

Bethel Notes

Sunday, June 1, 2023

The Holy Trinity

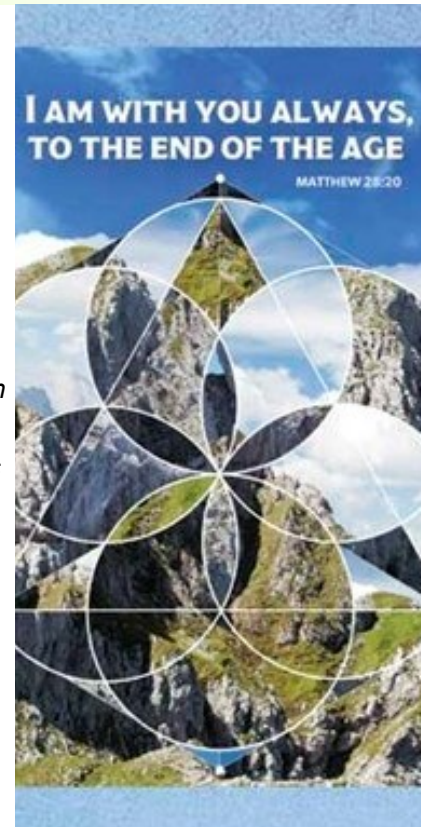
Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

First Reading: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Psalm 8

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20



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**Join us Sunday 9:30 AM
in person or online at
bethelmt.org**

Serving This Sunday

Musicians:

Mary Seim, Piano,
Mac Carlson, violin

Lay Assistant:

Mark Kohoutek

Usher:

TBD

Tech:

Adam Elkin

Children's Church:

TBD

Counters:

Tim Lightbourne
Jeanne Rankin

THIS SUNDAY AT BETHEL...

We celebrate **the Holy Trinity**.

Today we welcome and thank our guest speaker **Rev. Tim Brown**, Director of Congregational Stewardship with the ELCA for preaching and sharing God's word with us.

Following worship today we celebrate with **Rihanna Whitehead** as she receives the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Mark your calendars for a **special Congregation Meeting June 11, 2023** after worship to discuss and vote on replacing the chairs in the sanctuary.



Requesting Your Prayers

- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Sue Hesse** as she is in the hospital for heart arrhythmia.
- ✝ Prayers of thanksgiving, joy, and blessings for **Nicole and Tyler Friebling** on the birth of **Myla Hadleigh**. Congratulations!
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Cathy Rankin**, *Jeanne Rankin's sister-in-law*, as she begins treatment for stage 1 breast cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Thelma Seyfert** as she works toward regaining strength and balance.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Sam Salois**, *friend of Jack Pinski*, recovering at home after a car accident.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Kristin**, *Bobbie Bowen's daughter*, as she manages a new cancer diagnosis.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **John Korpela** as he begins chemotherapy.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Pastor Trina Johnsten** who continues to recover from an illness.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Holly Lode**, *granddaughter of Bernice Johnson*, recovering from surgery on her arm after an injury.
- ✝ Prayers of healing and support for **Janet Hussli**, *Greg Grosenick's aunt*, managing a stage 4 metastatic cancer diagnosis.
- ✝ Prayers of support for **Don and Kathi Bisgard** as they manage medical care for Don.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Dick Seim** who is at home, regaining strength.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Cindy Doughty**, *Patty Braget's sister*, as she manages ALS.
- ✝ Prayers of support for **Caleb Pottratz** who is struggling with depression.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Lynn Klaasen**, *sister of Jan Robitaille*, receiving treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Lindy Coon**, *sister of former Bethel member Laura (Wandke) Overturf*, as she continues to slowly make progress as she recovers at home from a serious injury after a fall.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Abby Bisgard-Clegg**, *daughter of Don and Kathi Bisgard*, continues to manage health issues, but feeling and doing very well.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Alex Bostic** as he continues to manage his health.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Linda O'Connor**, *friend of LaRae Veitch*, as she undergoes treatment for breast cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Travis Cushman** as he continues treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Prayers of strength in leadership for **Gustavo Driau**, Regional Representative of South America.
- ✝ Prayers of healing for **Ed Pottratz** as he continues cancer treatment.

New Chairs for the Sanctuary?

The property committee has put many hours into finding the best prices and products for our future chairs in the sanctuary! According to our Constitution, whenever the Council wishes to spend money on things that are not in the budget, and cost above 2% of the annual expenses for the church, there must be a congregational vote. Therefore, the Council is calling a Congregational Meeting on June 11 at 10:45am (or directly following worship) to take a vote approving the purchase of 150 new chairs and the reupholstery of ten chairs. The ten chairs are ones that have arms, and are needed for several members in the congregation, but are not able to be ordered with the rest of the chairs. The total cost of this project is \$11,032.23 (including shipping). We will be having a "Sponsor a Chair" drive to pay for a portion of the chairs, and any remainder will be paid out of the Memorials Account. We need a quorum of at least 32 people there, so please join us in person or on Zoom so that we can make this important decision and move forward!

Congregational Meeting

We will be holding a meeting to discuss and vote on new chairs for the sanctuary (see bullet point in above Council Meeting Highlights.)

June 11, 2023

following worship,

estimated start at 10:45 am. We will be offering an online Zoom Meeting option as we need a 32 voting member quorum to be able to vote.



A SUMMER CELEBRATION OF CULTURE

JUNE TENTH

Saturday, June 17, 2023

Free event

1PM TO 4PM
GIBSON PARK
GREAT FALLS, MT

FEATURING

FAMILY FRIENDLY ★ LIVE MUSIC ★
GAMES ★ FOOD ★ STORIES ★ FAMILY

400 Park Dr N, Great Falls, MT 59401



Auditor Needed

Do you have a background in bookkeeping? Are you familiar with tax and payroll practices? Bethel Needs You! We need to have an annual audit done, as soon as possible. The volunteer who has done this for us in the past has stepped down. If you are interested or have questions about this audit please contact Kelsey Johnson
bethelgf.council.treasurer@gmail.com

Vacation Bible School

July 17th—21st 9:00 am to 1:30 pm



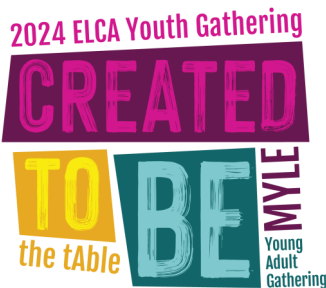
It's time to register for Vacation Bible School for grades (entering) Pre-Kindergarten to 6th. Junior Counselors (entering) 7th grade and up.

More information and online registration at <https://www.bethelmt.org/vbs.html> - this camp is FREE for all participants.

**junior
counselors**

**adult
volunteers**

If you are interested in attending Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp at Lakeside this year, Jean Humphrey Camperships are available. Send a copy of your invoice from FLBC (they send you once you register and pay your deposit) to Bethel and we will pay \$250 directly to FLBC.



Youth Gathering Information Night June 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM Bethel Sanctuary

The 2024 Youth Gathering will be in New Orleans, Louisiana. Any youth who will be in High School in 2024 is eligible to go. We will also need chaperones.

We would like to see who might be interested and have set this time aside for Great Falls area youth and their parents/guardians to come learn about the Gathering and ask questions.

Attending this event does not obligate you or your youth to attend the Youth Gathering.

Spread the word! All are welcome!

The 1st Monday Night Quilters

will meet June 5, 2023, 6-8 p.m. at New Hope Lutheran, 3125 5th Avenue So. Please park in the alley. The quilts are made for Lutheran World Relief and shipped to their shipping center in November and then distributed to needy areas in the US and around the world. Thanks to all who have been cutting squares, sewing tops and preparing backs. Questions? Call 799-0100

GOSPEL MESSAGE

June 1, 2023, The Holy Trinity

Authority and Assurance

When the eleven disciples arrived at the mountain to which Jesus had directed them, they might have been surprised or overwhelmed by his commission to make disciples, baptize, and teach.

At first glance, this description of their future ministry maybe felt like a tall order. But remember, they'd been watching and learning. And on either side of these ministry specifics are promises they surely found comforting: first authority, then assurance. "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (Matthew 28:18), Jesus said. This is authority in the best sense of the word, offered with confidence, love, and respect. The disciples are empowered to do the ministry Jesus is asking of them. And next, they are given assurance in these final words from Jesus, which serve as a benediction—"I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:20). Whatever the outcome—trials, or joys that come along the way as they disciple, baptize, and teach—Jesus will be present with them.

This call is not just for the eleven but for us as well. We are called to heal the brokenhearted, care for the earth, and work for peace in the world. This commission comes to us in baptism. And having been baptized in the name of the triune God whom we celebrate this festive day, the newly baptized—whether child or adult—is presented to the assembly and welcomed into the mission we share, invited to join in "giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world" (ELW, p. 231).

Jesus sends the disciples from the mountain, and sends us empowered with the same authority and assurance that we do not go alone.

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A View From the Pew ...June

"Church outside our walls, God's Work Our Hands"

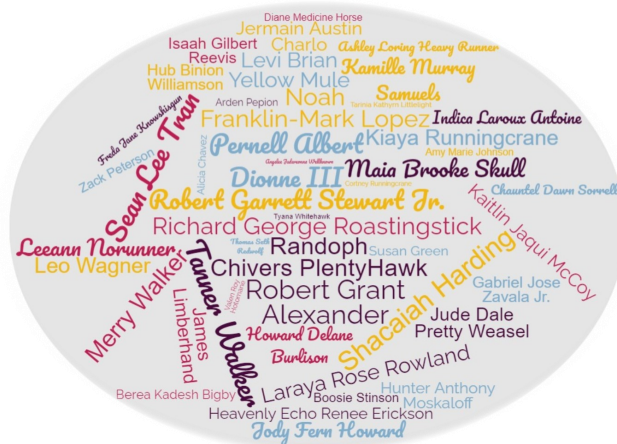
It has been awhile since we have heard from our readers. Our June topic gives us a glimpse into how we live God's Word outside of the walls of Bethel. We would love to have you submit an article to bethelgf.church@gmail.com, throughout June and share your stories how you do God's Work.





Candlelight Vigil

There will be a candlelight vigil at **Bethel Lutheran Church on Thursday, June 1, at 8 pm**, honoring and remembering Missing and Murdered Indigenous Montanans. The Vigil is sponsored by the Racial Justice Task Force of the Montana Synod, and takes place the night before the Synod Assembly begins at the Heritage Inn. All are welcome.



Sacrament of Holy Communion for Renee Delorit and Samantha Seidel—pictured here with Pastor Jessie.

Extra! Extra!

Read All About It!

Ushers and Greeters are needed to help with Sunday Worship Services at Bethel.

Don't miss out! Sign Up in the binder as you enter the church!

Just for *YOUTH*

It is good.

Read Genesis 1:1—2:4a *God created everything.*

- * Color the circle by each part of creation as it is mentioned.
- * Use bright colors to finish coloring the whole picture of God's Creation.
- * Extra challenge: Number the parts of creation in the order they were created according to the reading.



Go into the world

Matthew 28:16-20

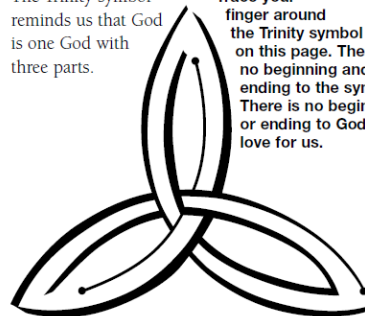
Jesus sent his disciples to baptize and teach all people.

Send the disciples out through the maze to teach and baptize.

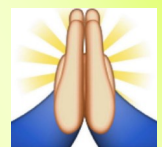


Welcome to worship. Today is Trinity Sunday. Our God has many names. We worship God as Three-in-One: God our Creator, Jesus Christ our Savior, and the Holy Spirit our Advocate.

The Trinity symbol reminds us that God is one God with three parts.



Trace your finger around the Trinity symbol on this page. There is no beginning and no ending to the symbol. There is no beginning or ending to God's love for us.



Dear Lord, be with us as we are sent to share your love with others. Amen

This Week...

Enjoy a triple treat of ice cream-chocolate, strawberry, and vanilla-a three flavors-in-one cone celebration!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday 6/5

- Great Divide 4H Club end of year party in the Fellowship Hall 5:00 pm

Tuesday 6/6

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- ELCA Youth Gathering information meeting in the sanctuary 7:00 pm

Wednesday 6/7

- Bible Study on Zoom 10:00 am

Thursday 6/8

- Exec Board Zoom meeting 5:30 pm

Friday 6/9

- Bethel office is closed.
- Tami out until 6/13

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 6/11

- Worship led by Pastor Jessie in-person and live stream 9:30 am.
- World Hunger Sunday
- Congregational Meeting to vote on purchase of new chairs for the sanctuary

Tuesday 6/13

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Council meeting Zoom 6:30 pm

Wednesday 6/14

- Bible Study on Zoom 10:00 am

Friday 6/9

- Bethel office is closed.

Fellowship Ministries

Electric City Bible Study—online

What a great way to connect with one another! Join our bible study via Zoom, Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. Contact Laurie Turner at lolli51gus@icloud.com for a link to join the meeting.

Men's Breakfast Meets in-person

Join us for a fun and engaging conversation, and insightful discussion of each week's lectionary texts as we meet in the Fellowship Hall Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. Contact Dave Scholten at dscholten@dlsconsulting.net for more information.

ON HOLD UNTIL SEPTEMBER

Hope Circle—in person

This group meets once a month usually on Thursday evenings. Bible study and fellowship are celebrated with this group of ladies. Contact Terry Korpela to be on the group email for meetings and prayer requests terry.korpela@gmail.com.

On hold until the fall.

Weekly Text Study with Pastor Jessie-online

Wednesdays, 10:00 am via Zoom, Pastor Jessie will be leading discussion on the text readings for the upcoming Sunday. Dig deeper in the interpretation of the readings and discuss ways they give us guidance in our daily lives. If you would like to join this meeting, email bethelgf.pastor@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list.