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*Then a voice from heaven said,  
"This is my Son, with whom I am pleased."*



**THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

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**JANUARY 9, 2022**

**9:30 AM**

**+ *God Gathers Us In His Presence* +**

**PRELUDE:**

***"Passacaglia in D Minor, BuxWV 161"***

**~ by Dietrich Buxtehude**

**Organ**

**WELCOME**



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and  
 2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your  
 3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly  
 4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O

Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,  
 child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me  
 will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er  
 Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;

A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and  
 The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I  
 Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I

dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.  
 com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.  
 come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.  
 am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM:**

**Leader:** When we were baptized into God’s name, we were brought into fellowship with the Holy, Triune God Himself.

**People:** **The Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Leader:** When we gather together in His house, in His name, we are reminded that there is nowhere on earth we belong more than in His Holy presence as His beloved, baptized children. Yet, we must admit that too often our living bears witness to the truth that we are also children of Adam and by nature fallen and sinful.

**People:**       **Almighty God, I confess that my thoughts, words and deeds  
have not always born witness to the new birth  
that I received in baptism.  
For the sake of Jesus Christ forgive me anew  
and grant me Your Spirit that I may delight in Your will  
and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.  
Amen.**

**Leader:**       On the day you were baptized, you received the sign of the cross over your forehead and heart to mark you as one redeemed by Jesus Christ. Today that sign is used again as a testimony to the gift God has given you in Christ. In mercy, God has sent His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. So, in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:**       **Amen.**

**Leader:**       Daily we are called and invited to live in our baptism and renew our faith. Therefore, in remembrance of your baptism and recognition of the gifts God gave you, I ask you anew: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

**People:**       **Yes, I renounce them.**

**Leader:**       Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**People:**       **Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
Who out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy,  
without any merit or worthiness in me,  
has given me my body and soul,  
my reason and senses  
and richly provides me with all that I need.**

**Leader:**       Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**People:** Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, my 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 into hell;  
the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
Through His holy, precious blood  
and with His innocent suffering and death He has redeemed me,  
purchased and won me from all sins,  
from death and from the power of the devil;  
that I might be His own and live under Him in His kingdom.

**Leader:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**People:** Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.  
This same Spirit, proceeding from Father and Son,  
has called me by the Gospel and enlightens me with His gifts.

**Leader:** Baptism is a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit. This baptism indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily repentance be drowned and that the new person, in faith, should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness, follow Him faithfully and grow in godliness until we obtain our heavenly inheritance through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Do you believe this and do you desire to live this?

**People:** Yes!

*(We now invite you to remember your baptism,  
by making the sign of the cross over your forehead,  
and that of children accompanying you.)*

# + *God Gives Us the Gift of His Word* +

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Isaiah 43:1-7*

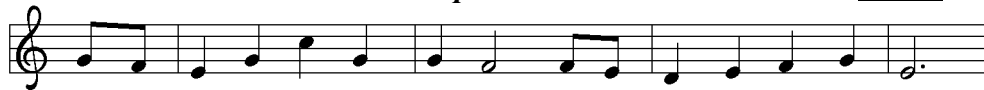
**T**he LORD created Jacob and formed Israel. Now, this is what the LORD says:

Do not be afraid, because I have reclaimed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. When you go through the sea, I am with you. When you go through rivers, they will not sweep you away. When you walk through fire, you will not be burned, and the flames will not harm you. I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. Egypt is the ransom I exchanged for you. Sudan and Seba are the price I paid for you. Since you are precious to me, you are honored and I love you. I will exchange others for you. Nations will be the price I pay for your life.

Do not be afraid, because I am with you. I will bring your descendants from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not keep them.” Bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the ends of the earth. Bring everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made. – GW®

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *“We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus”*

WOV 698



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap-tized in his death;  
2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,  
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.  
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,  
glo-ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,  
God has made a new be - gin-ning from the ash - es of our past;  
as it was in the be - gin-ning, glo - ry now re-sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.  
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.  
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

## **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *Romans 6:1-11***

**W**hat should we say then? Should we continue to sin so that God's kindness will increase? That's unthinkable! As far as sin is concerned, we have died. So how can we still live under sin's influence?

Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? When we were baptized into His death, we were placed into the tomb with Him. As Christ was brought back from death to life by the glorious power of the Father, so we, too, should live a new kind of life. If we've become united with Him in a death like His, certainly we will also be united with Him when we come back to life as He did. We know that the person we used to be was crucified with Him to put an end to sin in our bodies. Because of this we are no longer slaves to sin. The person who has died has been freed from sin.

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ, who was brought back to life, will never die again. Death no longer has any power over Him. When He died, He died once and for all to sin's power. But now He lives, and He lives for God. So consider yourselves dead to sin's power but living for God in the power Christ Jesus gives you. – GW®

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 3:15-17, 21-22***

**P**eople's hopes were rising as they all wondered whether John was the Messiah. John replied to all of them, "I baptize you with water. But the One who is more powerful than I is coming. I am not worthy to untie His sandal straps. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing shovel is in His hand to clean up His threshing floor. He will gather the wheat into His barn, but He will burn the husks in a fire that can never be put out." ...

When all the people were baptized, Jesus, too, was baptized. While He was praying, heaven opened, and the Holy Spirit came down to Him in the form of a dove. A voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, whom I love. I am pleased with You." – GW®

**SERMON HYMN:*****“All Who Believe and Are Baptized”*****LSB 601**

1 All who be - lieve and are bap-tized Shall see the Lord's sal - va - tion;  
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Ho - ly Spir - it.



Bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, They are a new cre - a - tion.  
Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it.



Through Christ's re-demp-tion they shall stand A - mong the glo-rious,  
Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -



heav'n - ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.  
ment we may E - ter - nal life in - her - it.

**MESSAGE: “The Death of Resolutions”****Text: Romans 6:1-11****HYMN OF THE DAY: “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”****LSB 405**

To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom heav'n - ly



hosts a - dored, The God from God, the Light from Light, The



Lord of glo - ry, pow'r and might.

*(Song Continued on next page.)*

- 2 The Savior came to be baptized—  
The Son of God in flesh disguised—  
To stand beneath the Father's will  
And all His righteousness fulfill.
- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood  
And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,  
Descended on Him from above.
- 4 Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound  
Came God's own voice with words profound:  
"This is My Son," was His decree,  
"The one I love, who pleases Me."
- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight  
Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall  
To save the world and free us all.
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;  
This man is Christ, our substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

## + *We Give Thanks for God's Word* +

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

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

## **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.

## + *The Service of 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.*

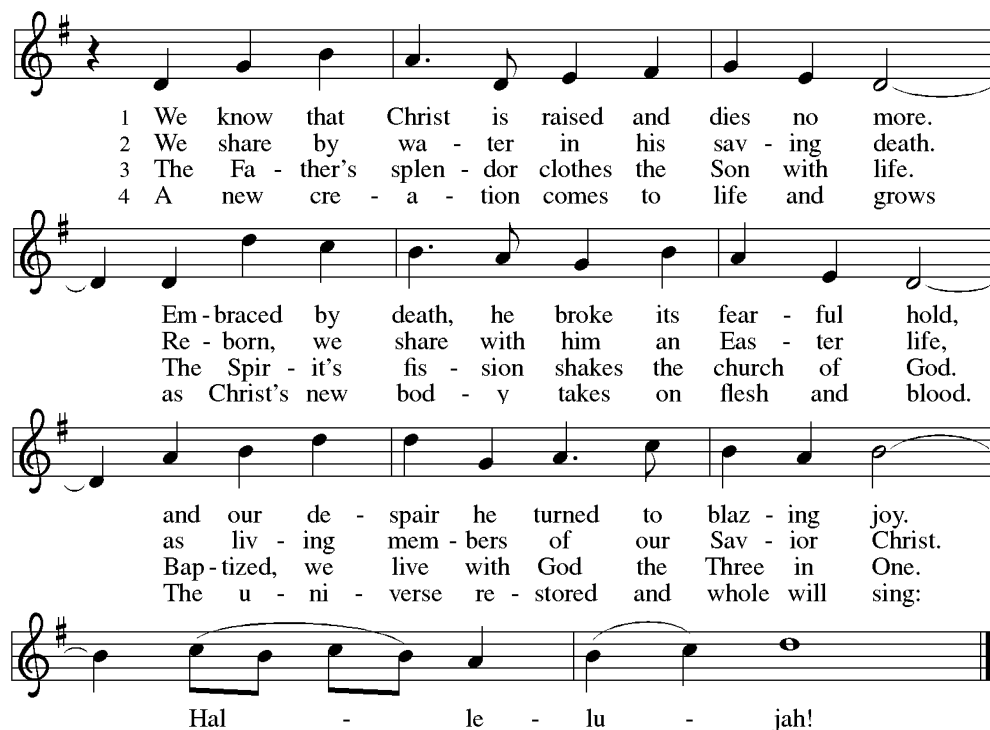
## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

+ *God Sends Us Forth for Lives of Love and Service* +

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CLOSING HYMN:**      *"We Know That Christ Is Raised"*



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows  
Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,  
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.  
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.  
and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.  
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:  
Hal - le - lu - jah!

**PRAYER:**

**Leader:**      Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You  
that You graciously preserve and enlarge your family  
and in baptism made us members of Your Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of your heavenly kingdom.

**People:**      **Lord we humbly ask You**  
**to keep us in our baptismal promises and grace,**  
**that according to Your good pleasure**  
**we may faithfully grow in godliness of life**  
**to the praise and honor of Your holy name**  
**and finally, with all Your saints,**  
**reach the promised land of heaven;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING:

Leader: Live always by the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming,  
that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him  
into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom,  
which shall have no end.

Peace + be with you!

People: Amen.

POSTLUDE: *“Toccata from Trois pièces pour orgue, Opus 7”* Organ  
~ by Austin Barié

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### **SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**

Organist... Robert Bottoms	Children's Sermon... Kayleigh Lopez- DCE
Acolyte... Benjamin Evans	Crucifer 9:30... Carter Wegman
Lector... Ron Svarc	Liturgist... Karl Fink
Preacher... Pastor Seth Moorman	
Camera...Felix Rivera	Sound...Jon Widmann

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### **THE BETHANY BLUEPRINT**

Having been called to Faith in Christ, moved by the love of God the Father and empowered by the Holy Spirit, the members of Bethany Lutheran Church are committed to:

***Worshiping Faithfully*** (Acts 2:42, 46)  
***Forming Spiritually*** (Colossians 1:10-14)  
***Serving Passionately*** (Ephesians 2:10)  
***Giving Proportionately*** (Luke 21:1-4)  
***Sharing Intentionally*** (Matthew 28:19-20)

# WEEKLY CHIMES

THE PARISH LIFE OF BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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WEEK OF  
JANUARY 9 – 16, 2022

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Jon Rose	Merlyn Wagner	Sue Swick	Judy Richell
Charlene Mitchell	Heidi Moyer-Miser	Grace Hennings	
Kathy Jones	John Fredrickson	Bill Hutchinson	Ron Miner
Mary Mendez	Levi Rose	Jean Barton	Evelyn Rucks

**HIATUS EXTENDED:** **The Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study** will NOT meet this coming Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, but will resume on Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Parish Lounge. Please Continue with your own personal Bible study and daily devotional time with God. ~ Meg Velez

## **BAPTISM:**

Are you interested in learning more about baptism? Scan the QR code or send an email to Pastor Seth at [smoorman@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:smoorman@bethanylutheran.org).



## **WORSHIPING FAITHFULLY: Hebrews 10:25**

### **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HEAR TODAY'S SERMON OR PREVIOUS SERMONS AGAIN...**

You can hear them as podcasts on our website [www.bethanylutheran.org](http://www.bethanylutheran.org).

**THE SAME TEXT WILL BE EXPLORED AT ALL IN-PERSON WORSHIP SITES:** Bethany Lutheran in Long Beach, The Gathering in Long Beach and Holy Cross in Cypress; and of course on the Live Streamed via our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/BethanyLutheranLongBeach> at Bethany's 9:30AM Worship Service.

## **FORMING SPIRITUALLY: Colossians 1:10-14**

### **LOOKING FOR A DAILY DEVOTIONAL FOR 2022:**

You are invited to join Pastor Seth and others in reading through *The Mockingbird Devotional—Good News for Today (and Every Day)* next year. Pastor Seth and others will post some of their thoughts about the readings every day in a special Facebook Group. If you want to be added to Facebook group, please email Pastor Seth ([smoorman@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:smoorman@bethanylutheran.org)). You can pick up your copy of the book on Amazon or at [www.mbird.com](http://www.mbird.com).



**COUCH CONVERSATIONS:** Take some time this week with your family, or on your own to have some conversations about our text and theme for worship. Perhaps you can do this on the couch right after the last song or later around the dinner table. You could even use them to have conversations in the car. We hope that these conversations will help you as you continue to be formed spiritually.

**Romans 6:1-11** ~ We are just over a week into the New Year. How are your resolutions going? Perhaps you are going strong. Perhaps you have already given up. Personal resolutions can be hard but spiritual resolutions are impossible. No amount of effort can get you right with God or erase the mistakes of your past. In baptism we die to the past and we are raised with Christ.

- How is baptism like a death?
- How is baptism like rebirth?
- How can you live for God in the power Christ Jesus gives you this week?



**THEOLOGY ON TAP:** Season 4 of the Theology On Tap Podcast with Pastor Seth, Pastor Kevin, Pastor Kyle, Pastor Mark and Kayleigh is out now! Get it wherever you get your podcasts including Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and Anchor.fm. This season the team tackles the idea of how to interpret the Bible and why many people struggle when doing it. So, grab yourself a cold beer, warm glass of milk, hot cup of tea, bottle of water, and pull up a chair and join us for Theology On Tap, and get ready for a lively discussion of theology, spirituality and sharing life together.

### **LIVING WAY BIBLE STUDY:**

**Resumes Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

This year our Living Way Bible study continues with the **Miracles of the Old Testament**. Each Living Way class includes homework done prior to our session, sharing and dialogue based upon that work facilitated by our leaders (Pastor Mark Siegert & Pastor Kevin Kritzer will be co-leading). Then a presentation by our evening leader for more in-depth exploration of the miracle at hand.

Our class resumes Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, with Lesson 7. Handouts are available to pick-up on Sunday in the Narthex and on Wednesday in the Parish Hall. The plan is to finish all Lessons (1-13) before Ash Wednesday.



### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday – Thursday from 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM noon. Closed Fridays.**

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

*The Church Office will be closed Monday, January 17, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.*

## **WELCOME TO THE BIBLE QUIZ**

The answers to these questions will be found in next week's Sunday Chimes, along with three new questions. See how many questions you and your family can answer.

1. The Holy Spirit in the form of a \_\_\_\_\_ descended on Jesus at His baptism?
2. An angel placed a burning \_\_\_\_\_ on Isaiah's lips.
3. Paul says to consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to GOD in \_\_\_\_\_.

## **ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S BIBLE QUIZ**

1. What gift did King Solomon ask from GOD?  
**Answer: Wisdom. ~ 1 Kings 3:4-15**
2. Paul praises GOD for having chosen us before the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world.  
**Answer: Foundation. ~ Ephesians 1:3-14**
3. When Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, where did his parents find him?  
**Answer: In the temple. ~ Luke 2:40-52**



## **SERVING PASSIONATELY: Ephesians 2:10**



**ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER OPPORTUNITIES: JANUARY DATES:** I am interested in knowing which youth wish to acolyte for Sunday Worship services. Possible for 4<sup>th</sup> graders on up. Boys and girls welcome. Service times are 8:00 & 9:30AM. Training is available if you will be a first time acolyte. If you have any questions concerning this ministry opportunity, please contact me at the email or phone number listed below.

**Crucifer & Acolyte Sign Ups for January are Now Open.** Please prayerfully consider this service opportunity and sign up.

~ Karl Fink – DCE [kfink@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:kfink@bethanylutheran.org) 562.421.4711, ext. 19

**MISSION ALASKA 2022:** Interested in serving as a short-term missionary in Alaska this summer? Come to an informational meeting on Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 AM in the Youth Center. Tentative travel dates for the trip are July 22-August 1. Got questions? Email Pastor Seth ([smoorman@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:smoorman@bethanylutheran.org)) or Kayleigh Lopez ([klopez@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:klopez@bethanylutheran.org)).

## **HEARING ASSISTED DEVICE FOR SANCTUARY:**

Our hearing devices and headsets once stored in the usher's closet no longer work. However, there is a solution. Do you recall the option of using your car radios when we were worshipping outdoors on the field? That option is still available and works inside the sanctuary. All you need is a small FM band radio with a 3.5 mm earplug/headphones jack, tuned to 87.9 FM. If you don't have one of these small cheap pocket radios, they are easily purchased where electronics are sold or online. Such as:

[https://www.amazon.com/dp/B09L1N2426/ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_em\\_api\\_glt\\_fabc\\_YYC91REG0E4KA\\_E3MC2RT](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B09L1N2426/ref=cm_sw_r_em_api_glt_fabc_YYC91REG0E4KA_E3MC2RT)

Personal FM AM Pocket Radio Portable, Mini Digital Tuning Stereo Walkman Radio with Rechargeable Battery, Earphone, LCD Display for Walking Jogging -Sliver  
There are no interruptions or static and the transmission is very clear. It is not affected by one's location in the sanctuary. ~ Thanks to Jon Widmann and Felix Rivera for working this out.

## **GIVING PROPORTIONATELY: Luke 21:1-4**



### **GIFTS FOR THE KING:**

Bethany will be accepting donations in person, by mail, by text giving or with the giving form. To give using the form use the QR Code.



**PLEASE NOTE: We will NOT be using the Gifts for the King boxes this year.** Listed below are the three organizations that your Gifts for the King donation will be benefiting this year.

*Donations will be accepted today through January 9, 2022 (Epiphany Sunday).*

**OPERATION BARNABAS** - <https://www.lcms.org/ministry-to-the-armed-forces/operation-barnabas>



Operation Barnabas is the LCMS' network of care to our nation's military members, families and veterans. Reaching out to all branches of the military with a special emphasis on our Reserve members and their families. Offering Care for Reserve chaplains and their families and congregations. Train and assist local congregations in the care, support and outreach to all military connected people in their congregations and their communities. Serving as a resource to other organizations that provide care to military connected people.

**PROJECT 24** - <https://engage.lcms.org/caring-for-children-in-kenya-fall-2016/>



through faith.

Project 24 provides children's boarding facilities in Kenya that give vulnerable children the opportunity to successfully complete primary or secondary school while living at a site, a home away from home. Each site provides a Christ-centered, loving, caring and safe environment. Every pupil is offered daily opportunities for Scripture engagement, catechesis and worship. The goal is for him or her to grow in faith and celebrate Christ's claim on his or her life in joyful recognition of God's forgiveness worked by grace

**LUTHERAN CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY** - <https://lcrfreesdom.org/>



Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty offers a voice on Capitol Hill. The mission of the LCRL is to ignite and fuel a uniquely Lutheran response to increasing intrusions, limitations and challenges by the government in the life of the Church, while educating, encouraging and equipping LCMS members and organizations to take informed action in support of marriage, life and religious freedom.

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**THE 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES**  
**ARE READY FOR PICK UP.**  
**PICK YOURS UP TODAY**  
**IN THE PARISH LOUNGE.**







### **WE GIVE HIM BUT HIS OWN**

*At Bethany we know that “our stuff is not our stuff!” All that we have, all that we are, is a gift from Him. We also know that giving is a spirit-given compulsion. For Jesus Christ, in whose likeness we are being transformed daily, is the ultimate giver. Your gifts fund ministry that give people Jesus. His words, His promises, His presence, His gifts, His comfort, His strength are given through the gifts you are now giving Him. We thank and honor you for these gifts, because they thank and honor Him!*

**There are multiple ways to give to Bethany Lutheran Church including:**

Giving Online      Text to Give      Online Bill-Pay, US Mail, Offering Basket

Please see the GIVING link on Bethany’s website for more information on how to make your offering. **If you need further assistance, contact our Financial Administrator at [mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org)**



**SCRIP:** Happy New Year! It’s that time of year when people make resolutions - let me suggest one for you! Make this the year that you start using Scrip. If you are already using Scrip, make a goal for yourself to increase your purchases. Remember - there is no cost to you for using Scrip. You buy and use the gift cards at face value - the earnings come from the retailer. You can help make a difference in a Bethany ministry with your purchases. I am happy to tell you about ways that Scrip helps at Bethany or how to set up an account or whatever you may have questions about! Thanks for supporting the Scrip program! ~ Ruth Lopez, Scrip Coordinator [rlopez@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:rlopez@bethanylutheran.org) or 562-420-7783 ext. 58

### **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: Act 2:44**



**ANNUAL CAMPOUT RETREAT:** Bethany's Annual Family Campout Retreat is February 19, 20 and 21 at Mobiland RV Park in Ocotillo Wells. Bring your special dish for Saturday's pot luck supper, and Sunday evening hors d'oeuvres along with some firewood for the campfire. A worship service will be held Sunday morning at 9:00 AM. For questions or reservation please call or text Philip Lopez, at (562) 416-5960.



**COOK'S NIGHT OUT!** The Bethany Lutheran School 8<sup>th</sup> grade class invites **ALL** Bethany members and their families and friends to Cook’s Night Out on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at the Chick-fil-A in Lakewood from 6:30 AM to 9:00 PM. Must bring flyer. Flyers are available at the SCRIP table or school office.



### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

Bethany Lutheran Church  
4644 Clark Avenue  
Long Beach, CA 90808  
Sunday, February 6, 2022  
8:30 AM to 2:30 PM in the GYM

To make an appointment, please sign up online at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org)  
and enter sponsor code: BLC or sign up with Katie Musick at  
[k.musick21692@gmail.com](mailto:k.musick21692@gmail.com)

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting  
[RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health  
history questions on the day of your appointment.



### **ST. VALENTINE'S PARTY @ HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**When: Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm**

**Where: Holy Cross Fellowship Hall**

**4321 West Cerritos Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630**

**What: Bingo (w/prizes) and an old fashioned Ice Cream Social**

**How: Call the Holy Cross church office at 714-527-7225**

**Please join us for an afternoon for fun and friendship.**

**Will you be My Valentine?**



**OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY** to the friends and family of Clint Kroll,  
who went to be with the Lord on Monday, January 3, 2022. A Service of Victory will be  
held at Bethany Lutheran Church on Friday, January 21, 2022 at 1:00 PM.

*"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies;  
and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die." ~ John 11: 25-26*

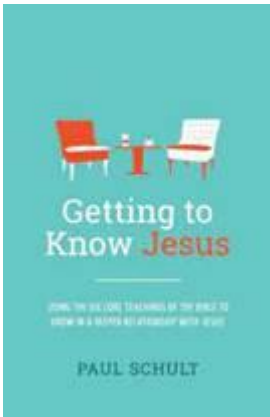
## **LEADERSHIP READ #2**

*Getting to Know Jesus* ~ by Paul Schult

*How can I get to know Jesus better?*

*How can I possibly understand all that the Bible teaches and reveals?*

*What is the most important teaching in the Bible for me to know?*



Getting to Know Jesus connects the dots between knowing the right Bible answers and having a real relationship with Jesus Christ. The six core teachings in Martin's Luther's Small Catechism summarize the most critical truths of the Bible. However, the heart of the Bible is not just to know the right answers; it's to know Jesus.

Drawing on his personal experience as a pastor, the author unpacks six core teaching of the Bible in easy-to-understand relationship language. You will discover a deeper meaning in worship, prayer, Bible study, and personal devotions and be more deeply connected to Jesus. Plus, you'll be better prepared to talk to family and friends about your relationship with Jesus in a clear and personal way.

At the end of each chapter there are some personal reflection questions that you can use to dig a little deeper into the topic. There are even more questions and some scriptures in the back of the book for you to work through if you want. You can purchase the book on Amazon or at your bookseller of choice. We have a limited supply of books on hand. Please contact Pastor Kevin ASAP to get your hands on a copy ([kkritzer@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:kkritzer@bethanylutheran.org)). It is our hope that everyone who holds a leadership position in our combined ministry will read this book.

Each week we will post a short video on our YouTube page with some insights from one of our staff members to help you process the material and to stay on track with the reading. There will also be opportunities for conversation via zoom half way through and in person at the end.

### ***GETTING TO KNOW JESUS READING SCHEDULE***

Week 1: 2/6 Introduction & Chapter 1: p.p. 15-36

Week 2: 2/13 Chapter 2: p.p. 37-57

Week 3: 2/20 Chapter 3: p.p. 59-66

Week 4: 2/27 Chapter 4: p.p. 67-78

Week 5: 3/6 Chapter 5: p.p. 79-88

**ZOOM DISCUSSION EVENT:** There will be an AM and PM option on 3/15

Zoom link forthcoming.

Week 6: 3/13 Chapter 6: p.p. 89-98

Week 7: 3/20 Chapter 7: p.p. 99-108

Week 8- 3/27 Chapter 8: p.p. 109-125

**BIG GROUP GATHERING EVENT:** Saturday, April 23: Time & Location TBD