

Be dressed for
action
and have
your ***lamps lit***

LUKE 12:35



BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
26418 Mountain Highway E, Spanaway, WA

*"We are a family of believers, gathered in Christ, called to be disciples,
nourished in the Word and sent to serve."*

Welcome to Worship at Bethany! Please fill out a Communication Card if you are: visiting; have prayer requests; have contact information changes or other information for the office. (Cards are available on the bookcase inside the sanctuary door or ask an usher.) Please place it in the offering plate at the time of the offering. Communion is served each Sunday, and all are welcome at Holy Communion; the Lord invites us to come. A gluten-free option is available. Children may receive communion at their parent's discretion. If you have no congregational home in this area, we invite you to consider Bethany!

The "Kids' Korner" is our current alternative to a nursery. This section of the narthex is set up for kids to stay quietly occupied under their parent's (or another adult's) supervision.

~Today, Aug. 11, 2019~
8th Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part today in assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

The Order of Service – The bulletin is all-inclusive. The readings and hymns are included in the order they occur in the service."

Altar Flowers – are given to God's glory by Pat and Rick Ward in honor of their granddaughter Melat's birthday.

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**Next week's readings: First Reading, Jeremiah 23:23-29; Second Reading, Psalm 82;
Gospel Reading, Luke 12:49-56**

WELCOME/MUSIC MEDITATION

Please stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Be seated

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6

L: A reading from the book of Genesis.

L: ¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Psalms 33:12-22

L: A reading from the book of Psalms.

L: ¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!
Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!
¹³The LORD looks down from heaven,
and sees all humankind.
¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches
all who dwell on the earth.
¹⁵God fashions all their hearts
and observes all their deeds.

- ¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.
- ¹⁷The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.
- ¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
- ¹⁹to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.
- ²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,
our helper and our shield.
- ²¹Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.
- ²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

P: [Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Be seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY (*see next page*)

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Have No Fear, Little Flock*

1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in

give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
 Music: Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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LITTLE FLOCK
 66 7 6 6

(Please stand)


PROFESSION OF FAITH (*Ionian Creed*)

C: We believe in God above us,
Maker and Sustainer of all life,
Of sun and moon,
Of male and female.

We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
Born of a woman, servant of the poor,
Tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of compassion, he died forsaken;
He descended into the earth to the place of death

On the third day he rose from the tomb;
He ascended into heaven
To be everywhere present;
And his kingdom will come on earth.
We believe in God within us,
The Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
Life-giving breath of the church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
Source of resurrection and eternal life.
Amen.

THE PRAYERS (*Sung response to each petition*)



Come and pray in us, Ho - ly Spir-it, come and pray in us,
Vie - ni, Spi-ri-to cre - a - to - re, vie - ni, vie - ni,

come and vis-it us, Ho - ly Spir-it, Spir-it come, Spir-it come.
vie - ni, Spi-ri-to cre - a - to - re, vie - ni, vie - ni!

PEACE

P: The peace of our risen Lord, Jesus
Christ, be with you all.
C: And also with you.

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Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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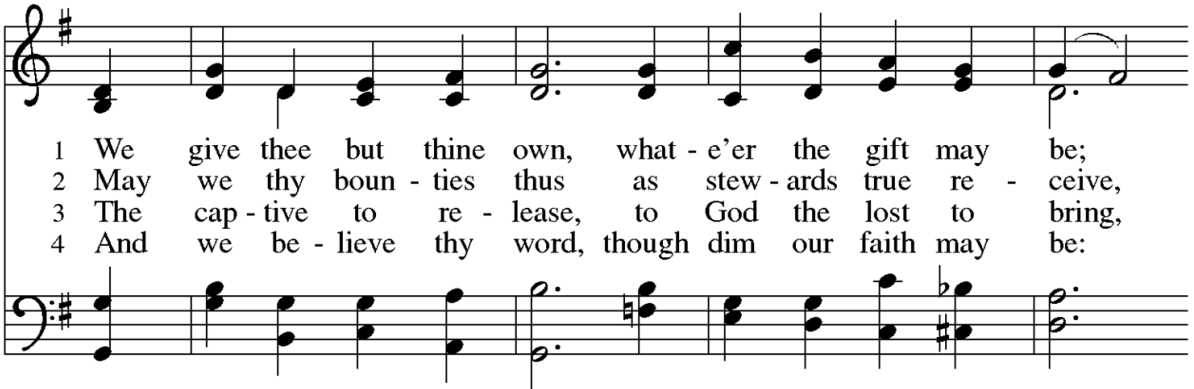
The congregation greets one another with these words: **Peace be with you.**

Be seated

OFFERING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand and sing the offertory as the offering is brought forward.

OFFERTORY



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

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Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Creator God,

C: **Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: 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:



Eucharistic Prayer

P: 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, our Lord Jesus 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.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

(You are invited to pray the version of the Lord's Prayer that is most familiar to you.)

A: We are bold to pray as our Lord Jesus taught us:

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

OR

**C: 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.**

COMMUNION (*Be seated until ushers direct you to the altar.*)

All are welcome at Holy Communion. The Lord invites us to come. If you would like a gluten-free option, hold up your index finger when the pastor serves the bread. Red wine is available either from the chalice or from the outer part of the communion tray. White grape juice is available in the center portion of the communion tray.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Amazing Grace*



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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COMMUNION HYMN: *Blessed Assurance*



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

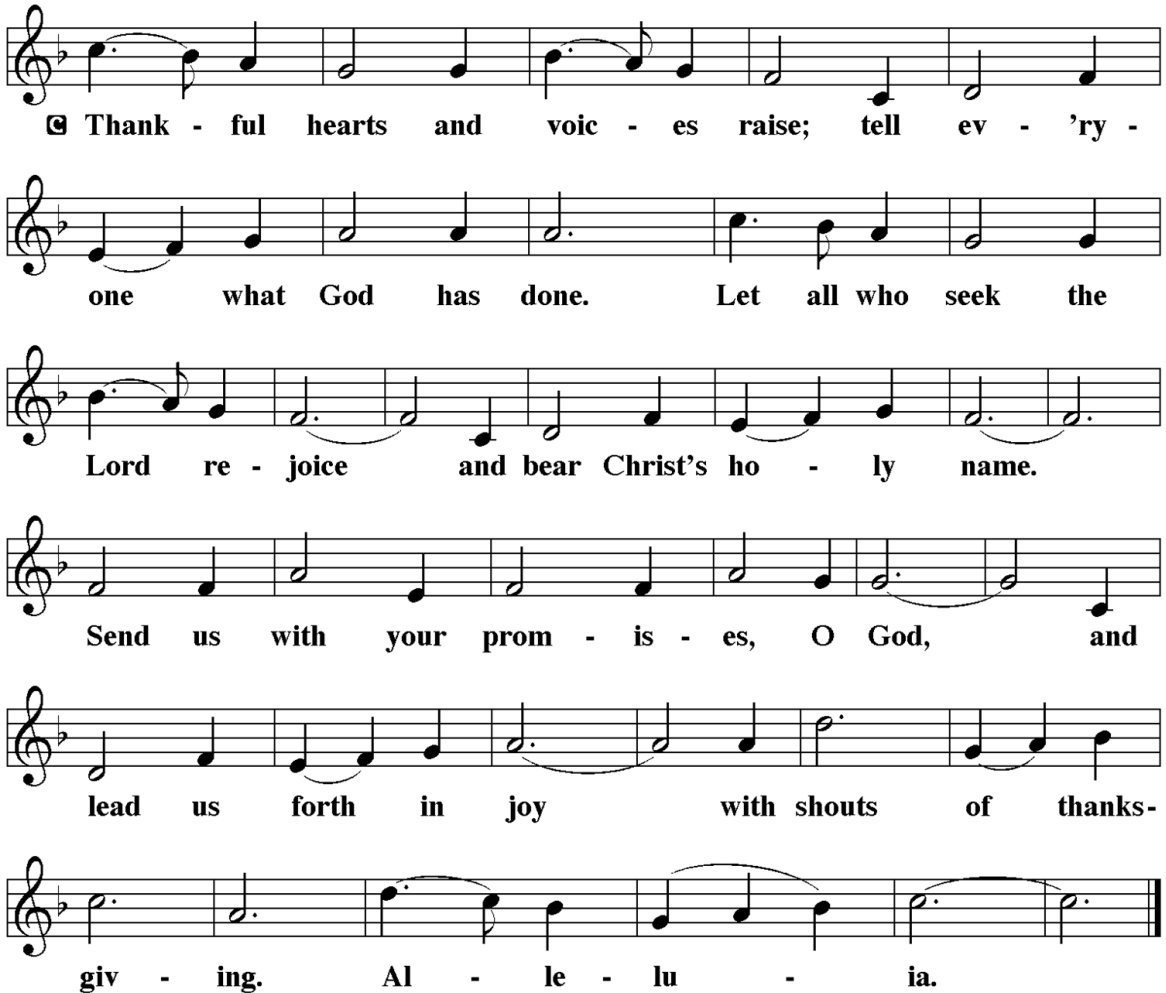
Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

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Please stand

POST COMMUNION SONG



☐ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN (*next page*)

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is sending you. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SENDING HYMN: *God of Grace and God of Glory*



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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Coming Events

SUN	AUG 18	<u>10th Sunday after Pentecost</u>
		8:00 Worship
		9:15 Yahweh Yarners
		9:15 Faith Formation Meeting
		10:30 Worship
SUN	AUG 25	<u>11th Sunday after Pentecost</u>
		8:00 Worship
		9:15 Confirmation
		10:30 Worship
		11:45 Church Picnic

BETHANY ANNOUNCEMENTS 8-11-19

Picnic Sign-Up – The annual church picnic will be Sunday, August 25th at 11:45. **(Worship will be at the regular times: 8:00 & 10:30.)** The church will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and condiments. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex for what you can bring to the feast! An invitation has been extended to the families of kids who attended VBS, and this would be a great time to invite your extended family and friends to church. Thank you to Susan Fordice and Lisa Blank for coordinating some family friendly fun and games.

Food Bank Focus – The "urgent need" for August is protein products. Examples are: canned tuna, chicken; meat ravioli; spam; cheese crackers; jerky sticks; nuts; protein bars. Congratulations BLC on the June food bank focus! Almost every client in June received some TP!

Bethany Connect Program for 2019-2020 – Do you know a post high school student from Bethany Lutheran who will be living away from home while enrolled in a school of higher learning? Or a Bethany member in the military who will be posted away from family? We would like to serve them through the Bethany Connect Program that will be starting up again in September. Throughout the school term we send boxes filled with nutritious snacks, messages from home and inspirational material to the students and military personnel to let them know that we care for them, support their efforts, and keep them in our prayers. Please let us know if you would like to add a student or military person to our program. You can call: Linda King 253-843-2812 or the church office 253-847-8801. Everyone is welcome to volunteer for this program regardless of whether you have a student or military person in the program. Bethany Connect is in its 25th year and the students and military personnel tell us that it has been a very meaningful outreach program and has helped them to stay connected to Bethany Lutheran.

Remembering in Prayer – Steve Duncan and his family as they grieve the unexpected death of Steve's brother Jim.

Faith Formation Meeting Today – There will be a planning meeting for all involved in Faith Formation, including Sunday School, Youth, and Confirmation, today, August 18th at 9:15 in the Adult Bible Study room in Litzer Hall.

Harvesters Needed Today – There are cucumbers, squash, cabbage, and peppers that need to be picked from the garden. If you have a couple minutes before or after services, head on out to the garden and see what you can find! Produce will be taken to the Spanaway Food Bank on Monday.

Living Lutheran – The August edition of Living Lutheran is available on the stand by the entry doors. Please help yourself!

Sturdy Wood Desk – Available in the narthex, free to a good home!

School Supplies – It's time to think about kids going back to school. Please help Bethel and Eatonville kids start school with the things they need. You can give to one or both groups of kids. The donation boxes are in the narthex. Please have donation here by Aug. 22nd. We do make a difference! Ask Linda King, Daleen, or Pat Ward about witnessing that difference!

THOSE WHO SERVE

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SERVING TODAY, AUG. 11, 2019

8:00 AM

Greeter- Sharon Erickson
Acolyte- Volunteer
Lector- Creig Kuwitzky
Ushers- Gary Christensen
John Erickson
Sound- Kirk Woodward
Altar Guild- Nancy Woodward

10:30 AM

Greeter- Sally Williams
Acolyte- Madison Shelton
Lector- Walt Birdseye
Ushers- Susan Fordice
Paulette Van Cleave
Sound- Jim Haifley
Assistant- Daleen Haifley
Altar Guild- Kelli Bacher
Kitchen- Ruth Anderson

SERVING NEXT WEEK, AUG. 18, 2019

8:00 AM

10:30 AM