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Worship Team for today:
Presider: Pastor Barb Martens
Pianist: Cindy Josephson **Hymnists:** Grace Flows Down
Reader: Jon Lohmer **Greeter:** **Usher:** Sean Gordon & _ Marv & Ev Kelley
Communion Asst.: Sean Gordon & **Screen/Sound:** Travis Kleven
Video FaceBook: Ron Freund **YouTube:** Jamie Villante

His Name is Wonderful

His name is Wonderful,
His name is Wonderful.
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.
He is the mighty King, Master of ev'rything,
His name is Wonderful Jesus, my Lord.
He's the Great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages,
Almighty God is He.
Bow down before Him, love and adore Him,
His name is Wonderful Jesus, my Lord.

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Altar Flowers were given by Alan and Brenda Sterns in celebration of their 41st wedding anniversary.

Sunday Worship Service

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19th Sunday After Pentecost

October 19, 2025

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
OCTOBER 19, 2025
9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

GATHERING: "Change My Heart, O God" ELW, #801

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: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (vv. 1–4) ELW, #632

GREETING

KYRIE ELW, p. 184, vv. 3–4

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC "God is For Us" Choir

1ST READING: Genesis 32:22–31

2ND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1–8

CHILDREN'S SERMON Kathy Harrison
Children leave for Sunday School afterwards, and will return for Communion.
Feel free to "pick them up" in the Fellowship Hall if you want them sooner.

HYMN: "Amazing Grace" ELW, #779

SERMON Pastor Barb Martens

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 *see insert*
Thanksgiving for Families:
Scott & Paula Petrock, Madison and Paige Lillian Warner Wil Wertz

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (v. 1) ELW. #686

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:
"His Name is Wonderful" *see insert*
"Just a Closer Walk with Thee" ELW, #697
"Bread of Life from Heaven" ELW, #474
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" ELW, #773

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" ELW, #742

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

GO IN PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Recent hospitalizations, illnesses, and concerns:
Michael Sellinger, *Mary Sellinger's son (continued stroke recovery)*
Lisa Pruitt, *Andrea French's friend (congestive heart failure)*

For the families who have lost loved ones:
Hoshi Mistry *(Debbie Diedrich's coworker)*

For our homebound members and friends:
Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter

For those diagnosed with cancer:

Patti Schoenfeld
Mike Lemke
Susan Riley *(Lorraine Chambers' friend)*
Ashlyn *(daughter of friend Wade and Lynn Hampton)*
Alicia Michaels *(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)*
Connie Lovell *(Deloris DeLapp's friend)*
Bob Bliss
Patrick Stephenson
Pastor Steve Ruechel
Marv Kelley
Mike S. *(Gypsie's friend)*
Summer Stephens *(Doris Freund's niece)*
Heather and Heidi Mortenson *(Lynn Hampton's friends)*
Karen Ryberg *(Sylvia Cowan's niece)*

For those dealing with ongoing concerns:

John & Casey Howshar
Delores Rasmussen & Dan Rasmussen
Eyes: Marvin Bohrer & Bonnie Frank
Ray Johnson
Danny Cowan
Kaylee, *friend of Hamptons*
Bill Schmidt *(kidney health)*
Gerald Kelley, *Carol Smith's significant other (Alzheimer's)*
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)*
Glatis Hoffman *(regain strength, leg infection recovery)*
Donna Arntson, *Lynn Hampton's sister-in-law (stroke)*
Matthew Zenn, *Bob's grandson (heart health)*
Craig Mortenson, *Lynn Hampton's friend (health)*
Pastor Barb *(health recovery)*
Mark Craig and his wife Susan, *Pr. Barb's cousin (car accident recovery)*

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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

Congregational Meeting – *TODAY, after church, in Fellowship Hall* – to vote on parsonage sewer system work.

Aurora CROP Hunger Walk – *Today*
To donate or register, visit https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/event/auroraco

Trunk or Treat *Saturday, October 25, starting at 6 p.m.* – See sign-up sheet in entry area if you are willing to sponsor a trunk.

Choir – Choir rehearsals will be every Sunday at **8:00** a.m. throughout October, November, and most of December.

Missions for October – We are collecting non-perishable food and monetary donations for Aurora Interfaith as October's Missions focus. Please mark your checks as Missions in the note field and place your food donations in the collection bin by the Missions signboard outside the sanctuary.

Cards for Ministry – We are collecting CLEAN greeting cards of any kind WITH envelopes for New Beginnings Women's Prison Ministry. Please place them in the labeled bucket on the table in the entryway.

This Week at Bethel
October 19–26, 2025

Sun	8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	~10:45 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
	~11 a.m.	Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	Tongans
Mon	6:00 p.m.	TOPS
Tue	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study *(Zoom)*
Wed	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study *(Zoom)*
Thu	11:00 a.m.	Prayer Team
	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study *(in-person)*
Fri	6:00 p.m.	Tongans
Sat	6:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat
Sun	8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	Bible Study
	11 a.m.	SLT Meeting
	3 p.m.	Tongans

"The Chosen" Bible Study – We have multiple options for "The Chosen" Bible Study groups that meet:
-Sundays after church,
-Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
-Wednesdays at 6 p.m. via Zoom
-Thursdays at 1 p.m. at the church .
We would love to have you join us..

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. ***New sign-up sheets for the next year are now posted.***

Newsletter deadline Please send in your contributions for the November newsletter this week.