

Church Calendar this week

Sunday, August 17

8:45 am Little Bethany Worship  
9:00 am Coffee Hour (New Life)  
10:00 am New Life Worship  
Molter Baptism

Monday, August 18

6:30 pm Lions Club Meeting

Tuesday, August 19

No activities scheduled

Wednesday, August 20

8:00 am to 5:00 pm Lori in the office  
6:30 pm All Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 21

No activities scheduled

Friday, August 22

No activities scheduled

Saturday, August 23

No activities scheduled

Sunday, August 24

8:45 am Little Bethany Worship  
9:00 am Coffee Hour (NL)  
9:30 am Coffee Hour (LB)  
10:00 am New Life Worship

Thank you to:

Organist:

Joyce Peterson

Reader:

Peggy Zimmerman

Sound System:

Stephanie Curtis

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

HOLY COMMUNION

The Words of Institution and Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 Distribution, Blessing, and Prayer

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 WOV#771

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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

10th Sunday after Pentecost

17 August 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—WOV #734

“Softly and Tenderly”

BAPTISM: Blakely Molter

HYMN: Jesus Loves Me

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

<sup>23</sup> Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup> Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. <sup>25</sup> I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed! I have dreamed!” <sup>26</sup> How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup> They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. <sup>29</sup> Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?



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Publication Deadlines:

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

*The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great “cloud of witnesses.” In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”*

Announcements

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August 20:  
All Committee Meeting  
6:30 pm



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August 22:  
POOL PARTY!  
Fergus Falls Aquatic Center  
7th—12th Grade  
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
Sign up with Jess

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September 8:  
Tia Ji Quam  
(Balance Class)  
9:00 am  
Mondays and Thursdays

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



Psalm: **Psalm 82**  
<sup>1</sup> God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:  
<sup>2</sup> **“How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?**  
<sup>3</sup> Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;  
<sup>4</sup> **rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power <sup>1</sup> of the wicked.**  
<sup>5</sup> They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.  
<sup>6</sup> **Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;**  
<sup>7</sup> nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.’ ”  
<sup>8</sup> **Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.**

Second Reading: **Hebrews 11:29-12:2**  
<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.  
<sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.  
<sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel: **Luke 12:49-56**  
[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup> “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup> From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup> they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”  
<sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY WOV #763  
“Let Justice Flow ”

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**

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HELP GROW HEARTS  
& HARMONIES!

Hey church family! Are you passionate about planting seeds of faith and sharing the joy of music? We're on the lookout for:

- Sunday School Teachers: If you love storytelling, crafting, and guiding curious young minds, this is your chance to make a lasting impact in the lives of our kids!
- Music Director: Got a gift for leading voices and instruments in praise? Help us lift our hearts in worship every Sunday—and maybe toss in a few heavenly harmonies while you're at it!

Whether you're a seasoned leader or someone ready to try something new, we'd love to have you join the team. Just bring your love, your energy, and your prayers!

Interested? Reach out to the church office or speak with Steph Olson.

*Let's make Sunday mornings unforgettable—for ears, hearts, and souls!*

