

Bethany Lutheran Church

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Facebook: Bethany Lutheran - Rice Lake, WI
Live Radio Broadcast: WJMC 96.1 FM & 1240 AM
Worship: Saturdays 5:30 p.m.
Sundays 9:00 a.m.
Live Streaming: 9:00 a.m. on Bethany's website and
Facebook page & You Tube Services
archived for 90 days
Cable TV: Channels 992 (Spectrum) & 993 (Mosaic)
Sundays 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Worship Assistants

Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in the Gathering Room

Musicians: Tammy Roberg, Paul Hanson
Assisting Minister: Paul Hanson
Projection: Dave Derro
Host: Sue Derro

Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Ushers: Jim & Audrey Kusilek
Greeters: Carol & Bob Stanonik
Assisting Minister: Carol Hakala
Reader: Jim Kusilek
Communion Assistants: Pat & Patty McCann, Jennifer
Prinz, Carol Hakala
Musicians: Susan Barta, Deb Slagstad
Projection: Jan Wilking **Video:** Jake Donze

LIVING OUT OUR FAITH

How to keep faith in God during hard times

- Pray and ask God to increase your faith in Him
- Along with praying yourself, ask others to pray for you
- Read, memorize, and meditate on Scripture
- Remember God's faithfulness and God's work in the past.
- Praise God.

To have faith in God during the hard times, we have to be rooted in God. We have to know Him before we will trust Him and His plans. We serve a good God who doesn't seek to cause us harm. While His ways aren't our ways, they are better and higher than we can comprehend. Having deep roots will allow Him to hold onto us, even when everything else is trying to pull us apart.

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Prayer Practice—for Our Loved Ones

Lord, it is so easy to focus only on my needs, but I ask that You would bless those around me (consider inserting specific names). Please help my (children, friends and family) to see, feel and experience Your love. Please protect and heal my loved ones. I thank You for the wonderful people I have in my life and I ask You to guide their paths and to bring them closer to You.

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Every day is a gift.



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Welcome to worship

We **INVITE** all;
We **GROW** in faith;
We **GO** to share God's love and grace.

August 31– September 1, 2024 15th Sunday after Pentecost



Prayers for Strength & Healing: Eric Roethel, Don Gerland, Jean Engstrom

Radio Broadcast: Sponsored In Memory of Juanita Peterson & Mary Dale-Jacobson by Anita & Joe Loge

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5:30 p.m. Order of Service

Prelude		Tammy Roberg
Gathering Song	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	#779:1,2,4
Welcome		
	<i>Please stand</i>	
Call to Worship		
Confession & Forgiveness		
Opening Hymn	<i>O Master, Let Me Walk with You</i>	#818:1,2,3
Apostolic Greeting		
Prayer of the Day		
	<i>Please be seated</i>	
First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9		Paul Hanson
PSALM: Psalm 15		Paul Hanson
Second Reading: James 1:17-27		Paul Hanson
	<i>Please stand</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia</i>	p. 205
Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23		Rev. Dr. Arthur Bergren
	<i>Please be seated</i>	
Sermon		Rev. Dr. Arthur Bergren
	<i>Please stand</i>	
Hymn of the Day	<i>Change My Heart, O God</i>	#801
Prayers of the People		Paul Hanson
Sharing of Peace		
	<i>Please be seated</i>	
Offering		Tammy Roberg
	<i>Please stand</i>	
Offering Prayer		
Holy Communion		
The Lord's Prayer		
Invitation to Communion		
	<i>Please be seated</i>	
Distribution	<i>In This Feast of Love</i>	
Post Communion Blessing		Rev. Dr. Arthur Bergren
Post Communion Prayer		Paul Hanson
Sending of Communion Blessing		
Announcements		
	<i>Please stand</i>	
Benediction		
Closing Hymn	<i>Take My Life, That I May Be</i>	#583
Dismissal		Paul Hanson
Postlude		Tammy Roberg

9:00 a.m. Order of Service

Prelude		Susan Barta
Welcome		
	<i>Please stand</i>	
Call to Worship		
Confession & Forgiveness		
Opening Hymn	<i>O Master, Let Me Walk with You</i>	#818:1,2,3
Apostolic Greeting		
Hymn of Praise	<i>Glory Be to God</i>	p.204:1,3
Prayer of the Day		
	<i>Please be seated</i>	
First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9		Jim Kusilek
PSALM: Psalm 15		Jim Kusilek
Second Reading: James 1:17-27		Jim Kusilek
	<i>Please stand</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia</i>	p. 205
Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23		Rev. Dr. Arthur Bergren
	<i>Please be seated</i>	
Children's Sermon/Sermon		Rev. Dr. Arthur Bergren
	<i>Please stand</i>	
Hymn of the Day	<i>Change My Heart, O God</i>	#801
Prayers of the People		Carol Hakala
Sharing of Peace		
	<i>Please be seated</i>	
Offering		Susan Barta
	<i>Please stand</i>	
Offering Prayer		
Holy Communion/The Lord's Prayer		
Invitation to Communion		
	<i>Please be seated</i>	
Distribution	<i>In This Feast of Love</i>	
	<i>Lord Jesus, Think on Me</i>	#599
	<i>This Is Christ's Body</i>	
Post Communion Blessing		Rev. Dr. Arthur Bergren
Post Communion Prayer		Carol Hakala
Sending of Communion Blessing		
Announcements		
Benediction		
	<i>Please stand</i>	
Closing Hymn	<i>Take My Life, That I May Be</i>	#583
Dismissal		Carol Hakala
Postlude		Susan Barta

Worship Insights

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

Today's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 34:15-22

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? (Ps. 15:1)

Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

Today's Gospel Lesson

Gospel: John 6:56-69

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.