

Prayer Page

Entrusting into God's Care

- Elaine Cook- hospice care
- Mission Center
- Tracy (relative of Dathan Hinrichs)- brain tumor
- Kelly Johnson– life issues

Healing

- Larry Kroemer– recovering after hospitalization
- Jeannine Robinson– upcoming surgery on 5/22
- Cassandra (friend of the Urbans)– hospice care
- Beth Wright– recovering after surgery
- Karen Swalley– health issues
- Mike Raymon– recovering after surgery
- Vern Happel - recovering after surgery
- Janelle Dunbar– recovering after procedure
- Lorna Fischer– recovering after hospitalization
- Philip Hackbardt– recovering after surgery
- Vern Piering– recovering after surgery
- Tom Larson - recovering after surgery
- Linda Patten - recovering after surgery
- Abi Clark - health issues

Homebound

- Elda Joyner– at home

Grief (family and friends of)

- Jeff (relative of Chuck Kroemer)- died 4/23
- Leon (brother of Barb Rocarek)- died 4/16

Serving Our Country

- Charles Clark - IA National Guard
- Hunter (husband of Sarah Ealy) - IA National Guard
- Eli (brother of Ashton Berberich) - Marines
- Aiden (grandson of Foremans) - US Army
- Amber (daughter of Ann Balvanz) - US Army, Germany
- Ben (son of Kroemers) - IA National Guard
- Mitchell & Benjamin (relatives of Schoens & Smiths) - US Navy
- Jordan (grandson of Kim Neuhaus) - IA National Guard

Servants of Worship

Sunday, May 17

Elder	Phil Hedtke
Usher (8:30)	Ed Schumacher Dathan Hinrichs
Usher (11)	Dave Johnson Greg Dunn
Greeter (8:30)	Bev Rasmussen Ken Armbrecht
Greeter (11)	Randy & Joni Schmith
Lector (8:30)	Arlen Breiholz
Lector (11)	David Behrens
Video (8:30)	Natalie Steggall
Video (11)	Michelle Hedtke
Sound (8:30)	Karl Hoesch
Sound (11)	Aaron Moffett
Acolyte (8:30)	Lucas Heller
Acolyte (11)	Sydney Wilson
Nursery (11)	Karen Hass Susan Schoen
Coffee	Freese

Sunday, May 24

Randy Schmith
Dave Karsten
Ben Mims
Nancy Owens Carol Edwards
David & Elaine Behrens
Mark Bornemann
Elaine Behrens
Jeff Gebert
Mike Diers
Nicholas Williams
Ethan Petrik
Carter Oja
Brenna Godbey
Natalie Steggall Dawn Mims
Freese

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

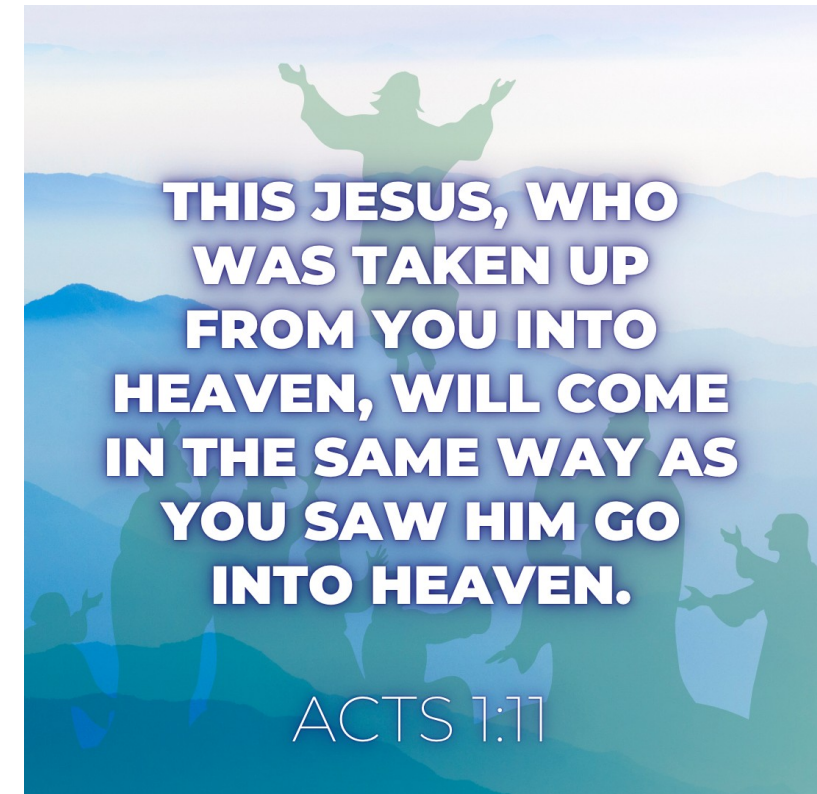
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May 17, 2026
Ascension Sunday
8:30 a.m. Service

Living and Sharing God's Love

Order of Service

Divine Service III

Musical Prelude- <i>Pastorale in G</i> & Ringing of the Bells	
Welcome and Announcements	
Hymn of Invocation - <i>On Christs Ascension I Now Build</i>	LSB# 492
Invocation, Confession and Absolution	LSB pg. 184
Introit	From Psalms 100 & 101
Kyrie	LSB pg. 186
Hymn of Praise	LSB pg. 187
Salutation and Collect of the Day	LSB pg. 189
First Reading	Acts 1:1-11
Epistle Reading	I Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11
Alleluia	LSB pg. 190
Holy Gospel	Luke 24:44-53
Nicene Creed	LSB pg. 191
Hymn of the Day - <i>There is a Redeemer</i>	LSB# 971
Sermon	
Prayer of the Church	LSB pg. 193
Preface, Sanctus	LSB pg. 194
Lord's Prayer	LSB pg. 196
The Words of Our Lord	LSB pg. 197
Pax Domini, Agnus Dei	LSB pg. 198
Distributions Hymns	
<i>The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns</i>	LSB# 532
<i>Jesus Shall Reign</i>	LSB# 832
Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving	LSB pg. 199
Salutation, Benedicamus & Benediction	LSB pg.201
Closing Hymn - <i>Up through Endless Ranks of Angels</i>	LSB# 491

Notes and Announcements

Help us make **care packages for military members** on our prayer list! We are collecting some items to bless the service members we have been praying for. Please find sign-up sheets outside the sanctuary and bring your items to Bethany by Sunday, May 24. Care packages will be mailed on May 26th.

May is **New Helper Month for Green Square Outreach!** Are you looking for a way to serve others in our community? Have you thought about helping hand out meals at Green Square? **Sign up at the Welcome Counter to be paired with a "buddy"** to try it once and learn more about this meaningful opportunity to serve on a Tuesday morning from 8-9 am.

Join your Bethany friends at the ballpark on **Sunday, July 12** to see the **Cedar Rapids Kernels** take on the South Bend Cubs at 1:05. Special ticket pricing for Bethany members of \$10 per ticket for adults and kids under 18 are free! Kids 12 and under also get a free hot dog, popcorn, and drink courtesy of the Kernels. **Please sign up at the Welcome Center by Monday June 22** to join us at the ballpark.

Blood Drive Friday, May 29, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

On **Friday, May 29** an American Red Cross blood drive will be held at Bethany. The drive will take place **12:00-5:00 p.m.** in the Family Life Center. Sign up via the poster on the bulletin boards, or the link in the weekly email.

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner, and we're looking for **enthusiastic volunteers** to help make it an amazing week for our kids! If you are available **June 22–25 from 5:00–8:00 PM**, we'd love for you to consider serving in this fun and meaningful ministry opportunity. Whether you enjoy helping with games, crafts, music, snacks, small groups, or simply encouraging kids, there's a place for you! Questions about volunteering? Contact Kierra for more information. **Look for the sign up outside the Sanctuary.**

Senior Worship this week, Thursday at 11:00 am. Luncheon to follow.

Altar Flowers given to the glory of God by Doug & Sheryl Knutson in honor of their Anniversary on May 20.

Our Calendar This Week

Today	8:30 am Traditional Service/w Communion 9:30 am Education Hour 11:00 am Contemporary Service/w Communion 1:00 pm Food Pantry Open
Monday	6:30 am Coffee & Cocoa Outreach 4:00 pm Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed. 4:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision
Tuesday	8:00 am Green Square Outreach 9:00 am Walking for Exercise 1:00 pm Prayer Group 6:00 pm Handbells Practice
Wednesday	6:00 am Men's Bible Study 4:00 pm Cottage Grove Devotion 7:00 pm Christian Faith Class
Thursday	9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Walking for Exercise 11:00 am Senior Worship
Saturday	9:00 am Holy Yoga - Lower Level
Next Sunday	8:30 am Traditional Service 9:30 am Education Hour 11:00 am Contemporary Service 1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

Beacon submissions for the **June/July** issue are due by **Thursday, May 21. Helpers are also needed for assembly.** Please consider signing up to help on Wednesday, May 27 at 1:00 p.m. at bethanycr.org/serve.

Stewardship Note: Acts 1:11 – “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is ascended, and Christ will come again. We live our lives in this world in the sure confidence of the world to come. We live as people who know our Lord Jesus and who know that He is coming back. This knowledge makes all the difference in how we approach the things of this world.