

# WELCOME TO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*October 1, 2023*

*8:00 & 9:30 AM*

### We are so glad you are here in God's house for worship.

**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.

**If You're a Visitor**, let us get to know you. Scan the QR Code here:



**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.

### **AS WE GATHER:**

Paul wrote the church in Philippi while he was imprisoned in Rome. The church in Philippi, the first he planted, was discouraged by his imprisonment and itself had become captive to factions and disunity; so Paul guides them towards what Max Lucado called: "unearthly joy and otherworldly peace." We pray that such joy and peace would simultaneously fill and flow from those Gathered, Connected and Sent.

Bethany Lutheran exists to **GATHER** God's beloved children into community around His Word and gifts, **CONNECT** them to their brothers and sisters in Christ and their God-given calling, and through the Spirit, **SEND** them empowered for service into their daily lives to be the means through which Jesus continues to "Bless from Bethany".

*(Luke 24:50)*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN:**      *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”*      LSB 549



1 All hail the pow’r of Je - sus’ name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;  
3 Ye seed of Is - rael’s cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,  
4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid’s line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,  
5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne’er for - get The worm-wood and the gall,  
7 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
The God in - car - nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.  
Go, spread your tro - phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.  
We’ll join the ev - er - last - ing song And crown Him Lord of all.



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**INVOCATION:**

Leader:      Good will and peace from God our Father  
                  and the Lord Jesus Christ are yours! (*Philippians 1:2*)

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader:      I’m convinced that God, who began this good work in you,  
                  will carry it through to completion on the day of Jesus Christ.  
                  (*Philippians 1:6*)

## PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Leader: Dear Lord, may our love keep on growing,  
that we may be able to determine what is best  
and be pure and blameless until the day of Christ.

**People: Lord Jesus Christ,  
fill our lives with everything that God's approval produces,  
so that we may bring glory and praise to God. (Philippians 1:9-10)**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: (*Philippians 2*)

Leader: Dear Lord, You have called us to do nothing out of selfish ambition  
and to have the interests of others as forefront in our thoughts,

**People: and in humility to think of others as being better than ourselves.**

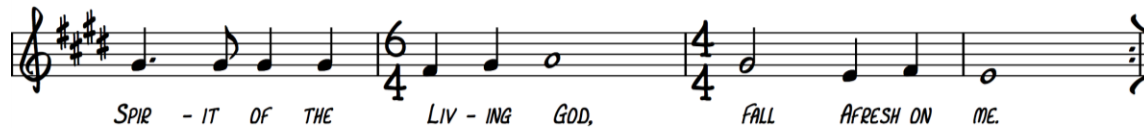
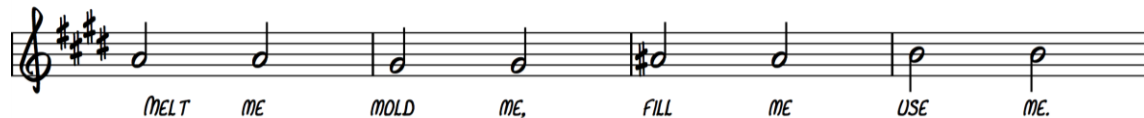
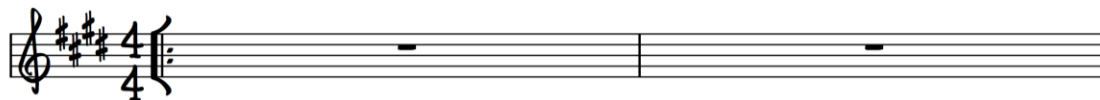
Leader: Yet, we confess Lord that we are by nature selfish;

**People: So, we regularly think more about ourselves than we ought,  
and less of others than we should.**

**Dear Lord Jesus,  
You humbled Yourself  
and put our needs ahead of Your own,  
for Your sake forgive us our sin,  
send us Your Spirit,  
and move us to have an attitude like unto Your own.  
Amen.**

Leader: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ humbled Himself  
and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.  
For His sake God forgives us all our sins  
and bestows on us His Holy Spirit.  
May the Lord Who has begun His good work in us  
bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

RESPONSIVE HYMN: "Spirit of the Living God"



**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Philippians 2:1-11***

So then, as Christians, do you have any encouragement? Do you have any comfort from love? Do you have any spiritual relationships? Do you have any sympathy and compassion? Then fill me with joy by having the same attitude and the same love, living in harmony, and keeping one purpose in mind. Don't act out of selfish ambition or be conceited. Instead, humbly think of others as being better than yourselves. Don't be concerned only about your own interests, but also be concerned about the interests of others. Have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Although He was in the form of God and equal with God,  
He did not take advantage of this equality.  
Instead, He emptied Himself by taking on the form of a servant,  
by becoming like other humans, by having a human appearance.  
He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,  
death on a cross.

This is why God has given Him an exceptional honor—  
the name honored above all other names—  
so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth,  
and in the world below will kneel  
and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord  
to the glory of God the Father. – GW ®

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC: 8:00      “It Is Good”      Bethany School K – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**  
~ Mary Rice Hopkins

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**HOLY BAPTISM:**



**9:30      + *Skye Annan Johnson* +**

**Elder:**      Through Baptism, God has made *Skye* a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that together we may present the forgiveness of God in Christ to our world.

**People:**      **We welcome you into the Lord’s family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 21:23-27***

**T**hen Jesus went into the temple courtyard and began to teach. The chief priests and the leaders of the people came to Him. They asked, “What gives You the right to do these things? Who told You that You could do this?”

Jesus answered them, “I, too, have a question for you. If you answer it for Me, I’ll tell you why I have the right to do these things. Did John’s right to baptize come from heaven or from humans?”

They discussed this among themselves. They said, “If we say, ‘from heaven,’ He will ask us, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ But if we say, ‘from humans,’ we’re afraid of what the crowd might do. All those people think of John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”

Jesus told them, “Then I won’t tell you why I have the right to do these things. – GW ®

**SERMON HYMN: *“United In Christ”***

People of the Lord, come now and sing, Every nation and tongue, to Christ our King  
With empty hands, His gifts receive, Whether young or old, you’re a child of God  
Whether rich or poor, no matter what you got, He gathers all to the foot of the cross

**Chorus:**

His body broken, makes this body whole; His resurrection, it assures us all  
No darkness, nor doubting nor pain in this life; Could keep us from being united in Christ

All you sinner and saints, you have a place; With the Spirit’s gifts, proclaim His grace  
There’s nothin’ too small, to be used by the living God

**Bridge:**

We are the body, Christ is the head, Sealed with the promise, through blood he shed  
We are the body, Christ is the head, He’s given life where there once was death

We are the body, Christ is the head, His grace the heartbeat, our confidence  
So, love one another, shout out his praise, We’re bound together, in Jesus’ name

**SERMON: "Connected"**

**Text: Philippians 2:1-5**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "Christ Is the World's Redeemer"**

**LSB 539**



1 Christ is the world's Re - deem - er, The lov - er of the pure,  
2 Christ has our host sur - round - ed With clouds of mar - tyrs bright,  
3 Down through the realm of dark - ness He strode in vic - to - ry,  
△ 4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, The un - be - got - ten One,  
The font of heav'n-ly wis - dom, Our trust and hope se - cure,  
Who wave their palms in tri - umph And fire us for the fight.  
And at the hour ap - point - ed He rose tri - um - phant-ly.  
All hon - or be to Je - sus, His sole - be - got - ten Son,  
The ar - mor of His sol - diers, The Lord of earth and sky,  
Then Christ the cross as - cend - ed To save a world un - done  
And now, to heav'n as - cend - ed, He sits up - on the throne  
And to the Ho - ly Spir - it— The per - fect Trin - i - ty.  
Our health while we are liv - ing, Our life when we shall die.  
And, suf - f'ring for the sin - ful, Our full re - demp - tion won.  
Whence He had ne'er de - part - ed, His Fa - ther's and His own.  
Let all the worlds give an - swer: A - men! So let it be.

**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 [mshaeffe@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:mshaeffe@bethanylutheran.org) or call 562-421-4711, ext. 21. Thank you!*

**CONSECRATING THE GIFTS:**

Leader: Your gifts are a soothing aroma,  
a sacrifice that God accepts and with which He is pleased.  
(Based on Philippians 4:18b)

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**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.**

## PRAYER 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.**

## **+ *Service of the Sacrament* +**

*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

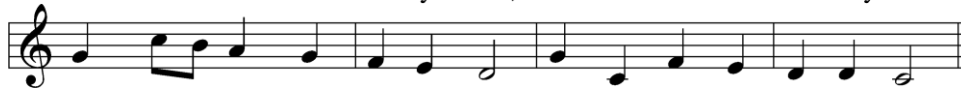
*For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are alcohol free.  
The wafers next to the Christ candle side are gluten free;  
for those with dietary restrictions, please take a gluten free wafer.*

*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: “Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love” LSB 900



1 Je - sus! Name of won-drous love, Name all oth - er names a - bove,  
2 Je - sus! Name de - creed of old, To the maid-en moth - er told,  
3 Je - sus! Name of price - less worth To the fall - en of the earth  
4 Je - sus! Name of mer - cy mild, Giv - en to the ho - ly Child



Un - to which must ev - 'ry knee Bow in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
Kneel-ing in her low - ly cell, By the an - gel Ga - bri - el.  
For the prom - ise that it gave, “Je - sus shall His peo - ple save.”  
When the cup of hu - man woe First He tast - ed here be - low.

- 5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n Under all the mighty heav'n  
Whereby those to sin enslaved Burst their fetters and are saved.
- 6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Human name of God above;  
Pleading only this, we flee Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

***“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”***

Let us love and sing and wonder  
Let us praise the Savior's name  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder  
He has quenched Mt. Sinai's flame

Let us love the Lord who bought us  
Pitied us when enemies  
Called us by His grace and taught us  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes

He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He presents our souls to God

Let us wonder grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store  
When through grace in Christ our trust is  
Justice smiles and asks no more

He who washed us with his blood  
He who washed us with his blood  
He who washed us with his blood  
Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high  
Here they trusted him before us  
Now their praises fill the sky

He has washed us with his blood  
He has washed us with his blood  
He has washed us with his blood  
He has washed us with his blood  
He will bring us home to God

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE BLESSING:**

Leader: Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just,  
 whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,  
 think about these things and the peace of God will be with you.  
*(Based on Philippians 4:8-9)*

**CLOSING HYMN: "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go" LSB 854**



1...Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
 2...The task thy wis - dom has as - signed,  
 3...Thee may I set at my right hand,  
 4...Give me to bear thine ea - sy yoke,  
 5...For thee de - light - ful - ly em - ploy



My dai - ly la - bor to pur - sue;  
 Oh - let me cheer - ful - ly ful - fill;  
 Whose eyes my in - most sub - stance see,  
 And ev - 'ry mo - ment watch and pray,  
 What - e'er thy boun - tesou grace has giv'n,



Thee, on - ly thee, - re - solved to know  
 In all my works thy pre - sence find,  
 And la - bor on - at thy com - mand,  
 And still to things e - ter - nal look,  
 And run my course with e - ven joy,



In all I think or speak or do.  
 And prove thy good and per - fect will.  
 And of - fer all my works to thee.  
 And has - ten to thy glo - rious day;  
 And close - ly walk with thee to heav'n.

**POSTLUDE**

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Children’s Sermon... Kayleigh Lopez  
Lector 8:00... Ron Svarc  
Accompanist... Kevin Bowers  
Artist in Residence... Blake Flattley  
Preacher... Senior Pastor Kevin L. Kritzer

Lector 9:30... John Holmquist  
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