

**BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**215 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE, MINOT, ND, 58701**

Pastors: Janet Hernes Mathistad & Gerald Roise  
Organist: Deacon Kari Files; Intern Pastor: Dave Myers

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**                      **September 13, 2020**

\* Standing, for those who are able

**PRELUDE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** Boyd Hanson

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another  
*Silence for Reflection*

P: Faithful God, **C: have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. Amen

**GATHERING**

\* **HYMN:** "*Immortal, Invisible*"                      Hymn 834

\* **GREETING**

\* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21**

**Psalms 103**

**SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12**

\* **GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON:** Pastor Janet

**HYMN:** "*Where Charity and Love*"                      Hymn 359 (1,3-5)

\* **APOSTLES' CREED**    p. 105

\* **PRAYERS**

\* **PEACE**

**OFFERING MOMENT**

Special Music

**PRAYER**

Blessed are you, **O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**MEAL**

\* **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

\* **LORD'S PRAYER**

\* **BENEDICTION**

P: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. Amen

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\* **HYMN:** "*I Come with Joy*"                                      Hymn 482

**POSTLUDE**

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**Office hours will continue to be 9:00am – 4:00pm  
Monday -Friday for September.**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Donna Erickson, Judy Johnson, Vicki Amon, Beth Anderson, Jean Rollman. All Covid 19 Patients, Praying for Peace in our Country. Laborers, Truck Drivers, Plumbers, Construction Workers, Surveyors, Consultants.

**Donations of disinfecting spray and wipes are appreciated. Thank you!**

**CAUSE OF THE MONTH:** Our cause of the month for Sept. is mission support for **Global Health Ministries.**

**Bethany protocol remains unchanged for Covid.**

In-person worship at **8:30 AM**. For those who would like to gather but are not comfortable indoors, or if we run out of space inside, we will also offer a Bring-your-own-Lawn-chair worship outside in the parking lot at 10:30 AM. If you have underlying health conditions such as heart or lung disease, asthma, diabetes, etc. If you have a fever, cough, or are not feeling well, stay home. **For indoor worship, cloth masks worn at all times. For outdoor worship, masks are optional.**

**MILITARY BIBLESTICK CAMPAIGN**

The Military Bible Stick reaches service men and women, deployed in some of the most dangerous areas of the world, with God's Word in audio. Each service member who receives a MP3 Bible Stick also has the option to request a free Audio New Testament or Kids Bible for family back home. Bethany and Deering Lutheran did an outstanding job of supporting this cause, raising just over \$900.00. It would be great if we can reach \$1,000.00 or more. \$25 sponsors one service member and their family. Please make checks payable to the church and write MP3 Bible in the memo block. This campaign ends September 16, 2020.