

Church Calendar this week

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

Monday, August 4  
2:00 pm Vitalant Blood Drive

Tuesday, August 5  
No activities scheduled

Wednesday, August 6  
8:00 am to 5:00 pm Lori in the office  
No activities scheduled

Thursday, August 7  
No activities scheduled

Friday, August 8  
No activities scheduled

Saturday, August 9  
No activities scheduled

Sunday, August 10  
8:45 am Little Bethany Worship  
9:00 am Coffee Hour (NL)  
9:30 am Coffee Hour (LB)  
10:00 am New Life Worship  
Confirmation Trip to Medora

Thank you to:

Organist:  
Joyce Peterson

Reader:  
Kevn Brenden

Sound System:  
Jessica Nelson

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#260

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

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

8th Sunday after Pentecost

3 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 LBW #343

“Guide Me Ever”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

<sup>2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup> I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. <sup>14</sup> I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. <sup>2:18</sup> I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, <sup>19</sup> and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup> So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup> because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup> What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup> For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

New Life LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Today’s texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the “unhappy business” of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the “things that are above.” To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord’s supper and the encouragement of God’s word.

Announcements

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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 4 to 7:  
Rothsay Baptist Church  
Vacation Bible School  
9:00 to Noon  
“Women of Faith”

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August 10-12:  
2025 Summer  
Confirmation Retreat  
Medora, ND  
Sign up today!



Psalm: Psalm 49:1-12  
1 Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,  
2 you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.  
3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.  
4 I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.  
5 Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,  
6 the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?  
7 One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another’s life;  
8 for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,  
9 in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.  
10 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.  
11 Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.  
12 Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11  
1 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, 3 for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.  
5 Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. 7 These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. 8 But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices 10 and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. 11 In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21  
13 Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” 14 But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” 15 And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” 16 Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ 18 Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ 20 But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ 21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY LBW#409  
“Praise and Thanksgiving”

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.

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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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!