

**MATTHEW 9:18**  
*Come and  
lay your hand on her,  
and she  
will live*

**Sunday, June 11, 2023  
Second Sunday after Pentecost  
Bethany Lutheran Church (ELCA)**

**PRELUDE**  
**RINGING OF BELL**  
**WELCOME**

*The people of God stand.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

**HYMN *Morning Has Broken* (ELW 556)**



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

## GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The people of God are seated.*

## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15--6:6

*Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.*

A reading from Hosea.

<sup>15</sup>I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: <sup>6:1</sup>"Come, let us return to the LORD; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. <sup>2</sup>After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. <sup>3</sup>Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth."

<sup>4</sup>What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. <sup>5</sup>Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. <sup>6</sup>For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 50:7-15

<sup>7</sup>"Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;  
for I am God, your God.

<sup>8</sup>**I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;  
your burnt offerings are always before me.**

<sup>9</sup>I will not accept a calf from your stalls,  
nor goats from your pens;

<sup>10</sup>**for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,  
the cattle on a thousand hills.**

<sup>11</sup>I know every bird of the mountains,  
and the creatures of the fields are mine.

<sup>12</sup>**If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

<sup>13</sup>Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,  
or drink the blood of goats?

<sup>14</sup>Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and make good your vows to the Most High.

<sup>15</sup>Call upon me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

## SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

*Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.*

A reading from Romans.

<sup>13</sup>The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup>Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people of God stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p.188)

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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL READING Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

*Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. <sup>10</sup>And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup>But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are

sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

<sup>18</sup>While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." <sup>19</sup>And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup>Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup>for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." <sup>22</sup>Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. <sup>23</sup>When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup>he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup>But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup>And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The people of God are seated.*

## SERMON

### HYMN *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (ELW 860)*



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

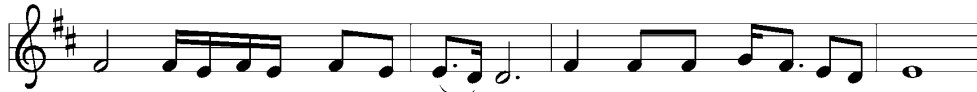
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at 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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Each petition ends with, "Lord, in your mercy." Those worshipping respond with the hymn below "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (ELW 752)



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### OFFERING

*We are grateful for your gifts, and they are needed to continue the work of the church. For those worshipping online please visit our website ([www.wbbethany.org](http://www.wbbethany.org)) and click on the blue "Give Now" button on the home page. Thank you!*

*Offerings received are brought forward and placed on the altar as the hymn below is sung.*

*The people of God stand.*

### OFFERTORY HYMN *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* (ELW 512)



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## SENDING

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

## 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.**

## HYMN *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (ELW 836)*



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be-fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

## SENDING

Go in peace. Share the good news!

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS		
Ministers of:	Today	June 18
Music	Jill Barnhart	Jill Barnhart
Proclamation (Lector)	Kami Poppen	Patsy Ernst
Minister of Technology	Paula Casper	Cole Crosthwaite & Tate Frantz
Worship (Altar Care)	Marsh Family	Marsh Family



### Ministry Opportunities This Week

**Monday, June 12**

6:30 PM — Council

**Wednesday, June 14**

7:00 AM — Men's Bible Study with Breakfast

**Thursday, June 15**

6:00 AM — Women's Bible Study

**Sunday, June 18**

9:30 AM — Worship

10:30 AM — Fellowship

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Just as Jesus welcomed the stranger, we believe all are welcome here. Please join us again next week. For more information about our life together in Christ, visit: [www.wbbethany.org](http://www.wbbethany.org)

**OUR**  
*mission*

To grow so deep in Christ through worship, education, and fellowship that we celebrate by reaching out to others.

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## Land Acknowledgement

Bethany Lutheran is located in the original and ancestral homelands of the Iowa, Sauk, Fox, Kickapoo and Oceti Sakowin peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.



## VBS 2023 Information

**Volunteer Opportunities:** We are excited to host VBS this summer. We are in need of many adult volunteers in order to have the program. Our VBS program is from **5:30-8:00 pm each evening: Tuesday through Friday (July 18-21)**. We are asking program volunteers to arrive at 5:15 pm and all activities will be prepared & provided for you. We are serving dinner this year and also seeking kitchen volunteers (to arrive at 4:30 pm). Dinner menus have been created, food/ingredients will be provided, and the prep/cooking is minimal.

After signing up, we will contact you about a background check (it's a simple form) to finalize your volunteer commitment if you have not completed one prior. *Bethany requires all adults to have a background check completed before volunteering with children per our Child Safety Policy and we appreciate your support with this.*

**We are using Sign-Up Genius** for the volunteer sign-up:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094CA8AC2EA0FC1-vbsvolunteer>.

Contact the Church's office with any questions and we'll connect you to a VBS coordinator.

**Student Registration** Bethany Lutheran Church invites all children to join us for Vacation Bible School this summer! This year, our program will be held in the evenings. Our VBS 4-day program is from 5:30-8:00 PM for the days of Tuesday, July 18 through Friday, July 21. Children currently or will be in Preschool- 6th grade are invited!

Please register online at <https://forms.gle/XHYG6DDqy91hg22y7>.

Thank you for your support with VBS at Bethany Lutheran Church!  
VBS Coordinators,  
Courtney Heid, Kristen Van Scoyoc, Amber Marsh, Kristin McElhinney

A vertical poster for 'Wild Life VBS' at Bethany Lutheran Church. The top features a blue brushstroke background with various cartoon animals (a unicorn, a fox, a bear, a pig, a rabbit, a cat, a dog, a bird, and a fish) and the words 'WILD LIFE' in yellow. Below this, 'VBS' is written in large, blue, 3D-style letters. The text 'at BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH' is in orange, followed by 'July 18-21' and '5:30-8 PM' in large blue font. Below that, 'Dinner served @ 5:30 pm' is in orange, and 'Preschool- Grade 6' is in black. At the bottom left, there is a red button with 'MORE INFO' and the URL 'bit.ly/bethanyvbs23'. At the bottom right is a QR code.

**WILD LIFE**  
**VBS**  
at **BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**July 18-21**  
**5:30-8 PM**  
Dinner served @ 5:30 pm  
Preschool- Grade 6  
**MORE INFO** [bit.ly/bethanyvbs23](https://bit.ly/bethanyvbs23)

# Did you know...

## How your weekly offering makes an impact?

### It supports... youth ministries

30 children were able to attend Vacation Bible School  
12 Children were given Bibles in the spring + 15 more this fall  
Wednesday Faith Formation - Starts September 7  
Sunday School resumes - September 11



### It supports... small group Bible Studies

Wednesday Mornings - Men's Study Group - 7:00am  
Thursday Mornings - Woman's Study Group - 6:00am  
Monthly Women's Bible Study - 2nd Wednesday at 9:00am

### It supports... community outreach programs

Like the Hope Chest & the Food Pantry  
which provide clothing and food to those in need



### It supports... meals and fellowship

Free dinner on the 4th Sunday of the month  
the annual community tailgate  
Angel Meals  
annual Spaghetti Dinner

**Thank you for your gifts,**  
which support these and many more  
great ministries at Bethany Lutheran Church

# Did you know...

## How your weekly offering makes an impact?



It helps us invest in technology to  
expand our reach beyond the church  
doors



**Average Online attendance = 112  
viewers**

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