

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

215 Third Ave SE

MINOT, ND

Pastor: Janet Hernes Mathistad

Organist: Nadine Holmly; Intern Pastor: Dave Myers

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Aug. 22, 2021

* Standing, for those who are able

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP: Karen Brunner Wright, Ariel Hirzel,
Maeli Haia

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence for Reflection

P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen

GATHERING

* **HYMN:** "You Are the Way"

Hymn 758

* **GREETING**

* **KYRIE**

p. 147

* **PRAISE** "This Is the Feast"

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* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

WORD

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Psalm 34:15-22

SECOND READING: Ephesians 6:10-20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia..." p. 151

* **GOSPEL: John 6:56-69** (responses – p. 124)

MORNING MESSAGE: Pastor John Nilsen

* **HYMN:** "Bread of Life from Heaven." Hymn 474

* **APOSTLES' CREED**

* **THE PRAYERS**

* **PEACE**

MEAL

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Offering Moment

Special Music

* **PRAYER**

Jesus, Bread of life, **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world Amen.**

* **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

* **LORD'S PRAYER**

DISTRIBUTION

Special Music

* **BLESSING**

* **PRAYER**

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now

strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **C: Amen**

SENDING

* **BLESSING**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

* **HYMN:** "This Little Light of Mine" Hymn 677

* **MISSION STATEMENT**

* **DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE

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BETHANY'S STREAMING: bethanylutheran.tv

DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS are available for July, August, September.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Austin Westmeyer, Kathryn Swanson, Lenhart Mindt, Jan Barlow, Joanne Neperud, Sandy, Vicki Amon, Stuart Larson, Amy Towry, Del Woodard. All Covid 19 Patients, Praying for Peace in our Country, Rain, City, State and Federal Employees

CAUSE OF THE MONTH Our cause of the month is mission support for **Men's Winter Refuge**. Please use the global mission envelope in your offering box to support this cause.

Notice: Special Congregational Meeting: Sunday, Sept. 12th @9:40am for the purpose of electing the call committee!!

Wed school registration open! Welcome back barbeque will be Wed. Sept 15th @ 5:00pm

We are looking for a couple of people to teach Pre-k, 3rd-4th and 5th grade. The lessons are easy to teach. All that is needed is a willing desire to volunteer for an hour or so each Wed. evening. Please contact the church office if interested.