

Bethany Lutheran Church

6th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 12, 2023

8:00 & 9:30 AM

WELCOME TO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are so glad you are here in God's house for worship. Here are some things to remember as we are gathered together today:

Before worship, talk to God! (see inside cover of hymnal for pre-service prayer prompts)

During worship, let God talk to you!

After worship, talk to one another; and if you're a visitor, please stop by the Connections table before you leave today and capture the QR codes for more information.

Parents of Young Children: *We love to have children in worship.* God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to completely suppress it in God's house. We know the presence of children in worship is a gift to the church! It is in the Lord's house that we learn how to listen and speak to our God with our brothers and sisters in faith. Feel free to quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of those leading worship. Children learn how to worship by copying you. If you have a need, we have "worship bags" in the Narthex filled with items to help children and families during worship. There is a **Cry Room** across the courtyard in the office complex, where you as a parent may take your little one needing a break. You will still be able to hear the worship service; and thus be able to continue your worship of the Lord.

Please place cell phones and electronic devices on mute as you join us in worship this morning. Thank you.

PRELUDE:

"In Christ Alone"

Organ

~ Benjamin Culli

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: *“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”*

LSB 902



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in
2 Un - seal our lips to sing Your praise In end - less
3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, “O ho - ly,
△ 4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly

true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and
ho - ly Lord Most High!” And in the light of
Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed

light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.
light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.
that blest place We then shall see You face to face.
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through - out e - ter - ni - ty!

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
heaven and earth are full of His Glory.

People: **The Glory of the one and only,
full of grace and truth, the Lord Jesus Christ;**

Leader: Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit is one God,
whose nature is love that steadfastly endures forever.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Leader: Let us come before God and admit that sin is part of our make-up, part of fallen human nature.

People: **Most merciful God,
we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.
We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed;
on both occasions, when we have chosen to disobey Your will,
and those times we have accidentally transgressed Your laws.
Lord, we have failed to love You with our whole heart
and with all our mind,
and we have refused to love others
as much we love ourselves and the stuff of this world.
For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Light of Light,
Very God of Very God, One with You in essence,
who in humility became one with us through His incarnation,
have mercy on us.
Forgive us Lord and give us a heart and an attitude like that of Jesus.
Amen.**

Leader: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us, and for His sake, forgives us all our sins.
Through His Holy Spirit, He empowers us to live for Him and others, to share His love and to bear witness to His mighty deeds in Christ, in whose name I forgive you all your sins.
Go delighting in His will and walking in His ways.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Leader: Lord, while Your house is a mighty fortress and a safe harbor it is at the same time a training room and a launching pad; grant us Your Spirit that we might be sent from this place into our own circles and spheres of influence to bring Christ and to be Christ-like to the glory of His holy name and the inclusion of many people into His body.

People: **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

Today I offer you life and prosperity or death and destruction. This is what I'm commanding you today: Love the LORD your God, follow His directions, and obey His commands, laws, and rules. Then you will live, your population will increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you're about to enter and take possession of.

But your hearts might turn away, and you might not listen. You might be tempted to bow down to other gods and worship them. If you do, I tell you today that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live for a long time in the land that you're going to take possession of when you cross the Jordan River.

I call on heaven and earth as witnesses today that I have offered you life or death, blessings or curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants will live. Love the LORD your God, obey Him, and be loyal to Him. This will be your way of life, and it will mean a long life for you in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. – GW ®

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *I Corinthians 3:1-9*

Brothers and sisters, I couldn't talk to you as spiritual people but as people still influenced by your corrupt nature. You were infants in your faith in Christ. I gave you milk to drink. I didn't give you solid food because you weren't ready for it. Even now you aren't ready for it because you're still influenced by your corrupt nature.

When you are jealous and quarrel among yourselves, aren't you influenced by your corrupt nature and living by human standards? When some of you say, "I follow Paul" and others say, "I follow Apollos," aren't you acting like sinful humans? Who is Apollos? Who is Paul? They are servants who helped you come to faith. Each did what the Lord gave him to do. I planted, and Apollos watered, but God made it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is important because only God makes it grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have the same goal, and each will receive a reward for his own work. We are God's coworkers. You are God's field.

You are God's building. – GW ®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

~ John Rutter

The Bethany Choir

CHILDREN’S SERMON

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

9:30

“It’s About LOVE, Love”

~ Jana Alayra

BLS K – 2nd Grade

and

“God So Loved the World”

~ Aaron Shust

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 9:23-27*

He said to all of them, “Those who want to come with me must say no to the things they want, pick up their crosses every day, and follow me. Those who want to save their lives will lose them. But those who lose their lives for me will save them. What good does it do for people to win the whole world but lose their lives by destroying them? If people are ashamed of me and what I say, the Son of Man will be ashamed of those people when he comes in the glory that he shares with the Father and the holy angels.

“I can guarantee this truth: Some people who are standing here will not die until they see God’s kingdom.” – GW ®

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en

am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,

sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;

Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence

hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,

Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

SERMON: *“Gospel DNA: Self Sacrifice”*

Text: Luke 9:23-27

HYMN OF THE DAY: *“Hail, O Source of Every Blessing”* LSB 409

1 Hail, O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Fa - ther of our
 2 Once far off but now in - vit - ed, We ap - proach Your
 3 Hail, O all - in - vit - ing Sav - ior! Gen - tiles now their
 hu - man race! Gen - tiles now, Your grace pos - sess - ing, In Your
 sa - cred throne, In Your cov - e - nant u - nit - ed, Rec - on -
 of - f'ings bring, In Your tem - ples seek Your fa - vor, Je - sus
 courts ob - tain a place. Grate - ful now, we fall be - fore You,
 ciled, re - deemed, made one. Now re - vealed to east - ern sa - ges,
 Christ, our Lord and King. May we, bod - y, soul, and spir - it,
 In Your Church re - joice to live, See Your glo - ry
 See the Star of Mer - cy shine, Mys - t'ry hid in
 Live de - vot - ed to Your praise, Glo - rious realms of
 and a - dore You, Thank - ful for the grace You give.
 for - mer a - ges, Mys - t'ry great of love di - vine.
 bliss in - her - it, Grate - ful an - thems ev - er raise.

APOSTLES' CREED: (** catholic means the universal Christian Church*)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen.

OFFERING: *The Offering Box is located in the center aisle. If you so desire, Text Giving is now available by texting GIVE to 562-210-0463. For On-line Giving information, contact Maraley at mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org or call 562-421-4711, ext. 21. Thank you!*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.**

******* *For our 8:00 a.m. worshippers, the service continues on page 11 with Special Announcements.*

******* *For our 9:30 a.m. worshippers, the service continues with the Celebration of Holy Communion:*

+ Holy Communion +

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.

To help you prepare for communion we invite you to take a few moments of quiet prayer. For aid there are prayers on the front page of the hymnal for both before and after the reception of communion. Or simply pray, *Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation You invite me to come to You, to eat and drink Your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacrament of Your altar. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are alcohol free.

The wafers next to the Christ candle side are gluten free;

for those with dietary restrictions, please take a gluten free wafer.


For those wishing to use a self-contained communion chalice, let an usher know.

In our 9:30 a.m. service we will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints and come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.


DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

“Your Table I Approach”

LSB 628



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

"You Are the Way; through You Alone"

LSB 526

1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can
 2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True
 3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -
 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant

we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has
 wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -
 claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their
 us that way to know, That truth to keep, that

God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.
 And pu - ri - fy the heart.
 trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.
 life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *"On What Has Now Been Sown"*

LSB 921

1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
 2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
 3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,

The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
 Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -
 May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -

in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!
 es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.
 low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

POSTLUDE: “Final-Toccata from Suite romantique (2005)”

Organ

~ Denis Bédard

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“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now” LSB 902

Text: *Lutherisch Hand-Büchlein*, Altenburg, 1648; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.

Tune: *Cantionale Germanicum*, Gochsheim, 1628; setting: *Service Book and Hymnal*, 1958.

Text and Music: Public domain

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” LSB 685

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626-81; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978, alt.

Tune: Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent. Text: © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, Augsburg Publishing House.

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“Hail, O Source of Every Blessing” LSB 409

Text: Basil Woodd, 1760-1831, alt.

Tune: *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*, Halle, 1704, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen;

Setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941. Text and music: Public domain.

“Your Table I Approach” LSB 628

Text: Gerhard Wolter Molanus, 1633-1722; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828-1915, alt.

Tune: *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, ed. Louis Bourgeois;

Setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941. Text and tune: Public domain.

“You Are the Way; through You Alone” LSB 526

Text: George W. Doane, 1799-1859, alt. Tune: *The CL Psalms of David*, Edinburgh, 1615;

setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941. Text and music: Public domain.

“On What Has Now Been Sown” LSB 921

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt. Tune: John Darwall, 1731-89;

setting: *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978. Text and music: Public Domain.

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