

Worship Notes

WE HOLD IN PRAYER

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

David Babcock, Pastor Bob Bipes, Leslee Camarata, Don Evers, Don & Linda Flatt, Sharon Haugo, Merry Heilmann, Trina Hilke, Greg Hojem, Ed Hustad, Andrew Janisch, Jennifer Kapaun, Jackie Krebsback, Susan Kroll, Edith Lampman, Nan Lopatka, Mary Martin, Kay Monroe, Terri Pomeroy, Dorothy Vietor

THOSE SERVING OR DEPLOYED IN THE MILITARY:

Evan Hojem, Isabelle & Sam Rick

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Piano: Skip James

Scripture Reader: Chuck Boeder

Worship Support: Susie & Jimmie Caldwell

Technical Assistants: Patrick Willson, Roger Nilsson, Eli Helm, Ethan Sonnenberg

Shuttlebus: Jon Berglund

IN SYMPATHY:

We offer our sympathies and prayers of comfort and strength to Alan Linehan, family and friends on the death his father, Steven. God bless and comfort these friends with the promise of Christ: *"Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted."*



SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026
10:30 AM WORSHIP | DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

Allen Powers, Preacher
Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg & Pastor Keith Ruehlow,
Worship Leaders

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"Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times."

—Martin Luther

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WELCOME

to Bethel Lutheran Church!

We're so glad you're with us today. We're so glad you've chosen to worship with us, as we gather to Connect, Grow, and Serve God and others. Today we hear how Peter courageously stepped out of the boat to walk toward Jesus, reminding us that faith often begins with taking the first step. As we worship, may God give us the courage to leave behind our fears, keep our eyes fixed on Christ, and trust Him wherever He leads.

*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: Selections from "Songs without Words" Mendelssohn

The Welcome/Announcements

*The Confession and Forgiveness:

Leader: Let us return to our gracious and merciful God,
confessing our need for forgiveness and healing.
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Leader: Tender-hearted God,

People: We confess that we have not lived as the body of Christ in the world. We have not let our lights shine. We have resisted Your call to follow. We have failed to share Your love. Forgive us for the sake of Christ; heal us, and gather us into Your embrace; and help us work as children of the light. Amen.

L: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ came among us to bind up the brokenhearted, comfort those who mourn, and to reconcile all people. For the sake of that same Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. May the Holy Spirit comfort and strengthen us to follow Christ in newness of life.

P: Amen.

*The Opening Hymn: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

*The Responsive Reading:

L: Jesus calls us to step out in faith.

P: We will trust His voice.

L: When fear distracts us...

P: we will keep our eyes on Christ.

L: When the winds of life grow strong...

P: Jesus reaches out His hand.

L: Christ is always faithful.

All: We will follow wherever He leads.

*The Prayer:		
L:	Faithful Savior...	
P:	You call us beyond our comfort and into lives of faith. Give us courage to step where You lead, and wisdom to keep our eyes fixed on You. When fear causes us to lose our way, reach out Your hand, strengthen our faith, and remind us that You are always near. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. 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:		Allen Powers
The Music Ministry: "For So Hath the Lord Commanded"		Mendelssohn
Obed Floan, tenor; Bob Wills, baritone		
The Old Testament Lesson:		Psalm 105:1-6
L:	The Word of the Lord.	
P:	Thanks be to God!	
The New Testament Lesson:		Romans 10:5-15
L:	The Word of the Lord.	
P:	Thanks be to God!	
*The Gospel Acclamation:		"O God of Light"
		(vs. 1)
*The Gospel Lesson:		Matthew 14:22-33
The Message: "What Does Getting Out of Your Boat Look Like?"		
Allen Powers		
*The Hymn:		"Love Lifted Me"
*The Offering Prayer:		
L:	Faithful God...	
P:	Everything we have comes from You. Receive these gifts, along with our time, our talents, and our hearts. Take what seems small in our hands, and multiply it for the blessing of others, and the building of Your Kingdom. Teach us to trust that You can do far more, than we could ever accomplish on our own. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.	
Giving our First and Best to God through our Offering		
The Offering Music:		Improvisation on "Love Lifted Me" James

*The Great Thanksgiving:

L: The Lord is with you.

P: **The Lord is with you, too.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

P: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is indeed right and joyful that we gather around God's table this day. Here Christ meets us with His grace, forgiveness, and peace. As we receive this meal, may our eyes remain fixed on Jesus, who strengthens our faith for every step ahead. Fed by His presence, may we follow Him with confidence and hope.

*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: Come to the table of Christ, where He strengthens weary hearts, and renews uncertain faith. Here we receive His grace for the journey and His strength for every step. Come, for all is ready.

The Communion Hymn: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" #773

*The Communion Blessing

*The Prayers of God's People:

L: Faithful Savior...

P: **Keep our eyes on You.**

*The Closing Blessing

***The Closing Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation" #796**

*The Sending:

L: Go in peace, following wherever Christ leads.

P: **We will step out in faith.**

The Postlude