



**9th Sunday of
Pentecost
July 25, 2010**

Persistence in prayer evoked the admiration of Jesus and wins the attention of the Lord when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus the Lord—is to be rooted in prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

GATHERING

<u>Prelude</u>	"Rejoice the Lord is King" - Smith (Children gather at the Baptismal Font)	
<u>Thanksgiving for Baptism</u>		See Screens
<u>Gathering Song</u>	"Gather Us In"	#532, vss. 1,3,4
<u>Greeting</u>		See Screens
<u>Kyrie</u>		#157
<u>Canticle of Praise</u>	"Now the Feast and Celebration"	#167
<u>Salutation</u>		
<u>Prayer of the Day</u>		See Screens

WORD

<u>Reading</u>	Genesis 18:20-32	Bible page 12
<u>Children's Word</u>	"Jesus Prays"	
<u>Gospel Acclamation</u>		See Screens
<u>Gospel</u>	Luke 11:1-13	Bible page 845
<u>Sermon</u>	"Lord, Teach Us to Pray"	
<u>Hymn of the Day</u>	"Word of God, Come Down on Earth"	#510
<u>Apostles' Creed</u>		
<u>Prayers of Intercession</u>		
<u>Peace</u>		

Welcome and Announcements

<u>Gathering of Gifts</u>	"He's Been Faithful"	
<u>Offering Response</u>	"As the Grains of Wheat"	#465
<u>Offering Prayer</u>		
<u>Lord's Prayer</u>		See Screens
<u>Song of Thanksgiving</u>	"Praise to You, O God of Mercy"	#208

SENDING

<u>Blessing (Sung)</u>		See Screens
<u>Sending Song</u>	"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"	#536
<u>Dismissal</u>		See Screens
<u>Postlude</u>	"March" - Johnson	

WORSHIP INFORMATION

- **Worship Hours:** Saturdays, 6:00pm (with Communion); Sundays, 9:00 and 10:30am (Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays).
- **Visitors:** Welcome - stop at the **Welcome Center** for more information about Bethel.
- **Personal Sound Enhancement Systems** are available from an usher.
- **Children's Worship Folders and Bulletins** can be found on the cart outside the Sanctuary.
- **Nursery:** If you feel your child is being *too* vocal, we invite you to use our **Parenting Room**, located in the back of the Sanctuary. We also have a large **nursery** past the office - it is not staffed during the summer - you will need to watch your own child. A TV is available in the Nursery to watch the worship service.
- **Visit our adult and children's libraries.** On Sunday mornings, a library assistant is available between services.
- **Sunday Morning Coffee** is served from 8:45-10:45am in Bethel Hall - join us for fellowship, coffee and cookies.
- **Worship Participants:** Preacher: Andrew O Nelson Worship Leader: Anna Kytonen-Coffman; Organist: Jim Bahler; Music Minister: Gary Thorn; Special Music: Judy Gittus; Interpreter for Deaf/HH: Becky Wulff; Lectors: Saturday: Kevin Kleist; Sunday: Marge Hill (9), Judy Braatz (10:30)

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Baptisms: Saturday, July 24, 6:00pm

- † Ellen Jane Petersen, daughter of Brian & Jessica
Sponsors: Eric & Rachel Petersen
- † Mariah Nicole Fretty, daughter of David Fretty and Trisha Dehning
Sponsors: Kayla Dehning, Chelsey Dehning, Adam Fretty, Jamie Lillie

Carla Kindschy and **Ben Leslie** announce their intentions to marry on Saturday, July 31 and ask for our prayers.

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The Flowers by the Altar today are given in memory of parents, Gen & Ken Seeger on their wedding anniversary from Paulette & Mike Zenner.

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Are you New to Bethel? A 30 minute informative walking tour is available on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month starting at 10:05am. For Saturday night 6pm worship guests, it's on the 1st Saturday immediately following worship. Call Lorrie Schuchard, 273-3832 to reserve a spot or just meet at the welcome center located just outside the sanctuary.

SCRIPTURE & STUDY

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES, Aug. 1: Eccles 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23; Ps 49:1-12; Col 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

Synod Joined in Prayer: July 25 - St John, Elkton; Oakland, Oakland; San Mateo, Colombia; St Paul, Red Wing; Trinity, Blooming Prairie, Gumanga, Tanzania

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's envelope offerings	\$35,237.92
Offerings to Date	\$546,551.04
YTD Projected Income	\$546,011.10
Difference	+ \$539.94

Building Fund

Last Week's Offering	\$9,494.00
YTD Offerings	\$213,174.54
Total Pledged in 2010	\$392,000.00
Number of Families Pledging	443
YTD Mortgage Payments	\$282,989.00

OPPORTUNITIES

STEWARDSHIP

SHARE ... As Paul reminded us in Corinthians 19:23, "I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessing." Sharing in our church family is not just a suggestion or a good idea. Sharing yourself is an expectation! **WE NEED YOU!**

Coffee and A Prayer Remember to come to Bethel on Wednesday mornings from 7:30-8:30am for a cup of coffee and a private prayer with a Bethel pastor.

HONKERS TICKETS AVAILABLE - we have been given 500 free tickets for the Honkers game TODAY, July 25, 1:05pm for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Day at the Honkers. Help them hit a "home run" for Channel One and bring a non-perishable food item or make a monetary donation at the game. Get your tickets from the weekend receptionist - first come, first served!

RACE EXHIBIT The Rochester Public Library is hosting an exhibit about RACE - Are We So Different?. Bethel members (middle school-adults) can meet at the library on Tuesday, August 10 at 6:15pm to view the exhibit with George Thompson acting as our guide and discussion leader. Please fill out the Count Me In if you wish to attend. There is no fee for admission.

WHY DO WE HAVE CHRISTMAS TREES IN JULY?

Treat a Child to Lunch: School is out, but there will be no vacation from hunger for too many children. We know during the summer, there will be countless youngsters who will be more nutritionally vulnerable than during the school year. Here in Rochester, many school children eat breakfast or lunch each school day through their participation in the free and reduced-price meal program! When school's out, these important meals disappear.

Operation Hometown Gratitude: Support our troops by making a donation to Operation Hometown Gratitude. In times of crisis which involve our military in long term commitments, such as the Iraq war, there are at least three needs that are addressed by a group such as OHG: the needs of lonely and homesick soldiers, the needs of military families, and the needs of a community to connect with them in some way.

Please select an ornament or an envelope from the trees if you wish to make a donation.

Seeking Donations for Hospice Kits On the weekend of Aug 14/15 we will be celebrating our partnership with congregations and ministries in Tanzania. As part of that week we will also host our missionary, Dr. Kristopher Hartwig on Wednesday, Aug 11 for a 6:30pm potluck (meat and drink provided, please bring a side dish) and presentation at 7pm. The following donations are needed for hospice kits for Tanzania. Thank you!

New or gently used items:

- . 1 regular size bath towel
- . 1 wash cloth

New items:

- . 1 bath size bar of hand soap (wrapped) - any kind
- . 1 toothbrush
- . 1 tube of tooth paste, medium or large (or two small sample size) - any kind
- . 1 "pick" comb
- . 1 nail clipper
- . 6 Band-Aids
- . 1 jar or tube of petroleum jelly
- . 1 pair heavy duty household gloves (kitchen type). Size - medium

Our **children's offering** this summer is going to Channel One, a local food shelf and regional food bank that serves Southeast Minnesota and Western Wisconsin.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION for the 2010 / 2011 year continues. Please register your 3 year old (by 09/01/10) through 5th grade- the fee is \$10/child with a maximum of \$20/family. The fee is waived for Sunday School volunteers.

YOUTH NEWS

www.bethellutheranyouth.com

New information is added every week and the place to get the most up-to-date information.

Summer Youth Softball - Wednesday, July 28, 6pm at Slatterly Park. We will have some batting practice and fielding practice at 5pm for those who are interested in getting some other practice in! Please remember to arrive 15 minutes before the game time to get into the line up! As always families, parents and congregational members are always welcome to come and cheer on our team!

Youth Band Members Needed- youth in grades 9-12: can you play an instrument or sing with the Youth Band and can rehearse on Wednesdays from 8:30-9:30pm and play on Sunday evenings, 7-9:00pm as well as selected Sunday mornings? Then contact Michael. If you are in middle school and are interested, we'll put you on a "potential" list. We are always looking for ways to continue the youth band and it starts with younger singers and players.

Registration for fall Youth Forum classes available for all students who will be entering grades 6 -9 this fall . These classes include free time in youth hall, time for a small group (grade specific) Bible study and opportunities to work on various service projects throughout the year. Registration is \$10/student \$20 maximum per family. Adult Leaders are needed - talk to Darcy if you are interested.

A few spots remain for the upcoming middle school mission trip to the Twin Cities from August 5-7. Students who have completed grades 6-8 are welcome to join this trip. Service opportunities include: working at Feed My starving Children, making pb & j sandwiches for a homeless shelter, serving a meal at a senior center and more. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Nelson or Darcy Youngstrom.

Service Project Ideas? The upcoming Youth Forum classes will be adding more service projects to the Sunday morning activities. If you have some ideas for service projects, or would be willing to assist in the organizing or assisting with one of these projects, please contact Darcy.

Youth Leadership Registration will be available around mid-August for this opportunity for youth going into 10th grade. We'll meet on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30pm. This ministry allows youth to discover their gifts of leadership within their church, school and community. Sessions will include group discussion, journaling and hands-on experiences. YLT takes the place of Peer Ministry Training (we'll use some of the same aspects) but focus more on how to be integrated into the life of our congregation and ministries. Contact Michael for more information or questions.

10TH GRADE CONFIRMANDS: You are reminded to continue to meet with your mentor over the summer. Also - can you believe that you get confirmed 14 weeks from today (Sunday, Oct. 31)? If you aren't sure about your requirements, contact Daryl, at 288-6430 or jans@bethellutheran.com.

MORE BITS AND PIECES

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - AUGUST 3 It's only a few weeks away! We are looking forward to seeing Bethel, Rochester Community Baptist and Redeemer members and friends join together with the festivities beginning at 6pm with food, inflatables and games. We'll have music this year as well.

Two charities will benefit from National Night Out this year: (1) **School Supply Drive** for *Riverside Elementary School* - any school supplies are welcome and (2) we are working with **Lutheran Social Services "Ways to Give"** to identify Rochester area children to receive new shoes - sizes most needed: Boys, ages 5-12 (size 1 in boys to 6/7/8 in men's); Girls, ages 5-11 (sizes from girls 12 to 6/7/8 in women's). Please make sure they are **NEW** and clearly marked with the size. If you won't be able to attend on Aug 3 to bring your donations, there will be a bin in the narthex for donations. Questions can be directed to Sue Thalacker or Kori Petersson.

Financial Peace University is coming to Bethel Our Stewardship Team is bringing Dave Ramsey's renowned course in financial well-being to Bethel this fall, beginning Thursday, Sept. 16 at 6:30pm (and running every Thursday for 13 weeks - childcare will be provided upon request). We will be having another preview on Sunday, August 8 after each worship service. The cost is \$100. One registration covers your family unit. Spots are still available, but space is limited and we're filling up fast! Learn more at: www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home.

Thrivent Builds - Habitat for Humanity Habitat has received another Thrivent grant for 2010 and you are invited to be part of the build this year at 3048 Eastwood Rd SE where a six-person family will be living when all the work is done.

Bethel's volunteer construction day is **Saturday, August 28 from 9am-4pm**. We need 3-4 people to volunteer - no construction experience is necessary. Contact Judy Gittus, 288-6430, to sign up.

LWR School Kits We have a generous history of donating school supplies for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) school kits - the only supplies a child will have (and some are used for adult literacy). We will be packing kits at the end of August and need the following items: 70 page wide-ruled 8 1/2 x 11 notebooks; **blunt** children's scissors; 12" wooden ruler (inches & centimeters); unsharpened pencils with erasers; 2 1/2 " erasers; box of 24 crayons. Bring items to the School Kits Barrel in the Narthex by Aug. 29. Thank you for helping children!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

(No outside groups noted on calendar)

Sunday, July 25

8:45-10:45am

Coffee & Cookie Fellowship

9:00 & 10:30am

Worship Services

Monday, July 26

8-10am

Beacon Assembly

6:30pm

Bible Study - Next Week's Lessons

Tuesday, July 27

8am-12pm

Quilting

6:30pm

Bethel Pedal Pushers

7:00pm

Sarah Circle

Wednesday, July 28

BITS Articles Due, 12 noon

6:30am

Bible Study - Studying the Bible

7:30am

Coffee and a Prayer

10:00am

Bible Study - Next Week's Lessons

6:00pm

Youth Softball Game

Thursday, July 29

4:00pm

Sing for Joy rehearsal

6:00pm

Adult Education Team

Friday, July 30

5:30pm

Kindschy/Leslie Rehearsal

Saturday, July 31

4:00pm

Kindschy/Leslie Wedding

6:00pm

Worship with Communion

Sunday, August 1

Galveston Mission Trip Returns

St Louis Mission Trip Leaves

8:45-10:45am

Coffee & Cookie Fellowship

9:00 & 10:30am

Worship Services

Work Projects: We have a couple work projects coming up within the next month. We could use help to put in the footing for the bell tower. This will be scheduled within the next two weeks. August 16 - 20 Good Earth Village has scheduled a work week. We would like to go down on August 16 & 17. They are planning to replace the roof on lodge along with a bunch of smaller projects around the site. If you are interested in helping or would like more details call Larry Vomhof, 507-251-1342.

Sunday Bus Drivers Needed (the bus is a Deisel, 25 passenger with air brakes). Presently we have seven drivers and would like to have at least ten. Please sign up by calling Bob Prouty, 282-9371.

Young in Spirit Fellowship NOTICE - our August meeting has been canceled. Plan ahead - our next lunch will be a "kick off" in September. More information will be coming in Bits and Beacons.