

Church Calendar this week

Sunday, July 27
8:45 am Little Bethany Worship
9:00 am Coffee Hour (New Life)
9:30 am Coffee Hour (LB)
10:00 am New Life Worship
Pr. Randy on vacation.

Monday, July 28
Pr. Randy on vacation.

Tuesday, July 29
Pr. Randy on vacation.

Wednesday, July 30
8:00 am to 5:00 pm Lori in the office
Pr. Randy on vacation.

Thursday, July 31
Pr. Randy on vacation.

Friday, August 1
Pr. Randy on vacation.

Saturday, August 2
No activities scheduled

Sunday, August 3
8:45 am Little Bethany Worship
9:00 am Coffee Hour (NL)
10:00 am New Life Worship

Thank you to:


Organist:
Joyce Peterson

Reader:

Sound System:
Jessica Nelson

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY LBW#405
“Lord of Light”

OFFERING

OFFERATORY PRAYER

God of our life and all our resources, we bring these gifts with thankful hearts for all that you have done for us. Bless the labor of our minds and hands. We pray that our gifts would built community and help distribute justice for all people. Amen

APOSTLES CREED

I 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 ascended 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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.


THE PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed 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.; 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.

THE BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.



SENDING HYMN LBW#559
“Oh, For a Thousand...”

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

7th Sunday after Pentecost

27 July 2025

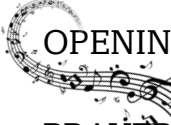
PRELUDE

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Lord God, you give us life but we choose not to live. We enjoy the wonder of your creation, but fail to acknowledge you as Creator. We seek the full pleasure life has to offer, but we feel like we have been shortchanged. God, we confess we separate ourselves from you by our thoughts, words, and actions. We desire life to be what it was meant to be. We are in need of a Savior. God, forgive our sin and give us real life found in you.

Our God is the God of life. Our Creator God brought the world into being, created each of us, and desires only the best for us. God knows of our sin and has provided for our deliverance through Jesus—God with us. Jesus gave up his life so that we might live. Jesus’ death was for our sin and for our daily relationship with him. Our God is the God of life. As we trust God, our life is made new and we live together with God for now and throughout eternity.

We praise God for the gift of life. Amen.



OPENING HYMN LBW #474
“Children of the Heavenly”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰ Then the LORD said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know.”

²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶ And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” ²⁷ Abraham answered, “Let



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Publication Deadlines:
Sunday announcements - Tuesday A.M.,
Newsletter - 19th of the month

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God’s own. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”

Announcements

July 24 to August 1:
Pastor Randy on vacation

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August 4:
Rothsay Blood Drive
For an appointment, call
Jenna at 701-371-9126
2:00 pm to 6:00 pm



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August 10-12:
2025 Summer
Confirmation Retreat
Medora, ND

Sign up today!

me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰ Then he said, “Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹ He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³² Then he said, “Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

Psalm: Psalm 138

- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.
- ² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**
- ³ When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.
- ⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**
- ⁵ They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.
- ⁶ **The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- ⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

Second Reading: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.
⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the

circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.
¹⁶ Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. ¹⁷ These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13
¹ [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”² So he said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread.⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.”
⁵ And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.
⁹ “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Mission Quilters

Will be meeting on Wednesday, August 13th between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Remember to bring a sack lunch.



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Otter Tail County needs foster parents. We need loving homes for children of all ages. If you have ever considered fostering, now is the time to learn more and explore whether it’s right for you.
Not everyone can become a foster parent, but everyone can help! Whether it’s through providing a meal, offering a listening ear, or helping with daily needs. There are many ways to support foster families through your organization and community.
Help raise awareness about the need for foster parents by sharing this information with your network, using the included resources on social media, and becoming a champion for foster care in Otter Tail County.
Thank you for your consideration. For questions or more information, please contact: Jody Dahlen, BSW, LSW *Child Foster Care Licenser/ICPC Social Worker*
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