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WE HOLD IN PRAYER

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, INJURED AND IN NEED OF HEALING:

David Babcock, Pastor Bob Bipes, Pattee Carey, Leslee Camarata, Brenda DeLong, Don Evers, Jeff Evers, Don & Linda Flatt, Becki Fuhrman, Sharon Haugo, Merry Heilmann, Trina Hilke, Greg Hojem, Ed Hustad, Andrew Janisch, Jennifer Kapaun, Jackie Krebsback, Susan Kroll, Edith Lampman, Mary Martin, Kay Monroe, Dorothy Vietor

THOSE SERVING OR DEPLOYED IN THE MILITARY:

Evan Hojem, Isabelle & Sam Rick

TODAY’S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Piano: Skip James

Scripture Reader: Barbara Ronningen

Worship Support: Janet & David Benson

Technical Assistants: Patrick Willson, Roger Nilsson, Eli Helm, Isaac Pettey

Shuttle Bus: Steve Kassekert

IN SYMPATHY:

We offer our sympathies and prayers of comfort and strength for Liz Schertz, family and friends, on the death of her mother, Ruby Salewski. God bless and comfort these friends with the promise of Christ: *“Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.”*

Weeds or Wheat?



SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

10:30 AM WORSHIP | DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

Mary Gerzmehle, Preacher
Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg, Worship Leader

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“The church is not called to separate the wheat from the weeds but to faithfully bear witness to Christ while trusting God with the harvest.”

—Unknown



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WELCOME

to Bethel Lutheran Church!

We are so glad you are with us for worship. At Bethel, our mission is to Connect, Grow, and Serve God and others. Today Jesus reminds us to trust God's judgment, extend Christ's love, and faithfully await His harvest. Through this service we pray that your faith journey will be strengthened and encouraged.

*You are invited to stand, as you are able.

All who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome and encouraged to join us for communion, regardless of church membership or denomination.

The Prelude: Improvisation on “Gather Us In” James

The Welcome/Announcements

*The Confession and Forgiveness:
Leader: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

People: Amen.

L : 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.

P: Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

L: Gracious God,

P: 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.

L: 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.

P: Amen.

*The Opening Hymn: “Gather Us In” #532

*The Responsive Reading:

L: God is the Lord of the harvest.

P: His wisdom is greater than our own.

L: Wheat and weeds grow together for a time.

P: Yet God's love continues to nurture His people.

L: We are not called to judge our neighbors.

P: We are called to love as Christ first loved us.

L: We trust the One who knows every heart.

All: We will live by grace as we await God's harvest.

*The Prayer of the Day:

L: Gracious God...

P: Give us patient hearts that trust in Your perfect wisdom. Help us love as Christ loves, and faithfully serve Your Kingdom while we await the day, when all things are made new. Amen.

*The Sharing of God’s Peace:

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always...

P: And also with you!

The Children's Message: Mary Gerzmehle

The Commissioning of the Strategic Planning Team

The Music Ministry: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” John Stainer
Megan & Obed Floan, vocals; Skip James, piano

The Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 139:1-12

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Lesson: Romans 8:12-17

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

***The Gospel Acclamation: “O God of Light” #507**
(vs. 1)

*The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

The Message: “Weeds or Wheat?” Mary Gerzmehle

***The Hymn: “Bringing In The Sheaves”**

*The Offering Prayer:

L: Generous God...

P: Receive these gifts, and use them to share Your love throughout the world. May they plant seeds of hope, nurture hearts with Your grace, and remind all who receive them that Your love is always at work. Help us to be faithful servants who sow kindness, hope, and compassion, wherever You lead us. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Giving our First and Best to God through our Offering

VBS Video

*The Words of Institution

*The Lord’s Prayer:

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.

*The Invitation to Communion:

L: This is Christ's table, where mercy triumphs over judgment and grace is freely given. Come, for all is ready.

The Communion Hymn: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” #502

*The Communion Blessing

*The Prayers of God’s People:

L: Merciful God...

P: Teach us to trust Your wisdom.

*The Closing Blessing

***The Closing Hymn: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” #693**

*The Sending:

L: Go and sow seeds of grace wherever God leads you.

P: We will trust God with the harvest.

The Postlude: Improvisation on “Kremser” James