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2nd SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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JANUARY 16, 2022

9:30 AM

+ *God Gathers Us In His Presence* +

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN:

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

LSB 904



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from
△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach-ings,
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Based on Colossians 1:2)*

Leader: Holy and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ,
grace and peace to you from God our Father.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: *(Based on Colossians 1:21, 3:5, 1:22 & 2:13)*

Leader: At one time you were alienated from God, enemies of His
because of sinful behavior.

People: I confess to You Lord, and to my brothers and sisters,
that I often stray and behave in a way
that is contrary to Your will and Your way.
My thoughts, words and deeds are soiled with sin;
impurity, lust, greed, and idolatry.
For Jesus sake forgive me and let me delight in Your will
and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Leader: God has reconciled you to Himself by Christ's death.
Through Jesus you are holy in God's sight, without blemish,
free from accusation; for God has made you alive in Christ.
He has forgiven all your sins. Amen.

IN ALL THINGS LITANY: *(Based on Colossians 1:15-20)*

Leader: Jesus is the image of the invisible God.

People: All things were created by Him and for Him.

Leader: In Him all things hold together.

People: He is the head of the body, the church.

Leader: God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Christ.

People: and to reconcile all things to Himself.

Leader: All things, in heaven and on earth.

People: and to provide peace in all things through Jesus blood.

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Isaiah 62:1-5*

For Zion's sake I will not remain silent.
For Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until its righteousness shines like the dawn
and its salvation burns brightly like a torch.
The nations will see your righteousness.
All kings will see your glory.
You will be given a new name
that the LORD will announce.
Then you will be a beautiful crown in the hand of the LORD,
a royal crown in the hand of your God.
You will no longer be called Deserted,
and your land will no longer be called Destroyed.
But you will be named My Delight,
and your land will be named Married.
The LORD is delighted with you,
and your land will be married.
As a young man marries a woman,
so your sons will marry you.
As a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,
so your God will rejoice over you. – GW®

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *1 Corinthians 12:1-11*

Brothers and sisters, I don't want there to be any misunderstanding concerning spiritual gifts. You know that when you were unbelievers, every time you were led to worship false gods you were worshiping gods who couldn't even speak. So I want you to know that no one speaking by God's Spirit says, "Jesus is cursed." No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, and yet the same Lord is served. There are different types of work to do, but the same God produces every gift in every person.

The evidence of the Spirit's presence is given to each person for the common good of everyone. The Spirit gives one person the ability to speak with wisdom. The same Spirit gives another person the ability to speak with knowledge. To another person the same Spirit gives courageous faith. To another person the same Spirit gives the ability to heal. Another can work miracles. Another can speak what God has revealed. Another can tell the difference between spirits. Another can speak in different kinds of languages. Another can interpret languages. There is only one Spirit who does all these things by giving what God wants to give to each person. – GW®

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *John 2:1-11*

Three days later a wedding took place in the city of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. Jesus and his disciples had been invited too.

When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They're out of wine."

Jesus said to her, "Why did you come to me? My time has not yet come."

His mother told the servers, "Do whatever he tells you."

Six stone water jars were there. They were used for Jewish purification rituals. Each jar held 18 to 27 gallons.

Jesus told the servers, "Fill the jars with water." The servers filled the jars to the brim. Jesus said to them, "Pour some, and take it to the person in charge." The servers did as they were told.

The person in charge tasted the water that had become wine. He didn't know where it had come from, although the servers who had poured the water knew. The person in charge called the groom and said to him, "Everyone serves the best wine first. When people are drunk, the host serves cheap wine. But you have saved the best wine for now."

Cana in Galilee was the place where Jesus began to perform miracles. He made his glory public there, and his disciples believed in him. – GW®



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,
 Δ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.
 Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.
 Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.
 Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.
 Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy-ful, we by grace are Thine!

MESSAGE



1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
 2 Come, heav'n-ly Bride-groom, Light di-vine, And deep with-in
 3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls
 6 What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love



own truth and light, A-glow with grace and mer-cy!
 our hearts now shine; There light a flame un-dy-ing!
 from God a-bove A ray of pur-est plea-sure.
 is first and last, The end and the be-gin-ning!



Of Ja-cob's race, King Da-vid's son, Our Lord and mas-s
 In Your one bod-y let us be As liv-ing branch-
 Your Word and Spir-it, flesh and blood Re-fresh our souls
 He will one day, oh, glo-rious grace, Trans-port us to



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on-ly!
 es of a tree, Your life our lives sup-ply-ing.
 with heav'n-ly food. You are our dear-est trea-sure!
 that hap-py place Be-yond all tears and sin-ning!



Low-ly, ho-ly! Great and glo-rious, All vic-to-rious,
 Now, though dai-ly Earth's deep sad-ness May per-plex us
 Let Your mer-cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
 A-men! A-men! Come, Lord Je-sus! Crown of glad-ness!



Rich in bless-ing! Rule and might o'er all pos-sess-ing!
 And dis-tress us, Yet with heav'n-ly joy You bless us.
 For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.
 We are yearn-ing For the day of Your re-turn-ing!

APOSTLE'S 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.**

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

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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.*

HYMN OF PRAISE: "This Is the Feast" LSB 171



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



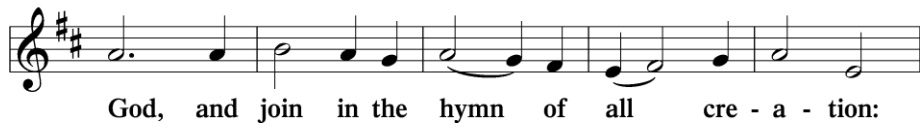
B Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



PREFACE:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING: (*Based on Colossians 1:10 & 3:12-13*)

Leader: Chosen and dearly loved people of God,
may you live a life worthy of the Lord and bear fruit in every good work,
growing in knowledge of God,
being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might,
clothing yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness
and patience.

People: Amen.

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,
The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.
The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,
The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.
The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.
His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing
To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Organ/Piano...Pat Gagen
Liturgist...Pastor Kevin Kritzer
Preacher... Pastor Mark Siegert
Camera...Jonathan Goebel

Sound...Jon Widmann

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 16 – 23, 2022**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Phyllis Lee	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

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.
- Dixie Gierhan, family and friends of her beloved husband, Sam Gierhan, who went to his heavenly home on Monday, January 10, 2022. A Service of Victory was held at Bethany Lutheran Church yesterday on Saturday, January 15, 2022.

"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

HIATUS EXTENDED: The Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study will NOT meet until Thursday, February 3rd 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.



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.

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). You can pick up your copy of the book on Amazon or at 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.

Sharing Intentionally ~ We all have learned how to share. But knowing how to share and actually sharing can be two different things and when it comes to sharing your faith, it can also be quite scary. God calls us to live lives for others and in so doing, share Him.

- Why is sharing your faith hard for you?
- Tell others about a time you shared your faith. How did it go?
- What is one thing you can do this week to make sharing intentionally part of your life?



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:

The Incarnation, the Immaculate Conception and virgin-birth, angels sent to shepherds and Magi led by a star, an elder prophet and prophetess who see and hold the hope of endless ages and a despotic bloodthirsty temporary king whose prey escapes his wrath and flees safely to a foreign land... we are coming through a season of miracles and the miraculous! Yet, of course, miracles and the miraculous are not confined to the New Testament. The Old Testament too is filled with both the miraculous and miracles. Our Living Way Bible study will continue to explore these accounts, ponder at the power and wonder of the Lord and apply these events to our lives and context. **The Great Miracles of the Old Testament continues on Wednesday, February 2nd at 7:00 PM on the campus of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Cypress.** If you missed the first few semester you can still join us (and you can also get the materials for our coming lessons and previous lessons from the HCC office.)



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 3 new questions. See how many questions you and your family can answer.

1. At the wedding in Cana, Jesus turned water into _____?
2. In Isaiah, the Messiah is pictured as a bridegroom; what "city" is depicted as His bride?
3. GOD gives each of us spiritual gifts that are empowered by the _____.



ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S BIBLE QUIZ

1. The Holy Spirit in the form of a _____ descended on Jesus at His baptism?
Answer: Dove. ~ Luke 3:15-22
2. An angel placed a burning _____ on Isaiah's lips.
Answer: Coal. ~ Isaiah 6:6-7
3. Paul says to consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to GOD in _____?
Answer: Christ Jesus. ~ Romans 6:1-11

SERVING PASSIONATELY: Ephesians 2:10

GRIEFSHARE CLASS UPDATE: We will be starting our next GriefShare classes on Sunday, January 30th, running through the spring. We will plan to meet on Sunday afternoons, starting at 12:30 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room #215 on the school side. GriefShare is a 12-13 week class in a small group setting, where we watch a video presentation, have time to discuss and share, and then pray together. If you know of anyone who is experiencing grief of any kind, please invite them to these classes. If you have contact information for them, please get it to me, so that I can send a postcard of invitation very soon. If you have any questions regarding the GriefShare classes, please contact me in my office or via email. May God hold you during these times of grief. ~ Karl Fink



ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER OPPORTUNITIES: JANUARY DATES:

I am interested in knowing which youth wish to acolyte for Sunday Worship services. Possible for 4th 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 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 30th at 11:15 AM in the Youth Center. Tentative travel dates for the trip are July 22 thru August 1. Got questions? Email Pastor Seth (smoorman@bethanylutheran.org) or Kayleigh Lopez (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, like a: Personal FM AM Pocket Radio Portable, Mini Digital Tuning Stereo Walkman Radio with Rechargeable Battery, Earphone, LCD Display for Walking Jogging. 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

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



FRIENDSHIP GROUP: Please join us in welcoming the New Year of 2022. This Wednesday, January 19, at 11:30 AM in the Parish Lounge. Bring your lunch. Coffee and dessert will be served. After a short devotion by Karl Fink, we will play a fun game of Bingo. Start the new year off by joining in fellowship with friends.



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**



SCRIP: Gift card fundraising is the easiest and best way to raise money. Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to earn on your daily purchases. The brand is the one giving back. It’s never been easier to create opportunities for what matters most to you. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted. Support a Bethany ministry today!

~ Ruth Lopez, Scrip Coordinator 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.



ST. VALENTINE’S PARTY @ HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

When: Saturday, February 12th 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?

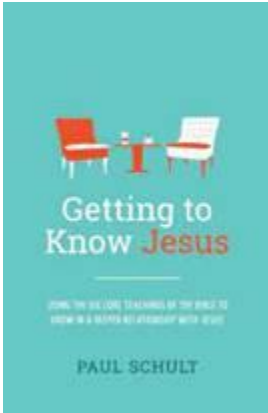
LEADERSHIP READ #2

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). 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