

Bethany Free Lutheran Church

"TO KNOW AND PROCLAIM SALVATION THROUGH JESUS"

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, August 16, 2026

THE Worship SERVICE

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4

Praise Songs

(see monitor or insert)

Silent Confession & Confession of Sins

Heavenly Father, we come before You this morning because of our old nature. There is a part of us that only wants to make us turn away from You and do that which is evil. At times, Father, we have given in to this old nature and have sinned and fallen short of Your glory. We confess this to You so that you may forgive us and cleanse us from that unrighteousness. Wash us and make us clean in Your sight. In the precious Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Colossians 2:13-15

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed p. 105 (A)

Offering

Announcements & Prayers

Hymn

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #397 (A)

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 (p. 525)

Psalm 67 (p. 411)

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32 (p. 802)

Reader: Eric Andreasen

Children's Message

"Cicadas" Psalm 39:4 & Colossians 3:16

Message

"Faith that Doesn't Let Go" Pastor Tom Reagan

Matthew 15:21-28

Hymn:

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place" #565 (A)

Lords Prayer

(The online service ends after the Lord's Prayer) p. 5 (A)

Prayers: Praises & Requests

Benediction & Doxology

p. 24 (A)

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A – Ambassador Hymnal / Scripture page numbers are in () for the pew Bibles.

 **OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH**

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Sun. Aug 16 9:30 am.....Worship service
Wed.Pray for the protection of babies in the womb
Sun. Aug 23 9:30 am.....Worship service

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Good morning! The importance of hearing and reading God's Word, including at worship, can't be over emphasized. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God." (Colossians 3:16 NIV1984)

SCHOOL BEGINS FOR RICHLAND #44

Pray for the students, parents, faculty and staff at Richland #44 as they begin a new school year as well as others in our area. May good and true things be taught and the love of Jesus influence their time together.

AUGUST 16 LIFE QUOTE

"The message concerning the work and person of Christ is meant to bring joy to the sorrowing and light to those in the darkness. The light of God's mercy shines into the darkest of situations; the Holy Spirit guides people to confess their sins and brings forgiveness to those who have participated in abortions, pointed people to end their own lives, or suggested that someone be harmed in some other way." *Rev. Dennis Norby, Grace Free Lutheran Church, Valley City, North Dakota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION (WMF) AUGUST 25

WMF will be held August 25 at 7 PM. Barb Strand is hosting at her home.

PICTURE APPRECIATION WITH THANKS

Thank you to Bryan Olson, his sister Karen, as well as Lucy Hermunsle for submitting photos from this past week and last week which were used for today's slides. If you ever see some beautiful or unique scenes please take a horizontal picture of it and email or text to Pastor Tom.

NEXT SUNDAY, AUG. 23:

Live stream: Deena Andreasen

Worship Scriptures: Aug. 23, Thirteenth S. after Pentecost, Isaiah 51:1-6, Psalm 138, Rom. 11:33-12:8, Matt. 16:13-20; Reader: Jordon Riel

SOVEREIGN LORD

1. Righteous Life, flesh so torn, Wounded hand, brow with thorn,
Broken heart enduring scorn; Is this the Sovereign Lord?
Borrowed tomb, empty space, Takes our sin, and leaves His grace
Destined for the highest place; This is the Sovereign Lord.

Chorus: Lord, Your greatness is unsearchable And Your Kingdom lives forever.

You are near and You are wonderful. You are My Sovereign Lord.

2. Fallen heart, lifted eyes, Stumbling words, longing sighs,
Trembling hands embrace the skies; You are my Sovereign Lord.
Risen heart, joyful eyes, Praises soar, and my soul flies.
Song of life that never dies, You are my Sovereign Lord.

Chorus

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YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL

1. You are my strength when I am weak;
You are the treasure that I seek,
You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel;
Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool,
You are my all in all.

*Chorus: Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is your name.
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2. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame;
Rising again, I bless your name.
You are my all in all.
When I fall down You pick me up;
When I am dry you fill my cup,
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