



WORSHIP AT BERGEN BALLFIELD

**Sunday, July 16th, 2023
10:15 AM**

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

**Bethany Lutheran Church
American Lutheran Church, Windom
Pastors Sarah Tadé and Adam Roberts
*Ministers: Everyone***

GATHERING MUSIC

ACCOMPANIST

Rozanne Gronseth, Keyboard

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Potluck to follow worship!

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BERGEN BALLPARK

Terry Deutchman

CALL TO WORSHIP **"This is the Day"**

Les Garrett

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made;

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord hath made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

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GATHERING

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"God the Maker of the Heavens"

(sung to "What a Friend We Have in Jesus")

Verse 1

God the maker of the heavens and the planet that we share,
Show us how to live like Jesus, lives of gratitude and care.
Make us mindful of the footprints from the lives that we pursue.
Make us partners in your mission; You are making all things new.

Verse 2

God, the gardener of Eden, teach us how to tend this earth.
Learning from the changing seasons, times of fallow and new birth.
Lord, have mercy when we're careless, rich resources we misuse.
Use our hands to heal creation; You are making all things new.

Verse 3

God, of labor and vocation, Lord, of science, trade, and art,
Take our efforts and our passions, make them mirrors of your heart.
Every habitat and creature loved and valued God by you.
May our lives reveal your Kingdom; You are making all things new.

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, and of our neighbors.

L: Merciful God,

C: We confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Righteous God,

C: We confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

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

C. And also with you.

KYRIE

ELW #203

Verse 1: *Song leaders*

L: Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.

We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

C: Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

C: Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.

Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Glory Be to God"

ELW #204

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:

we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;

Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.

For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of life in all its diversity and beauty; renew us in community, discipleship and in love for the earth. Amen.

Seasons of Creation Devotional, Sept. 6, 2020

SPECIAL MUSIC

Gary Natterstad

Reader: Brigitte Olson

This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you; in them I am trying to arouse your sincere intention by reminding you that you should remember the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets, and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken through your apostles.

First of all you must understand this, that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and indulging their own lusts and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since our ancestors died, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation!" They deliberately ignore this fact, that by the word of God heavens existed long ago and an earth was formed out of water and by means of water, through which the world of that time was deluged with water and perished. But by the same word the present heavens and earth have been reserved for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the godless.

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day.

The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and destroyed and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish, and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, speaking of this as he does in all his letters. There are some things in them hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other scriptures.

You, therefore, beloved, since you are forewarned, beware that you are not carried away with the error of the lawless and lose your own stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

The Word of the Lord. / **"Thanks be to God."**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Adam Roberts

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SONG OF THE DAY "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

ELW #452

- 1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
so learn his love, its length and breadth, its fullness, depth, and height.
- 2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear release,
to give the Spirit's unity, the very bond of peace.

- 3 There is one body and one hope, one Spirit and one call,
one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, one God who made us all.
- 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
with kind and gentle hearts forgive as God in Christ forgave.
- 5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

"Please share a sign of God's peace with those around you with either a wave of your hand or a hand shake: "Peace be with you" Response: "And also with you!"

OFFERING

*We give, because God gives to us! Our ministries share God's love.
Offering will be collect by ushers.*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

ELW #686 (vs 1&2)

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our firstfruits give.**

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

LBW #559

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.
- 3 The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
- 4 He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; he sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean; his blood avails for me.
- 5 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above ,the church in earth and heav'n.

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.Public Domain.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest. / **We will! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to the combined worship for Bethany Lutheran and American Lutheran Churches. We are blessed to worship the God of creation while at Bergen Ballfield! In the scripture reading, we are encouraged to prepare for the final journey, while growing our faith and trust in the Lord. Lift praises to the Lord, our God so all may know of his love.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK for Old Testament Wisdom and Poetry Proverbs 1: 1-7; 3:1-8.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP for today's worship service is in memory of Eugene Stene who passed away July, 20, 2022.

SHARE THE STORY:

Luke 6:20 –Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."

Why are the poor "blessed" and entranced into the kingdom of God? Emphasizing how wealth can be an obstacle to discipleship, Luke's gospel challenges us to rethink our relationship to money. What does this passage say to you?

ALC and BETHANY COMBINED POTLUCK at the Bergen Ballfield will begin following the worship service. All are welcome.

BETHANY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Prayer Concerns: Jim Bass, Brad Bennett, Luke Borsgard, Karen Brinkman, Dan Graun, Gabrielle Holthe, Toger Johnson, Sharon Johnson, Garner Paulson.

Bethany will play at 5:30 tonight against the Baptist team and at 6:45 against the Methodist team. Come out and enjoy some softball, fellowship, and good food.

We will be having communion on July 30th not on July 23rd.

Keith Newman from Shalom Hill Farm will be our guest preacher on July 23rd.

Next Sunday, July 23: Reader: Garen Paulson
Acolyte: Divia Henderson

ALC ANNOUNCEMENTS:



**CHURCH
OFFICE
STAFF**

STAFFING UPDATE: ALC is once again without an Administrative Assistant. The Mutual Ministry Committee and church leadership are working together to conduct a search. If you know of someone who may be a fit for this position, please encourage them to apply!
Application deadline is July 19th.

UPDATE ON ALC OFFICE HOURS: Due to staffing changes, the ALC Office will not be open on Fridays for the time being. The church will be open, and other staff will be working on site, or available by phone or email.

RADIO SPONSORSHIPS are needed for July 23rd and 30th. Please contact the church office.

2023 MID-YEAR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, July 23rd 10am following the Sunday morning worship service. A quorum of 50 people is required to hold the meeting. Please plan on joining other congregational members. *God is on the move in our congregation. Make plans to attend. Agenda items will include:* Financial Report, Staff Update, and The continued Ministry of our Congregation.



BLOOD DRIVE AT ALC is **cancelled** for Friday, July 28th. Look for opportunities in the future to give blood at ALC.



THERE IS JUST A SMALL AMOUNT LEFT TO RAISE! Thank you to all who have donated money! ALC is volunteering at The Banquet on Thursday, **July 27th**. For those of you who have signed up, we will be carpooling and leaving the church parking lot at 3:00PM. Please contact the church office if you're willing to drive. Also, please wear appropriate work attire: casual pants/long shorts, close-toed shoes, and long hair pulled back. Thank you again to all who have donated money and/or their time.



SHETEK CONFERENCE / ONDINI CIRCUIT We are excited to have one young man from the Ondini Circuit, Sicelo Masando, coming to work at Shetek Lutheran Ministries as a counselor this summer. ALC welcomed him to worship on June 25th. **The Shetek Conference will host a potluck on July 22 at 4 PM at Immanuel Lutheran in rural Fulda to honor Sicelo and our Ondini partners. Anyone interested in the partnership is welcome to attend!** We are also in the process of inviting 4-5 members of the Ondini Partnership to the Shetek Conference in 2024.



SEEKING INDIVIDUALS TO FILL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS: ALC is looking for individuals to direct the ALC Choir and be the Lead for the Praise Band. Choir practices weekly and sings on Sundays once per month. Praise Band provides music for Wednesday worship services. Band practice begins in August. Choir practice will begin in September.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) will run Sunday, July 30th to Thursday, August 3rd. The evening sessions will run from 5:30 PM-8:00 PM. Our Theme this year is God's New Creation. All kiddos (*regardless of denomination*) who have completed Nursery – Grade 5th are welcome. There is NO COST to attend. Early registrations are being taken now. For more information, contact Tera Elness or the church office.

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 16

10:15 AM Joint Worship and Potluck w/ Bethany at Bergen Ballfield

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM

ALC 1- Qwest Field – 5:30 PM & Eagle Field 6:45 PM

ALC 2- Qwest Field – 5:30 PM & 6:45 PM

ALC 3- Eagle Field - 5:30 PM & Qwest Field 6:45 PM

Monday, July 17

VBS Registration Deadline

Messenger Deadline

Tuesday, July 18

8:00 Men's Bible Study

8:00 AM Shetek Day Play

1:15 Staff Team Huddle

Wednesday, July 19

Administrative Assistant Application deadline

1:30 PM Hillside Manor

2:30 PM Pine View

Thursday, July 20

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

9:00 AM Conference Pastor Meeting

10:00 AM Cable TV Ch 22

5:00 AM Technology Committee Meeting

6:30 PM Men's Group – Cribbage with Pizza, Skylight Court

6:30 PM Cable TV, Ch 22

Friday, July 21

Saturday, July 22

4:00 Partnership Meet & Greet, Immanuel, Fulda

5:30 PM Chapel Service

Sunday, July 23

9:00 AM Worship w/ Holy Communion

10:00 AM Skylight Court Café –Coffee Hour

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship Service on KDOM