OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "I Offer My Life" (v. 1 and chorus) *see insert*

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:

"Surely the Presence of the Lord" (chorus only) *see insert*
"Let Us Break Bread Together " ELW, #471
"In the Singing" ELW, #466

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "In Thee Is Gladness " ELW, #867

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:

Liturgist: Jon Lohmer **Presider:** Pastor Cindy Josephson
Pianist: Cindy Josephson **Hymnists:** Laina Kelley-Walker and Sheila Kelley
Reader: Jon Lohmer **Greeter:** **Usher:** Rich Richmond & _
Communion Asst.: Sean Gordon & **Screen/Sound:** Travis Kleven
Video FaceBook: Jamie Villante **YouTube:** Jamie Villante

Sunday Worship Service

NEXT EXIT: JOY

Even in pain, God promises joy is ahead

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
August 10, 2025
9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

GATHERING: "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" *see insert*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS ELW, pp. 94–96

OPENING HYMN: "All Are Welcome" (vv. 1, 3, 5) ELW, #641

LITANY *see insert*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

1ST READING: Isaiah 61:1–3

2ND READING: Psalm 30:1–5, 10–12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (refrain only) ELW, #733

GOSPEL: Luke 4:16–21

CHILDREN'S SERMON Kathy Harrison

HYMN: "Christ, Be Our Light" ELW, #715

SERMON "Next Exit: Joy" Kathy Harrison

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 (Alexa Weaver's friend) – Rodney Steggs and his mother Rita Johnson (Hamptons' friends) – Peggy Russell (Eddie & Pat Garcia's friend) – 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 – Mike S. (Gypsie's friend) – Summer Stephens (Doris Freund's niece) – Heather and Heidi Mortenson (Lynn Hampton's friends)
Ray Johnson Danny Cowan
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)
Harold Tapey, Deloris Delapp's cousin (heart attack recovery)
Wardria Carman, Sylvia Cowan's friend (car accident injuries)
Glatis Hoffman (regain strength) Donna Arntson, Lynn Hampton's sister-in-law (stroke)
Trudy, Carol Smith's friend (car accident injuries)
Raymond Telles, nephew of Kim Evancho's boss (car accident recovery)
Matthew Zenn, Bob's grandson (heart health)
Carey Hubbard, Joy Faciane's friend (hip replacement surgery)
Kim, Kim Evancho's friend (heart surgery recovery)
Craig Mortenson, Lynn Hampton's friend (health)
Mary Lemke, Pastor Mike's mother (heart health)
Pastor Barb (surgery and pneumonia recovery)
Mark Craig and his wife Susan, Pr. Barb's cousin (car accident recovery)
Ronda Milatello, Joy Faciane's friend (lumpectomy on August 14)
The family, especially wife Dawn, and friends of Robert McBride

Homebound members: Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter

Thanksgiving for Families:
Patrick & Belinda Carver, Liam
Nate & Karen Elliott, Braden, Zaya, and Haisley
Kim Evancho

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Verse 1
'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
just to know: "Thus saith the Lord."

Chorus:
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

Verse 2
O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Verse 3
Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
life and rest, and joy and peace.

Verse 4
I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
wilt be with me to the end.

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Surely the Presence of the Lord

Chorus:
Surely the presence of the Lord
is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord
is in this place.

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I Offer My Life

Verse
All that I am, all that I have,
I lay them down before You, O Lord;
All my regrets, all my acclaim,
The joy and the pain,
I'm making them Yours.

Chorus:
Lord, I offer my life to You,
Ev'rything I've been through'
Use it for Your glory;
Lord, I offer my days to You,
Lifting my praise to You
as a pleasing sacrifice,
Lord, I offer You my life.

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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

Missions for August – We are collecting school supplies and monetary donations for Mission Viejo Elementary School.
Items to donate:
–three-ring binders, 2 inch
–fine tip Expo markers, all black
–dry erase markers
–glue sticks
–colored markers
–graph paper
–colored pencils
–highlighters
–dividers with pockets
–headphones
–plastic folders
–composition books
Please mark your checks as Missions in the note field. All checks dated for August will go to this cause.

Game Day – Come for fun, games, fellowship, and munchies on Saturday, August 16, starting at 1 p.m. Please bring finger-food to share.

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.

This Week at Bethel
August 10–August 17, 2025

Sun	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	3:00 p.m.	Tongans
Mon	6:30 p.m.	TOPS
Tue		
Wed		
Thu	11:00 a.m.	Prayer Team
Fri	6:00 p.m.	Tongans
Sat	9:00 a.m.	Quilting Group *(in-person)*
	1:00 p.m.	Game Day
Sun	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	3:00 p.m.	Tongans

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Psalm 30:5, NRSV

Litany

L Jesus came to bring good news to the poor.
C We open our hearts to hear and receive this good news.
L He came to proclaim release to the captives.
C We long to be set free from whatever holds us bound.
L He came to give sight to the blind.
C Open our eyes, Lord, to see Your truth and love.
L He came to let the oppressed go free.
C Break every chain and heal every wound, O God.
L He came to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor—
C A time of healing, restoration, and joy.
L Today, this scripture is fulfilled in our hearing.
C May Your Spirit move among us, bringing hope and transformation.
L Let us go forth, empowered by Your Spirit, to bring freedom and good news to all.
All Together: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

L Living God, You anointed Jesus to bring good news to the poor and proclaim release to the captives. By Your Spirit, empower us to live that same mission. Heal what is broken in us. Free what is bound in us. And stir in us a passion to proclaim Your love, so that all may know the grace, justice, and joy You bring. Through Christ our Lord,
C Amen.

1ST READING: Isaiah 61:1–3

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
[2]to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
[3]to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory

2ND READING: Psalm 30:1–5, 10–12

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
[2]O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
[3]O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
[4]Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.
[5]For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
[10]Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!"
[11]You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,
[12]so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:16–21

[16]When [Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, [17]and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:
[18]"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,
[19]to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."
[20]And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. [21]Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."