

**Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 2 & 6, 2025 Year C  
Baptism of Abygael Shneyca**



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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**GATHERING**

**Welcome**

**Hymn Sing**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✚ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others,**  
**but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**  
**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,**  
**but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

You surround us with patience, kindness,  
 and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
 In your mercy, forgive us.  
 Do not give up on us.  
 Heal us, break our bonds,  
 and show us the path of life. **Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
 and you are God's children through faith.  
 In the cross of ✠ Christ,  
 and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
 your sins are forgiven.  
 Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

### (Sun) Glory



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## Prayer of the Day

The grace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Let us pray,

**O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**WORD**

### **Semi-Continuous Reading 2 Kings 5:1-14**

<sup>1</sup> Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. <sup>2</sup> Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." <sup>4</sup> So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. <sup>5</sup> And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. <sup>6</sup> He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease." <sup>7</sup> When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup> But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup> But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup> But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" <sup>14</sup> So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms 30** (read responsively by verse)

<sup>1</sup> I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up  
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

<sup>2</sup> **O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.**

<sup>3</sup> O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,  
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

<sup>4</sup> **Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.**

<sup>5</sup> For his anger is but for a moment;  
his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.

<sup>6</sup> **As for me, I said in my prosperity,  
“I shall never be moved.”**

<sup>7</sup> By your favor, O Lord,  
you had established me as a strong mountain;  
you hid your face;  
I was dismayed.

<sup>8</sup> **To you, O Lord, I cried,  
and to the Lord I made supplication:**

<sup>9</sup> “What profit is there in my death,  
if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you?

Will it tell of your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup> **Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!  
O Lord, be my helper!”**

<sup>11</sup> You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have taken off my sackcloth  
and clothed me with joy,

<sup>12</sup> **so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.  
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

**(Sun)** *The Word for All Ages, the children are invited forward.*

**(Sun) Gospel Acclamation**



## **Gospel Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup> And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

<sup>16</sup> "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

<sup>17</sup> The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup> He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup> Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon**



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace  
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,  
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach  
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.  
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.  
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.  
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,  
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.  
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise  
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.  
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.  
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.  
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947  
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional  
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### ***The baptismal party gathers in the front with the pastor***

#### **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

**Cranberry pp. 227-231**

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized

in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

**Sponsors: We present Abygael Shneyca for baptism.**

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

**Parents: We do.**

As you bring Abygael to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,  
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in her hands the holy scriptures....

Do you promise to help Abygael grow in the Christian faith and life?

**Parents: We do.**

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Abygael in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

**Sponsors: We do.**

People of God, do you promise to support Abygael and pray for her in their new life in Christ?

**We do.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**Parents & Sponsors: I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**Parents & Sponsors: I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Parents & Sponsors: I renounce them.**

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he**

**ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**BAPTISM** - *The presiding minister baptizes the candidate.*

Abygael Shneyca, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

*Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:*

Sustain Abygael with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

*Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

Abygael Shneyca, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

**WELCOME TO THE BAPTIZED** - *A sponsor lights the baptismal candle from the Christ Candle.*

**Sponsors:** Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized, Abygael Shneyca.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**





1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

*Refrain*



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.

Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

## Prayers of the People

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace, and strengthen our faith by the example of all those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good news. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

All the earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of all your creation. When ecosystems are wounded, bring your healing. When our actions endanger the survival of other species, curb our greed and waste. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You call us to work for the good of all. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain. Carry your people when grief is heavy, and lift burdens of shame and self-doubt. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another in this assembly. Send your peace to rest upon us, heal divisions among us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For what else do the people of God pray?

*Silent and spoken prayers are invited*

You have written our names in heaven, O God, and we rejoice. We thank you for those who have lived and died in your love. Accompany us on our life's journey and draw us at last to life forever in you. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of the Lord's peace with one another. Please be seated.*

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**MEAL**

## **(Sun) Offering**

### **(Sun) Offering Prayer**

Let us pray, Creator God,

**in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.**

**Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor, that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

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Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
he took bread, and gave thanks; broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples,  
saying: Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,  
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,  
saying: This cup  
is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **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.

**(Sun) Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

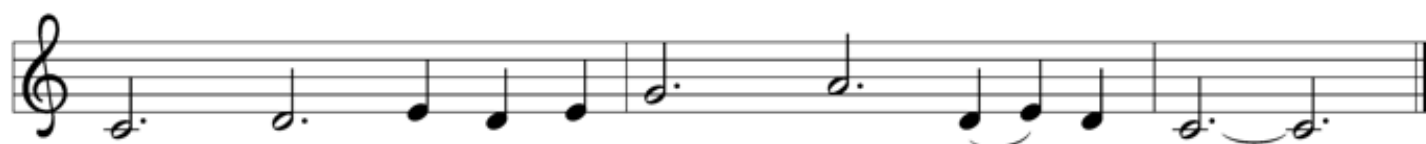
**(Sun) Communion Hymns**



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.  
 2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race  
 3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,  
 4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;



Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav-en's gifts ex - tend to all.  
 and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
 strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.  
 let the gath - 'ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

Text: Jonathan F. Bahnmaier, 1774–1841; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.  
 Music: GOTT SEI DANK, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704  
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God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**SENDING**

## Announcements

## Benediction

The love of God abound in you;  
 the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
 and the life of the Spirit  
 ☩ bless you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**      *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*      **Cranberry 674**



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

*Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**



### **Funding for Mission & Budget**

Monthly Receipts through 6/17/25:	\$14,960.30
Monthly Budget Expenses:	\$20,033.00
YTD Receipts through 5/31/25:	\$ 99,971.00

### **The Bethel Weekly**

**Blinds:** Thank you to Todd & Sue Keckhaver for all their work on new side blinds. They worked together with Budget Blinds.

**EPH family:** The occupant of the EPH house we sponsor had a baby boy. If anyone is interested in making a meal for her and possibly stopping by for a visit, please let Nancy Moran know.

**Pew Refresh:** will begin this week. After worship on July 6<sup>th</sup>, we will need help clearing the pews of Hymnals and pencils.

**Summer Midweek Worship:** Wednesday service July 9<sup>th</sup> we will have joint service at Resurrection Church at 6:30 around the campfire. Bring chairs and stay for smores.

**Three Churches Picnic** with Bethel, Resurrection, and Trinity will be Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at Colborn Park. It will be potluck style bring a chair and a dish to share.

**Salvation Army Senior Meal:** Will be July 21<sup>st</sup>. Please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway.

**Synod Golf Tournament:** Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at Glacier Wood Golf Club in Iola for the East Central Synod Golf Outing. The 18-hole team scramble starts at 8:30 a.m. (check-in at 8:00 a.m.). Cost is \$70, including golf, cart, lunch, and prizes—register by August 4 (payable to Sue Schultz). All proceeds support U.S. disaster relief through Lutheran World Relief; donations welcome. For more information see the bulletin board in the hallway

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