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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

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MAY 15, 2022

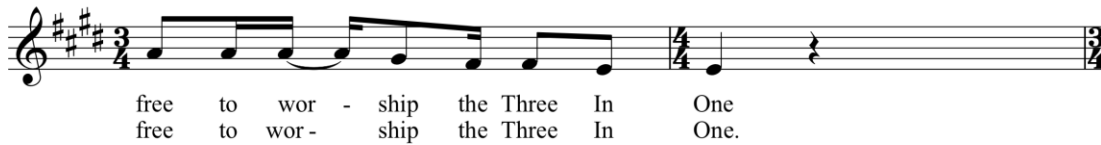
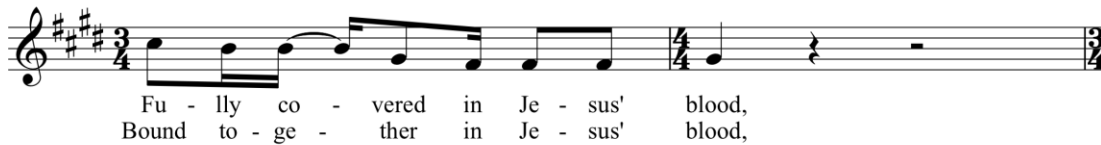
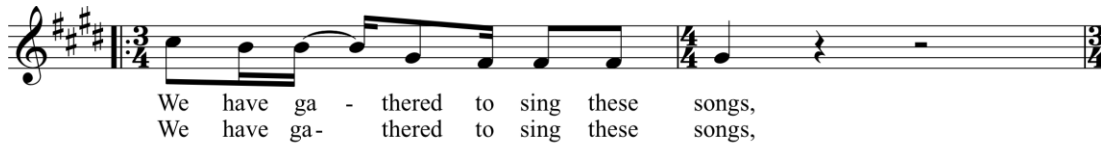
YOUTH CONFIRMATION

8:00 and 9:30 AM

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN:

“Free to Worship”



Ho - ly is the Lord! Ho - ly is the Lord, Al - migh ty!

Ho - ly is the Lord, our migh - ty God! The

cur - tain was torn through, we stand be - fore You and mer - cy is all You speak. The

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1. speak. 2. speak. All You speak.

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Based on Isaiah 42)*

Leader: This is what God the LORD says,
He who created the heavens and stretched them out,
Who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it,
Who gives breath to its people, and life to all:
I the Lord, have called you in righteousness.

People: **He is our light,
He will open our eyes,
He has set us free.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: *(Based on Galatians 5)*

Leader: Since we have been set free through faith we have peace with God.

People: **Yet Lord, I confess, that I often lack peace.
For, I confess, that I am in bondage to sin and cannot free myself.
Though Christ has indeed set me free
I have returned to captivity over and over again
in words, deeds and actions, sinning against You, O Lord.
I confess that I have not served others in love,
let alone loving and serving You with my whole heart.
For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me.
Forgive me, renew me, lead me, and set me free
to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your holy name.
Amen.**

Leader: Jesus Christ has set you free, by His captivity to the cross
you are released from sin's guilt and Satan's accusations:
Live in His freedom, freed to serve, freed to love,
freed to live in, for and through Him
through Who your sins are forgiven.
Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 16:16-34

One day when we were going to the place of prayer, a female servant met us. She was possessed by an evil spirit that told fortunes. She made a lot of money for her owners by telling fortunes. She used to follow Paul and shout, “These men are servants of the Most High God. They’re telling you how you can be saved.” She kept doing this for many days. Paul became annoyed, turned to the evil spirit, and said, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!”

As Paul said this, the evil spirit left her. When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they grabbed Paul and Silas and dragged them to the authorities in the public square. In front of the Roman officials, they said, “These men are stirring up a lot of trouble in our city. They’re Jews, and they’re advocating customs that we can’t accept or practice as Roman citizens.”

The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas. Then the officials tore the clothes off Paul and Silas and ordered the guards to beat them with sticks. After they had hit Paul and Silas many times, they threw them in jail and ordered the jailer to keep them under tight security. So the jailer followed these orders and put Paul and Silas into solitary confinement with their feet in leg irons.

Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God. The other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly, a violent earthquake shook the foundations of the jail. All the doors immediately flew open, and all the prisoners’ chains came loose.

The jailer woke up and saw the prison doors open. Thinking the prisoners had escaped, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul shouted as loudly as he could, “Don’t hurt yourself! We’re all here!”

The jailer asked for torches and rushed into the jail. He was trembling as he knelt in front of Paul and Silas. Then he took Paul and Silas outside and asked, “Sirs, what do I have to do to be saved?”

They answered, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you and your family will be saved.” They spoke the Lord’s word to the jailer and everyone in his home.

At that hour of the night, the jailer washed Paul and Silas’ wounds. The jailer and his entire family were baptized immediately. He took Paul and Silas upstairs into his home and gave them something to eat. He and his family were thrilled to be believers in God.

– GW®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

8:00

“O God, to You We Lift Our Song”

Trinity Choir

~ Hal H. Hopson

(from Three Unison Anthems from Master Composers)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *John 16:12-22*

“I have a lot more to tell you, but that would be too much for you now. When the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into the full truth. He won’t speak on his own. He will speak what he hears and will tell you about things to come. He will give me glory, because he will tell you what I say. Everything the Father says is also what I say. That is why I said, ‘He will take what I say and tell it to you.’

“In a little while you won’t see me anymore. Then in a little while you will see me again.”

Some of His disciples said to each other, “What does he mean? He tells us that in a little while we won’t see Him. Then He tells us that in a little while we will see Him again and that He’s going to the Father.” So they were asking each other, “What does he mean when He says, ‘In a little while’? We don’t understand what He’s talking about.”

Jesus knew they wanted to ask Him something. So He said to them, “Are you trying to figure out among yourselves what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you won’t see me, and in a little while you will see me again’? I can guarantee this truth: You will cry because you are sad, but the world will be happy. You will feel pain, but your pain will turn to happiness. A woman has pain when her time to give birth comes. But after the child is born, she doesn’t remember the pain anymore because she’s happy that a child has been brought into the world.

“Now you’re in a painful situation. But I will see you again. Then you will be happy, and no one will take that happiness away from you. – GW®

SERMON HYMN: *“We Will Feast In the House of Zion”*

CHORUS

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

Verse 1

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

Verse 2

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Verse 3

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

SERMON: *“Set Free”*

Text: Acts 16:16-34

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Jesus Paid It All"

1. And I hear the Sa-vior say, "Thy strength in - deed is
now in - deed I find Thy pow'r and Thine a -
when be - fore the throne I stand in Him com -
small. Child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all."
lone, can change the lep - ers spots, and melt the heart of stone.
plete, Je - sus died my soul to save my lips shall still re - peat.
Je - sus paid it all, all to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crim-son stain, He washed it white as snow.
1. 2. 3. Sin had left a crim-son stain He washed it white as snow. He
washed it white as snow. He washed it white as snow.
Oh
praise the One who paid my debt, and raised this life up from the dead. Oh,

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PRAAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAVERS 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.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: 8:00 *“Better Is One Day”* Trinity Choir
 ~ Matt Redman

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

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

People: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

People: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our 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 there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION: 9:30

Youth Confirmation Class of 2022



JACK WADE APPLEBY

son of Jason and Shannon Appleby

SARAH EILA APPLEBY

daughter of Jason and Shannon Appleby

LORELEI J. BRYANT

daughter of Ian and Jamie Bryant

LACI DULANEY CARLSON

daughter of Mike Carlson and Jennifer Carlson

JONATHAN NICHOLAS GOEBEL

son of Gregory and Janice Goebel

JACQUELINE A. HOYOS

daughter of Wendy J. Hoyos

MILES PAYTON JUMP

son of William and Tiffany Jump

JAMIE ANA MARIA LONG

daughter of Michael and Julie Long

TIMOTHY ALLEN O'CONNER

son of Jeremy and Sarah O'Conner

GRACE ELISABETH PORTE

daughter of David and Lisa Porte

JOSHUA THOMAS RAMIREZ

son of Candace and Joseph Ramirez

LUCAS JOSEPH RAYA

son of Martin and Dawn Raya

JENNA WALLEMAN

daughter of Bob and Bonny Walleman

CARTER ROSS WEGMAN

son of Jason and Kelly Wegman

+ 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.*

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

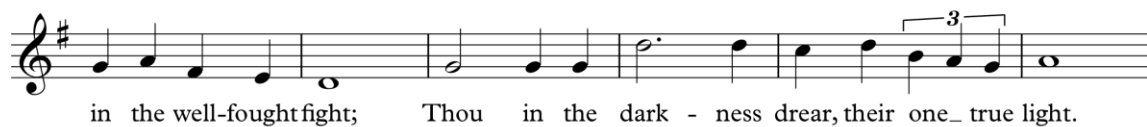
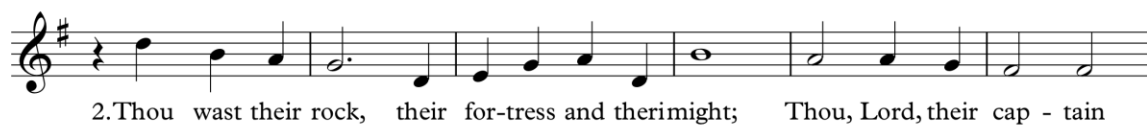
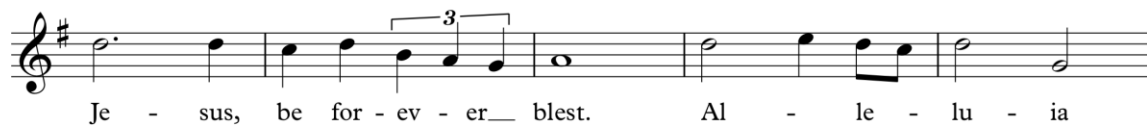
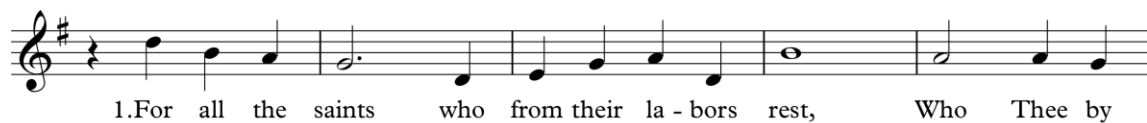
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING: (Based on Galatians 5:1 & 13)

Leader: You have been set free in Christ.
 Do not use your freedom to indulge in the sinful nature;
 rather serve one another in love.

CLOSING HYMN:

“For All the Saints”



3. Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fell - ow - ship di - vine! We fee - bly strug - gle,
4. But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: The saints tri - um - phant

they in glo - ry shine; Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Al - le -
rise in bright a - ray; The King of Glor - y pass - es on His way.

Ha - 1 - le Ha - 1-le-lu-jah Ha - 1 - le Ha - 1-le-lu-jah

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5. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast,

Through gates of pearl streams in the count-less host, Sing - ing to Fa - ther,

Son and Holy_Ghost: Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia!

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The purpose of the ***Bethany Bullet*** is to bolster you in faith, build you up in the key Biblical themes shared the previous Sunday in worship, to bring to mind the important issues on Bethany's plate, and to broaden your awareness of opportunities of service to your Lord, your church, and your community. Tell a friend about the ***Bethany Bullet!***

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION:

As we are working through portions of St. Luke's book of Acts, we hear over and over again the words, "and the Lord added to their number."

That same Lord works the same today as He did back then. We in turn, like the first disciples, give Him all thanks and praise for all those individuals and families He continues to add to our "number." We are thrilled to welcome and grow with all those the Lord adds to our Bethany Household. If you are new(er) to Bethany and are interested in congregational membership please email Pastor Kevin Kritzer at: kkritzer@bethanylutheran.org

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!

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Well done, servants of the Lord!

Bethany Lutheran School announces the retirement of two of our beloved teachers.



*Ms. Kim Innes
44 years teaching,
29 at Bethany.*



*Ms. Cheryl Siejskal
25 years teaching,
18 at Bethany.*

Please join us for a celebration
hosted by the Board of Schools
on Sunday, June 12 after the 8:00 service

Congratulatory cards and video greetings
can be sent to Dr. Mary Fink by June 6:
mfink@bethanylutheran.org
5100 Arbor Rd.
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Attn: Retirement

We are also collecting cards in the Narthex



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