Thanksgiving for Families:
Ray Johnson Marvin & Evelyn Kelley Arlene 'Rusty' Bliss

OFFERING
Special Music "America the Beautiful" Bates/Ward
Bliss-Falk Families

OFFERTORY: "Amazing Grace" (v. 1) ELW, #779

Holy Communion

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today 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.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION:

"In the Singing" ELW, #466
"When Peace Like a River" ELW, #785
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" ELW, #742

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "What A Fellowship, What A Joy Divine" ELW, #774

CORPORATE PRAYER:
"Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church."

GO IN PEACE

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Worship Team for today:
Presider: Pastor Barb Lemke
Pianist: Cindy Josephson **Hymnists:** Ron & Doris Freund **Reader:** Kevin Malle
Greeter: **Usher:** Marv & Ev Kelley **Communion Asst.:** &
Screen/Sound: Travis Kleven **Video FaceBook:** Jamie Villante **YouTube:** Tom Lenahan

Altar Flowers were given by Sheila Kelley in honor of her family.

Sunday Worship Service

Image: Church Art Online

6th Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025
Bethel Lutheran Church
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SUNDAY WORSHIP
May 25, 2025
9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

GATHERING: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" LBW, #566
"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" ELW, #890

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORPORATE PRAYER:
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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS ELW, pp. 94–96

OPENING HYMN: "My Lord What a Morning" ELW, #438

GREETING

KYRIE ELW, p. 184, vv. 3–4

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC "We Need You, Lord" Choir

1ST READING: Acts 16:9–15

2ND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22–22:5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188

GOSPEL: John 14:23–29

CHILDREN'S SERMON Kathy Harrison

HYMN: "Be Thou My Vision" ELW, #793

SERMON "God's Direction" Pastor Barb Lemke

BAPTISM: ***Ranger Fay Kelley*** ELW, pp. 227–231
Parents: Ryan and Cortney Kelley
Sponsors: Edwin Kelley and Connor Bobb

APOSTLES' CREED
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

John & Casey Howshar — Delores Rasmussen & Dan Rasmussen
Eyes: Marvin Bohrer & Bonnie Frank
Robert McBride – Patti Schoenfeld – Mike Lemke – Susan Riley (Lorraine Chambers' friend) – Ashlyn (daughter of friend Wade and Lynn Hampton) – Alicia Jerrup (Mary Katherine Smith's friend) – Gary (Andrea Newport's brother-in-law) – Scott Petrock (Carol Einertson's son-in-law) – Tammy Hawley (Sheila Kelly's boss) – Linda Hardy – Andrew Carpenter (friend of Alexa Weaver) – Rodney Steggs and his mother Rita Johnson (friends of Hamptons) – Peggy Russell (friend of Eddie & Pat Garcia) – Linda Kirkegaard – Wendy (Kim Evancho's friend) – Sara Teller (Kim Evancho's friend) – Connie Lovell (Deloris DeLapp's friend) – Lola Wertz – Bob Bliss – Patrick Stephenson – Pastor Steve Ruechel – Fred Borcherding (father of Debbie Diedrich's friend) – Marv Kelley (surgery on May 19) – Mike S. (Gypsie's friend) – Linda Kirkegaard
Ray Johnson — Danny Cowan
Carol Kirkegaard — Susan Armor
Kaylee, friend of Hamptons — Bill Schmidt (kidney health)
Gerald Kelley, Carol Smith's significant other (Alzheimer's)
Brayden, friend of Debbie Diedrich (brainstem blastoma)
McKay, Debbie Diedrich's nephew (ankle recovery, seizures)
Sylvia Cowan (leg and heart health)
Frank Ruhs, Ev Kelley's brother (heart health)
Caroline Hailey-Kesler, Linda Hailey's granddaughter (rare kidney disease)
Scott Crosby (recovery from infection)
Cheryl Gednalske (leg infection)
Ted Smith, Mary Katherine's father (recovery from infections)
Harold Tapey, Deloris Delapp's cousin (heart attack recovery)
Angel Torres, friend of the Lemkes (hospice)
Wardria Carman, Sylvia Cowan's friend (car accident injuries)
Glatis Hoffman (regain strength)
Donna Arntson, Lynn Hampton's sister-in-law (stroke)

Homebound members: Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

Verse 1
My country, 'tis of thee,
sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:
land where my fathers died,
land of the pilgrims' pride,
from ev'ry mountainside let freedom ring.

Verse 2
My native country, thee,
land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills like that above.

Verse 3
Let music swell the breeze,
and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song;
let mortal tongues awake;
let all that breathe partake;
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Verse 4
Our fathers' God, to thee,
author of liberty, to thee we sing:
long may our land be bright
with freedom's holy light.
Protect us by thy might, great God, our king.

Words: Samuel F. Smith
Music: Thesaurus Musicus, London, 1744
Public Domain

Memorial Day

Remember Those Who Gave Their Lives

Welcome!

We welcome all who gather for worship on this day and pray God's blessing on our time together!

Guests are invited to record their visit by signing the Guest Book located at the entrance to the worship space.
All worshippers are invited to sign the red attendance folder in the pew and pass it on to their neighbor to sign.

Upcoming Events

"The Chosen" Bible Study – Our "The Chosen" Bible Study groups meet on:
-Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom,
-Thursdays at 1 p.m. at the church
through the end of this month.
We would love to have you join us.

Missions for May – Please support our greatest mission! We are collecting monetary donations to raise funds for maintenance needs at Bethel as May's Missions focus. Please mark your checks as Missions in the note field.

Choir – Our final choir rehearsal for this spring will be today at 8:15 a.m., with the choir singing at today's service. ***Please join us in the fun in making beautiful music together!***

Worship Helpers Needed – Please see sign-up sheets outside the entry to the sanctuary. We are especially in need of greeters, ushers, and communion assistants.

Piano Students Concert – *Saturday, May 31, 4 p.m.* Mila Khmeleva's piano students will be presenting a concert here at Bethel this coming Saturday. All are welcome to come to support the pianists.

This Week at Bethel
May 25–June 1, 2025

Sun	8:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
Sun	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	3:00 p.m.	Tongans
Mon	**Memorial Day**	*Church Office Closed*
	6:00 p.m.	TOPS
Tue	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study *(Zoom)*
Wed		
Thu	11:00 a.m.	Prayer Team
	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study *(in-person)*
Fri	6:00 p.m.	Tongans
Sat		
Sun	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:45 a.m.	Retirement Celebration for Pr. Mike Lemke *at Cross of Glory Lutheran*
	3:00 p.m.	Tongans

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