

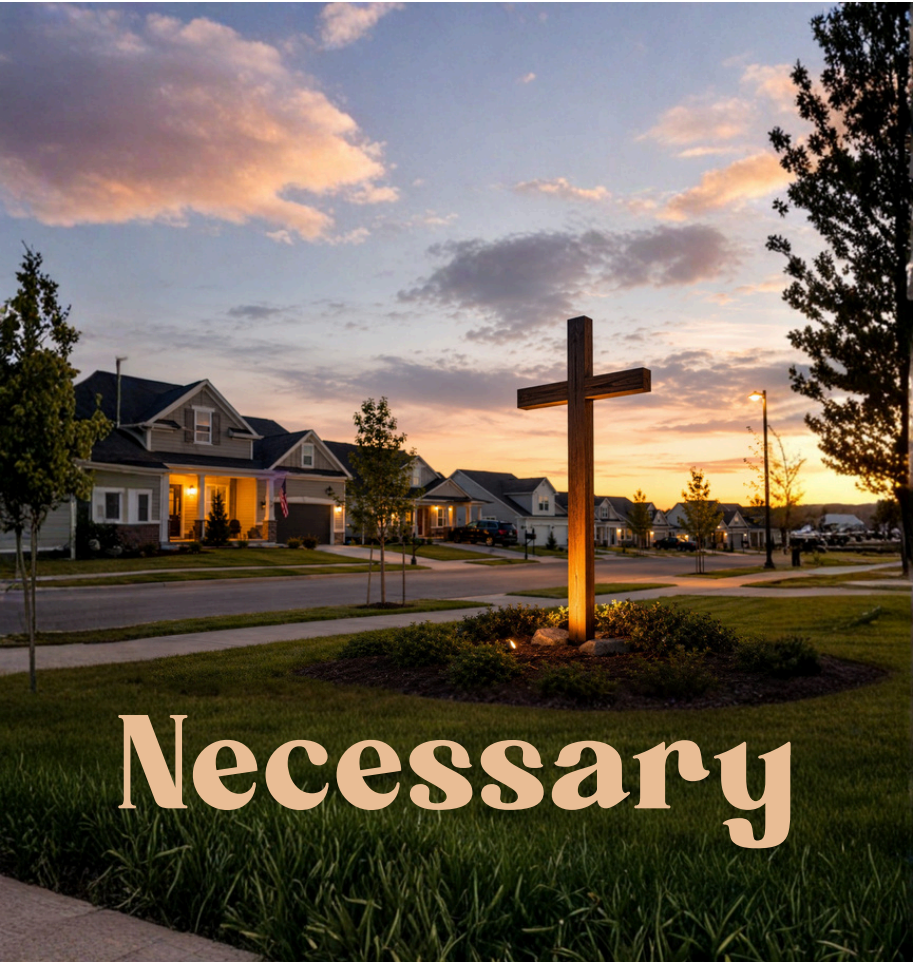
Worship Notes

WE HOLD IN PRAYER

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, INJURED AND IN NEED OF HEALING:
David Babcock, Pastor Bob Bipes, Leslee Camarata, Cilla Dressen, Don Evers, Don & Linda Flatt, Merry Heilmann, Trina Hilke, Greg Hojem, Ed Hustad, Andrew Janisch, Jennifer Kapaun, Jackie Krebsback, 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:
Greeters: Becky & Darrel Schoeberlein
Worship Support: Jim & Jan Orf, Susan & Ryan Erickson
Hospitality: Darlene & Rick Gangl
Technical Assistants: Patrick Willson, Roger Nilsson, Larry Quam, Ricky Lien



SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026
9:00 AM WORSHIP | HIGHLANDS CAMPUS

Pastor Keith Ruehlow, Preacher
Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg, Worship Leader

Bethel service’s are livestreamed on Bethel’s website, Bethel’s YouTube page, and are broadcast on River Channel 15, Wednesday at 7:00pm & 9:00pm and Thursday at 7:00am.

New Song Band	
Vocals: Heidi Selander Calla Jenkinson	Drums: Nancy Long
Piano & Vocals: Craig Koehnen	Guitar: Warner Ide
	Bass: Eric Possehl

“A time and place when you wear a cross is not just to show the world who you are, but to remind yourself of who the world needs you to be.”

— Karoline Lewis

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Connect, Grow, and Serve

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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 that following Him is not always the easiest or most comfortable path, but it is the path that leads us toward lives shaped by God’s love. As we worship, may God give us courage to take up our cross, follow Christ, and live in ways that reflect His love for all people.

*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 Gathering Music: “Reckless Love”
Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury & Ran Jackson
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The Welcome/Announcements

The Children’s Message: Pastor Keith Ruehlow

*The Opening Song: “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”
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*The Responsive Reading:
Leader: Jesus calls us beyond what is easy.
People: We will follow where He leads.
L: When God’s way is different from our own...
P: set our minds on the things of God.
L: When following Christ asks something of us...
P: give us courage to take up our cross.
L: May our words and our lives proclaim Jesus Christ.
All: We will follow Jesus in the way that leads to life.

*The Prayer:
L: Faithful God...
P: Your ways are not always the ways we would choose for ourselves. Give us courage to follow Jesus even when the road is difficult. Help us set our minds on Your purposes, take up our cross, and make choices that reflect Your love for all people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

*The Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21–28

The Message: “Necessary” Pastor Keith Ruehlow

*The Song: “Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”
Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, & Michael Farren
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*The Offering Prayer:
L: Generous God...
P: You have given us everything we need to love and serve our neighbors. Receive these gifts and use them to bring hope, healing, and grace into the world. Help us make choice that reflect Your love and Your purposes. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Giving our First and Best to God through our Offering

*The Breaking of the Bread/Sharing of the Wine

*The Lord’s Prayer:
All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth, as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

*The Invitation to Communion:
L: Come to the table of Christ, who gave Himself for us and calls us to follow in the way of love. Here we receive grace for the journey, strength for the difficult road, and forgiveness when we lose our way. Come, for all is ready.

The Song: “Shout To The Lord”
Darlene Zschech
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The Communion Blessing

The Prayer

*The Closing Blessing

*The Closing Song: “I Will Follow”
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*The Sending:
L: Go in peace and follow where Christ leads.
P: We will take up our cross and follow Him.
L: Let your choices and your service reflect God’s love.
P: We will live for the sake of others. Thanks be to God.