

## Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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201 4th Street NE, Buffalo Center, IA  
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June 16, 2024 @ 9:30AM  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



## Mission Statement:

***“Faith, Hope and Love  
Make us available  
To our neighbors  
Near and far.”***

Pre-Service Music  
Welcome and Announcements  
Sharing of Peace

Call to Worship

**P:** People of God, let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

**C: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

**P:** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

**C: Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord.**

**P:** Let us pray...

Opening prayer

Opening song           **“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”**

Order of Confession and Forgiveness

**P:** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the one against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**C: O Lord, Your mercy is great and Your steadfast love endures forever.**

**P:** For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

**C: But You, O Lord, are faithful to hear us, for Your steadfast love endures forever.**

**P:** People of God, acknowledge your sins to the Lord. Confess your transgressions to the Father, for He is faithful to forgive. Therefore, let everyone who is godly offer a prayer to Him, for now is the time, for in the name of Jesus, He will deliver you.

[SILENCE FOR PRAYER AND PRIVATE CONFESSION]

**P:** I will instruct you in the way you should go. Listen and stay near the Lord.

**C: Let us hear from the Word of the Lord.**

**P:** Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! For I boldly and confidently proclaim to you, that in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, your sins are forgiven.

**C: Praise be to God and Amen!**

Prayer of the Day

**C: O Lord, our God, arrange the course of this world that peace may come and your tranquil Church rejoice through greater service. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:1-10



Psalm 1 (Read responsively)

Blessed is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

**<sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

<sup>3</sup> He is like a tree  
planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.

**<sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**<sup>6</sup> for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Children's Time

Song of the Day      **"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"**

Gospel – Mark 4: 26-34

Sermon                      **The Perfect Seed**

Apostles' Creed

Offering

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The Blessing

Closing Song              **"Let All Things Now Living"**

***Happy Father's Day!***

***Have a wonderful week!***

### **The Apostles' Creed**

In believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord. He was conceived by the  
power of the Holy Spirit and born of  
the virgin Mary. He suffered under  
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and  
was buried. He descended into hell. On  
the third day he rose again. He ascend-  
ed into heaven, and is seated at the  
right hand of the Father. He will come  
again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

Amen

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hal-  
lowed be thy name, thy kingdom  
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is  
in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and  
forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive  
those who trespass against us; lead us  
not into temptation, but deliver us  
from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the pow-  
er, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen

## Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God  
Come  
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One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God  
One day ev'ry knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those,  
Who gladly choose you now

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## Lord, I Lift your Name on High

Lord, I lift Your name on high  
Lord, I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth  
To show the way  
From the earth to the cross  
My debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
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## Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living, A song of thanksgiving  
To God the creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us  
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.  
Till shadows have vanished, and darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

Verse 2:

His Law he enforces, the stars in their courses  
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.  
We too should be voicing, our love and rejoicing:  
With glad adoration a song let us raise.  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

## June

16 Duane Cooper Family and Linda Berhow  
23 Harlan Melz and Randy & Jill Melz Family  
30 Laurie & Andy Buchs and Glenda Sapp

## July

7 – Chris Berggren Family & Kyle Winter Family  
14 - Mike Baumann Family & Cheryl Baumann  
21 – Dave & Kate Kakacek and Rande & Mary Giesking

**06.09.24 Giving**  
**\$1,592.07**

**YTD Actual:**  
**\$59,232**

**YTD Budget:**  
**\$67,673**

**YTD Deficit:**  
**-\$8,441**

**Attendance: 26**  
**Online views: 19**

## Pray for our Members & Friends:

Jaya Fever  
Clarice Stonebreaker  
Deloris Steffensen  
Brian Bashans  
Claire Hinz  
Christina Coughlin  
Carolyn Bartz  
Vince Johnson  
Shirley Hagenson  
Joy Albert

## Calendar of Events

### June

- 16 - Outdoor Worship Service @ 9:30 am
- 16 - Father's Day
- 18 - Worship Committee Meeting @ 8:30 am
- 23 - Worship @ 9:30 am
- 30 - Worship @ 9:30 am

### July

- 7 - Worship @ 9:30 am
- 7 - Baptism for Grayson Cole Corporon
- 8 - Church Council Meeting 6:00 pm
- 9 - Bible Study with Pastor 2:00 pm
- 14 – Worship @ 9:30 am
- 16 – Worship Committee Meeting 8:30 am
- 21 – Worship @ 9:30 am

## 2024 Church Council

Derek Thilges ~ President  
Lisa Berggren ~ Vice-president  
Thomas Blodgett ~Treasurer/Tech  
Courtney Boekelman ~ Secretary  
Kelsey Bosma ~ Stewardship  
Lisa Berggren ~ Education  
Darryl Friest and Teresa Cooper ~  
Evangelism & Fellowship  
Darla Thompson ~ Worship  
Property~ Larry Lawson

Thank you, Connie and Bekah, for  
leading the worship music today!



Council President,  
Derek Thilges, can be reached at:  
641-430-3903

**So we fix our eyes not  
on what is seen, but on  
what is unseen, since  
what is seen is  
temporary, but what is  
unseen is eternal.**  
**2 Corinthians 4:18**

**Project Fund Update:** Our goal is to  
keep the project fund ongoing so that  
we will be able to address and take  
care of the unexpected and ongoing  
care of our church building and par-  
sonage. This way we are not dipping  
into the general fund budget.  
Please designate as “Project Fund.”  
**We are so Thankful.**

**VANCO Giving**  
**Weekly, monthly, and  
on-demand giving is  
available through  
Vanco’s app or you  
can scan here. Many  
of us have found this  
to be an easy and  
useful way to give.**  
For more info or  
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Thanks.



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