, death, and
resurrection. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, an ordained servant
of the Word, forgive you your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Absolution Verse

Jesus Sinners Will Receive

LSB 609, stanza 6

Now my conscience is at peace;
From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release
And my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days.
Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at
life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



Psalm Reading

Psalm 145:1–14 (ESV)

¹I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

²Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

³Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

⁴One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.

⁵On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

⁶They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.

⁷They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

⁸The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

¹⁰All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

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

¹²to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

¹⁴The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle (New Testament Letter)

Romans 7:14–25a (ESV)

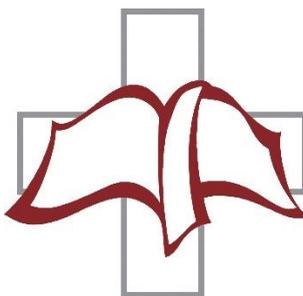
¹⁴For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:25–30 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

Come unto Me, Ye Weary

LSB 684



- 1 "Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest."
- 2 "Come un - to Me, ye wan - d'ers, And I will give you light."
- 3 "Come un - to Me, ye faint - ing, And I will give you life."
- 4 "And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out."



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op-pressed!
O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!
O cheer - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to aid our strife!
O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which drives a - way our doubt,



It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par-don, grace, and peace,
Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;
The foe is stern and ea - ger, The fight is fierce and long;
Which, though we be un - wor - thy Of love so great and free,



Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.
But Thou hast brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.
But Thou hast made us might - y And strong - er than the strong.
In - vites us ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

Sermon

Matthew 11:25-30

Confession of Faith 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed and Luther's explanation

P: What do you believe about Jesus Christ?

C: ***I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.***

P: What does this mean?

C: *I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.*

Offering

Offertory

Great is the Lord



Great is the Lord, He is ho-ly and just, by His pow-er we trust in His love. _____



Great is the Lord, He is faith-ful and true by His mer-cy He proves He is love. _____



Great is the Lord, and wor-thy of glo-ry. Great is the Lord, and wor-thy of praise.
Great are You, Lord, and wor-thy of glo-ry. Great are You, Lord, and wor-thy of praise.



Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great _____ is the
Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:



Lord! _____ Great _____ is the Lord! _____

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Prayers

P: The Lord invites us to pray saying:

C: Our Father who art in heaven.

P: What does this mean?

C: With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

P: Therefore, we bring our prayers to You this day, Father. . .

(Pastor will include here specific prayers from the congregation).

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer

Thursday

P: Let us pray together.

C: My Heavenly Father, I thank You, through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, that You have protected me, by Your grace. Forgive, I pray, all my sins and the evil I have done. Protect me, by Your grace, tonight. I put myself in your care, body and soul and all that I have. Let Your holy angels be with me, so that the evil enemy will not gain power over me. Amen.

Sunday

P: Let us pray together.

C: I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Jesus, Lead Thou On

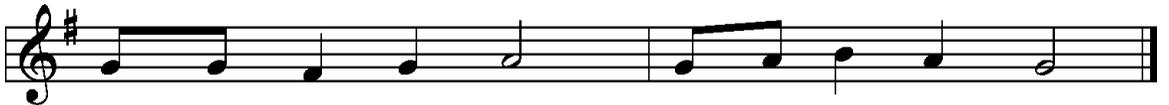
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1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al - though the
2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief From a long - felt grief, When temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, We will fol - low calm and fear - less.
fears o'er - take us; Let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing, Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing.
still di - rect us, Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



Guide us by Thy hand To our fa - ther - land.
For through man - y a woe To our home we go.
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

Announcements

**You're
Invited!!!**



Church Picnic

Save the Date - Sunday, August 20th

Bethel's church picnic will be held at Viking Park in Gurnee. Mark your calendar, clear your schedules, bring the whole family out and enjoy a few hours with our Bethel family. Come ready to have a fun day!

Watch for more information in the August Big Buzz.

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