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7th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPANY

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FEBRUARY 20, 2022

9:30 AM

+ *God Gathers Us In His Presence* +

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN:

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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1. Ho ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God al - migh - ty

2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Though the dark ness hide Thee

3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God al - migh - ty

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee.

Though the eye made blind by sin Thy glo - ry may not see.

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly, merc - i - ful and migh - ty

On - ly Thou art ho - ly, There is none be - side Thee,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, merc - i - ful and migh - ty

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God in three per - sons bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Per - fect in pow - er in love and pur - i - ty.

God in three per - sons bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

And we on cue D.S. al fin

all bow down. And we

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Give glory to God, our light and our life.

People: **O come, let us worship Him.**

COLLECT FOR GRACE:

Leader: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God,
You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day.
Defend us in the same with Your mighty power
and grant that this day we fall into no sin,
neither run into any kind of danger,
but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance,
may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

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

Silence for self-examination.

Leader: Holy and gracious God,

People: **I confess that I have sinned against You this day.**
Some of my sin I know –
the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed –
but some is known only to You.
In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness.
Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

Leader: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ,
and in Him we are forgiven.
We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.

People: **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: *Genesis 45:3-15*

Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” His brothers could not answer him because they were afraid of him.

“Please come closer to me,” Joseph said to his brothers. When they did so, he said, “I am Joseph, the brother you sold into slavery in Egypt! Now, don’t be sad or angry with yourselves that you sold me. God sent me ahead of you to save lives. The famine has been in the land for two years. There will be five more years without plowing or harvesting. God sent me ahead of you to make sure that you would have descendants on the earth and to save your lives in an amazing way. It wasn’t you who sent me here, but God. He has made me like a father to Pharaoh, lord over his entire household, and ruler of Egypt.

“Hurry back to my father, and say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says, “God has made me lord of Egypt. Come here to me right away! Live in the land of Goshen, where you will be near me. Live there with your children and your grandchildren, as well as your

flocks, your herds, and everything you have. I will provide for you in Egypt, since there will be five more years of famine. Then you, your family, and all who belong to you won't lose everything.”

“You and my brother Benjamin can see for yourselves that I am the one who is speaking to you. Tell my father how greatly honored I am in Egypt and about everything you have seen. Hurry and bring my father here!”

He threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and cried with Benjamin, who was crying on his shoulder. He kissed all his brothers and cried with them. After that his brothers talked with him. – GW®

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42*

Since a man brought death, a man also brought life back from death. As everyone dies because of Adam, so also everyone will be made alive because of Christ. This will happen to each person in his own turn. Christ is the first, then at His coming, those who belong to Him will be made alive. Then the end will come. Christ will hand over the kingdom to God the Father as He destroys every ruler, authority, and power.

Christ must rule until God has put every enemy under His control. The last enemy He will destroy is death...

Why are we constantly putting ourselves in danger? Brothers and sisters, I swear to you on my pride in you which Christ Jesus our Lord has given me: I face death every day. If I have fought with wild animals in Ephesus, what have I gained according to the way people look at things? If the dead are not brought back to life, “Let's eat and drink because tomorrow we're going to die!” Don't let anyone deceive you. Associating with bad people will ruin decent people. Come back to the right point of view, and stop sinning. Some people don't know anything about God. You should be ashamed of yourselves.

But someone will ask, “How do the dead come back to life? With what kind of body will they come back?”

You fool! The seed you plant doesn't come to life unless it dies first. What you plant, whether it's wheat or something else, is only a seed. It doesn't have the form that the plant will have. God gives the plant the form he wants it to have. Each kind of seed grows into its own form. Not all flesh is the same. Humans have one kind of flesh, animals have

another, birds have another, and fish have still another. There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies. Heavenly bodies don't all have the same splendor, neither do earthly bodies. The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon has another kind of splendor, and the stars have still another kind of splendor. Even one star differs in splendor from another star.

That is how it will be when the dead come back to life. When the body is planted, it decays. When it comes back to life, it cannot decay. – GW®

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 6:27-38*

“But I tell everyone who is listening: Love your enemies. Be kind to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who insult you. If someone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other cheek as well. If someone takes your coat, don't stop him from taking your shirt. Give to everyone who asks you for something. If someone takes what is yours, don't insist on getting it back.

“Do for other people everything you want them to do for you.

“If you love those who love you, do you deserve any thanks for that? Even sinners love those who love them. If you help those who help you, do you deserve any thanks for that? Sinners do that too. If you lend anything to those from whom you expect to get something back, do you deserve any thanks for that? Sinners also lend to sinners to get back what they lend. Rather, love your enemies, help them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then you will have a great reward. You will be the children of the Most High God. After all, He is kind to unthankful and evil people. Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

“Stop judging, and you will never be judged. Stop condemning, and you will never be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and you will receive. A large quantity, pressed together, shaken down, and running over will be put into your pocket. The standards you use for others will be applied to you.” – GW®

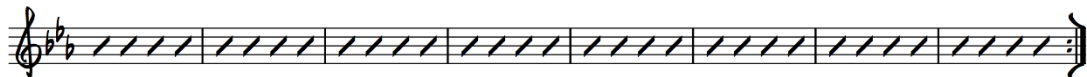
SERMON HYMN:

"This Dust"

VERSE



1.



BRIDGE

2.



CHORUS




SERMON: **“ON All Things”**

HYMN OF THE DAY: ***“His Mercy Is More”***


$\text{♩} = 40$ VERSE

E E/G# A E




1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
(2. What) pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What
(3. What) rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His

3 B C#m A B^{sus}




-ni - scient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown
Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He
blood was the pay - ment; His life was the cost. We

5 E F#m⁷ E/G# A E/G#



in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, our
wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. Our
stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford. Our

8 A E/B 1, 2. TURNAROUND B^{sus} B⁶ B^{sus} E E/G# A E



sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.
sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.
sins they are man - y; His

12 B C#m A B^{sus} | 3. B^{sus} B⁶ B^{sus} E

2. What mer - cy is more. Praise the
3. What

CHORUS

16 A E C#m⁷ B^{sus} A E B^{sus} B B^{sus}

Lord, — His mer - cy is more. —

20 A E B C#m⁷

Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn. — Our

22 A E | 1. B^{sus} E | 2. B^{sus} E

sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. Praise the mer - cy is more.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon,
with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world,
and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith,
let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For this nation, for our cities and communities,
and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth,
let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous,
and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless,
for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison,
let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them,
let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For ... (*additional bids for prayer*) ... let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul,
let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

+ *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 or call 562-421-4711, ext. 21. Thank you!*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+ *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.*

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.**

Leader: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness, By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

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.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Leader: Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING:

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

“Christ Be My Leader”



1.Christ be my___ Lead - er by night as by day;
 2.Christ be my___ Teach - er in age as in youth,
 3.Christ be my___ Sav - ior in calm as in strife;



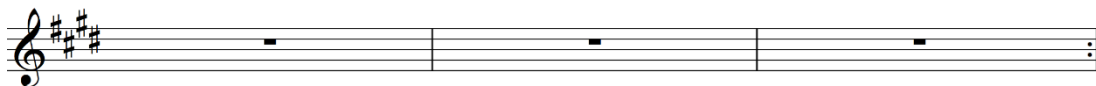
safe through the dark - ness, for He is the___ way.
 Drift - ing or doubt - ing, for He is the___ truth.
 Death can - not hold me, for He is the___ life. Nor



Glad - ly___ I___ fol - low, my fu - ture His care
 Grant me___ to___ trust Him; though shift - ing as sand,
 dark - ness___ nor___ doubt - ing nor sin and its stain Can



Dark - ness is day - light when___ Je - sus is there.
 Doubt can - not daunt___ me; in___ Je - sus I stand.
 touch my sal - va - tion: with___ Je - sus I reign



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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:

Worshipping 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

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**WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 20 – 27, 2022**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Don Maxwell | Claude Potter | Doug Crawford | Phyllis Lee |
| Heidi Moyer-Miser | Grace Hennings | Kathy Jones | John Fredrickson |
| Bill Hutchinson | Ron Miner | | |
| Mary Mendez | Levi Rose | Jean Barton | Evelyn Rucks |



Gone Too Soon

OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO:

- Greg & Kathy Young, Ashley Beukes and family, for the passing of Ashley's newborn, Holden Lee Beukes, who went to be with the Lord on Friday, February 4, 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

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.

LUKE IN LENT

This season there will be no midweek Lenten worship services. However, this Lenten Season, we will walk the *Via Dolorosa* (that is “The Way of Suffering”) with the One who is The Way to Life, The Way of Life and The Living Way itself, Jesus Christ. We will be using the *Living Way Bible Study* materials that correspond to the Historic Luke readings in the season of Lent.

We meet at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Cypress.

Need a copy of the week’s lesson...

- For a hard print copy of the lessons, you may pick it up in the church office at Bethany.
- For an electronic copy, please email Cindy Morrison at cmorrison@bethanylutheran.org.

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES



Ash Wednesday, March 2nd Worship Services

Private imposition of ashes 7:30 to 8:30 AM at **Bethany** (No service, only ashes)

All are welcome to the 9:00 AM Ash Wednesday School Chapel with imposition of ashes

Worship at 5:30 PM with imposition of ashes at **Holy Cross**

Worship at 7:00 PM with imposition of ashes at **Bethany**

****Luke in Lent on Wednesdays March 9, 16, 23, & 30 and April 6**

Living Way Bible Study at 7:00 PM at **Holy Cross** in the **Parish Hall**

(**Read more about “Luke in Lent” at the top of this page.)

Palm Sunday, April 10th Worship Service

Worship at 8:00 and 9:30 AM at **Bethany**

Zoom Worship at 10:00 AM with **The Gathering**

Worship at 11:00 AM at **Holy Cross**

Maundy Thursday, April 14th Worship Service

Worship at 1:00 and 7:00 PM at **Bethany**

(The 1:00 PM Worship Service will be **Live Streamed**)

Good Friday, April 15th Worship Services

Worship at 1:00 PM at **Bethany** (This Worship Service will be **Live Streamed**)

Evening Worship at **Bethany** (Time forthcoming)

Worship at 7:00 PM at **Holy Cross**

Easter Festival, April 17th Worship Services

Worship at 8:00 and 9:30 AM at **Bethany**

Zoom Worship at 10:00 AM with **The Gathering**

Worship at 11:00 AM at **Holy Cross**

FORMING SPIRITUALLY: Colossians 1:10-14

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.



Luke 6:27-38 ~ Our Gospel lesson for today continues Jesus's message known as the Sermon on the Plain. By listing a series of situations in rapid succession, Jesus overwhelms us with how practical, how real, how tangible, how concrete life in the kingdom can be. We don't need special skills to be a Christian. Having received mercy, we offer mercy. When coming across those who are homeless, helpless, and hopeless, we love. Anytime and everywhere, moments of mercy can break out in our world as God works through us to show himself to the world

- Share about a time when you were shown mercy.
- How does it change your perspective to know that it's not your works that matter but God's work through you that matters?
- Look for moments of mercy this week and share them with those in your household.

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. The Pharaoh of Egypt set what Israelite slave over his entire Kingdom?
2. In King David's Psalm, GOD is said to remove our sins "as far as the east is from the _____?"
3. Jesus commands us to "forgive and you will be _____."

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S BIBLE QUIZ

1. In Psalms, the righteous person is like a tree planted next to _____.
Answer: Water. ~ Psalms 1:3
2. St. Paul makes it clear that without the resurrection of Jesus our faith is in _____.
Answer: Vain. ~ 1 Corinthians 15:14
3. The "Blessed are you..." sayings by Jesus are called the _____.
Answer: Beatitudes. ~ Luke 6:17-26

SERVING PASSIONATELY: Ephesians 2:10

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER OPPORTUNITIES - FEBRUARY & MARCH 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 February are Now Open.** Please prayerfully consider this service opportunity and sign up.

~ Karl Fink – DCE kfink@bethanylutheran.org 562.421.4711, ext. 19

GIVING PROPORTIONATELY: Luke 21:1-4

THE 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR PICK UP.
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~ Ruth Lopez, Scrip Coordinator rlopez@bethanylutheran.org or 562-420-7783 ext. 58



BRIANNA ESSWEIN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNEY NEWS:

The 2022 Golf Tourney has been locked in at Lakewood Country Club for Friday, March 25. Start time is once again 1:00 PM. **Our ONLINE Registration form is NOW live!** You are able to register your foursome, buy raffle tickets, purchase a guest dinner (for those not golfing), and/or let us know if you wish to do a sponsorship for the tournament!

Use the QR code to the right to register or we will also have available paper copies of the registration form, if that is your preferred way to register. These are available in the church office.



Questions, kindly speak to any of these people on the committee: Marty Callow, Bob Newell, Phil Lopez, Craig Dean, Ted Spaseff, or Marty Platt. Feel free to contact me as well with any questions or concerns. So looking forward to being back at this event again! - Karl Fink

BEUTEL SCHOLARSHIP GRANT APPLICATIONS: Applications are being accepted for academic year 2022-2023 and are available in the Church Office. Applications are for students attending a college or university of our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in preparation for a full-time career as a pastor, teacher, deaconess, youth director, social worker, lay missionary worker, medical missionary, or parish worker. The purpose of the grant is to encourage our young people to pursue a career in church work and to give them assistance in reaching this goal. All scholarships are awarded on an annual basis. If a student needs scholarship help for the school term beginning in the fall of 2022, they must apply between January 1 and March 1 of this year. Applications are available in the Church Office for completion in a folder marked BEUTEL SCHOLARSHIPS. **In order for students to be eligible, they MUST RETURN APPLICATIONS to the Church Office (Elder's Box) ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2022.** If you have any questions, please contact Jim Swick at (562) 714-3196.



FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF LOVE

The Bethany 5th grade Girl Scouts are organizing a Blanket Drive as part of their Bronze Award Project. They will be working with the spcaLA in Long Beach collecting clean, used blankets and towels for the shelter. Currently, the animals are on cold cement-floored kennels, and would love a warm snuggly blanket or towel to lay on to keep warm. Share your love through the whole month of February by giving a blanket or towel to help keep the animals warm. They don't care if they aren't in perfect condition or have a stain, just as long as they are clean. Here's a win-win idea... take

any blankets or towels that are looking a little worn out of your cupboard... buy yourself some new items to replace the old. Then, donate your used blankets and towels by putting them in the box in the Church Narthex on Sundays, or take them to the Church Office during the week. The dogs, cats and other animals at the shelter will be so happy you did!

IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME!

Did you know Bethany has Girl Scout troops in Kinder, 2nd, 5th, 6th and 8th grades? They will be selling cookies between services on 2/13 through 3/13! Thanks for supporting Bethany Girl Scouts!!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Operation Christmas Child's gift-filled shoeboxes go to some of the most difficult to reach places on earth. That includes areas that are hostile to the Gospel, places where whole people groups are yet unreached, and hundreds of remote Pacific islands. Did you know that some of the boxes from our West Coast region this past season were sent to these Pacific islands? They may have included boxes that you personally packed, or those packed by Bethany School children in November, or those packed online by members at Bethany,

Holy Cross, or the Gathering. Shoeboxes are used by local churches to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in all kinds of environments, from densely populated inner cities to deserts and jungles—even in places where the Name of Jesus has never been heard. Thank you for your support of this ministry, which seeks to share the Good News of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. In addition to the Pacific Islands, shoeboxes from our region were sent to the following countries: Ecuador, Peru, El Salvador, Madagascar, Thailand, Philippines, Samoa, American Samoa, and Mongolia. 993,000 boxes were collected in the Fullerton West Coast Office alone. National and World totals will be available soon. Thank you again, for your ongoing support of the mission and ministry of Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse. (Shared by OCC Committee)



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, and 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.**

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: Act 2:44



DO YOU HAVE A HOUSE, CONDO OR APARTMENT FOR RENT? A church member is looking for a place to live for him and a friend... location is not a priority, as long as it is reasonable priced. If you have something, please contact Eric Ebacher at: ericebacher@gmail.com Thank you!

COOK’S NIGHT OUT IS DESSERT ALL DAY!

Wednesday, March 2nd from 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM

Handel’s Ice Cream



The Bethany Youth attending the LCMS Youth Gathering invites **ALL** Bethany members and their families and friends to Handel’s Ice Cream (4201 McGowen Street, Suite 200, Long Beach, CA 90808) on **Wednesday, March 2, 2022 from 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM**. Funds raised from this event will go to the youth attending the LCMS Youth Gathering. Must bring flyer. Flyers are available at the SCRIP table or school 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, February 21, in observance of President's Day.



GROWING IN FAITH

Sunday, March 20th – Succulent Creation

11:00AM to 12:30PM at Bethany Lutheran Church

An Event to Support our Youth Gathering Participants



"Growing In Faith" - a workshop to create your own succulent garden and **to support Bethany Lutheran Church Youth attending the LCMS Youth Gathering** in Houston, TX this summer. The event will be in Hensley Square.

There are three price points:

- Small Pot (up to 2 plants) - \$15
- Medium Pot (up to 4 plants) - \$30
- Large Pot (up to 6 plants) - \$45

*The price paid will include everything needed to create your succulent garden (your choice of pot, succulents, soil and decorative add-ons like stones, sand, marbles or moss).

*Light refreshments are included.

Please NOTE:

- ***NO Walk Up Registration for this event as supplies will be limited. Thank you for your understanding.***
- ***Registration for this event closes on Monday, March 14 at Midnight!***

To REGISTER for the Succulent Creation Event, click on this link

<https://bit.ly/2022succulents> or use this QR code:



We look forward to seeing you at this fun creative event. Questions? Please contact Kim Ryskamp at kimryskamp@gmail.com - Kim Ryskamp and The Board of Youth

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING AUCTION



Please join us on **Saturday, April 2, 2022** for our LCMS Youth Gathering Auction. This year's auction will take place at the POA Park, which is located behind the Long Beach Town Center. **The auction will start promptly at 5:00 pm and run until 8:00 pm.** This year's theme will be Texas BBQ, in conjunction with our youth heading south to Houston, Texas in July.

The tickets will be \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 10 and under. **Ticket sales will begin March 6 and will close on March 20.**

COMMUNITY IMPACT COMMITTEE WANTS YOU TO KNOW...

Almost 500 people were arrested and more than 80 sex workers "rescued" in a statewide human trafficking operation, the Los Angeles Times reports. Thirty-four people suspected of trafficking or exploiting sex workers were arrested and 201 were arrested on suspicion of attempting to exchange money for sex, Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva said of the weeklong campaign, named Operation Reclaim and Rebuild.

"All across the state, law enforcement agencies joined us to send a message to pimps, exploiters and buyers that it is unacceptable to buy another human being for sexual purposes," Villanueva said...In another instance, officers set up a date online with a woman, and police pulled over the car of the man who was driving her. They found an unregistered handgun. The woman had been working for the man for two years, starting when she was a minor, Villanueva said. "That should kind of illustrate to you how pervasive this is, once they get their claws on someone, they're going to continue exploiting them from childhood into adulthood," the sheriff added.

JOIN IN PRAYER:

- Thanking God for opening eyes to the unseen vulnerable in our state through our law enforcement authorities, churches, and support agencies and for their work in the weeklong campaign against human trafficking.
- Thanking God for freeing some of the victims trafficked for sex
- Asking wisdom for those who will now begin the extensive caring for the victims
- Asking for just prosecutions of those guilty of trafficking other humans for pleasure, power or profit.



Jesus does the heavy lifting ... We walk alongside!
And He's coming to your neighborhood!

Form a team ... come to the workshop

Rev. Greg Finke, Author
Neighborhood Evangelist
and Everyday Missionary



Saturday, March 12, 2022
9 AM – 3 PM
Lunch provided

Register Here →

Or at www.redeemer-lutheran.net

Or call 714 846 6330 for a printed form



Bring a team of two or more to further develop your "mission skills" as Everyday Missionaries. We will pray, share stories, and learn practical ways to connect with a world dying to know Jesus and the life He offers. **We strongly recommend reading the book *Joining Jesus on His Mission* by Greg Finke before coming to the workshop.**

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Must present flyer or
photo of flyer on your phone.

**20% OF TOTAL PURCHASE WILL BE DONATED TO
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