

Bethany Lutheran Church



THE HOLY TRINITY **1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

June 12, 2022

8:00 & 9:30 AM

WELCOME TO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are so glad you are here in God's house for worship. Here are some things to remember as we are gathered together today:

Before worship, talk to God! (see inside cover of hymnal for pre-service prayer prompts)

During worship, let God talk to you!

After worship, talk to one another; and if you're a visitor, please stop by the Connections table before you leave today and capture the QR codes for more information.

Parents of Young Children: *We love to have children in worship.* God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to completely suppress it in God's house. We know the presence of children in worship is a gift to the church! It is in the Lord's house that we learn how to listen and speak to our God with our brothers and sisters in faith. Feel free to quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of those leading worship. Children learn how to worship by copying you. If you have a need, we have "worship bags" in the Narthex filled with items to help children and families during worship. There is a **Cry Room** across the courtyard in the office complex, where you as a parent may take your little one needing a break. You will still be able to hear the worship service; and thus be able to continue your worship of the Lord.

Please place cell phones and electronic devices on mute as you join us in worship this morning. Thank you.

PRESERVICE MUSIC: "Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Her'" BWV 715 & 663 Organ
~ by J. S. Bach

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: "Come, Thou Almighty King" LSB 905



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy
2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
△ 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy
wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,
might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.
And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

INVOCATION:

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity,
Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit, one God,
abounding in steadfast love toward us,
healing the sick and raising the dead,
showering us with every good gift.

People: Amen!

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

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

**People: we come to you for healing and life.
We confess to you the sins that hurt others and diminish us.**

(Silence is kept for reflection and silent confession.)

Leader: Just and gracious Triune God,

**People: we come to you for healing and life.
Our lives bear the scars of sin and we confess to you the actions
and inactions of which we are ashamed.**

(Silence is kept for reflection and silent confession.)

Leader: Just and gracious Triune God,

**People: Show us Your mercy, bind up our wounds, forgive our sins,
and free us to love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen!**

Leader: When the apostle Paul assures us:
“When we were dead in our trespasses,
God made us alive together with Christ,
nailing the record of our sins to the cross.”
“Jesus says to you, + “Your sins are forgiven.”
Be at peace, and tell everyone how much God has done for you.

People: Amen!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Leader: Almighty Creator and ever-living God:
we worship Your glory, eternal Three-in-One,
and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three.
Keep us steadfast in the faith, defend us in all adversity,
and bring us at last into Your presence,
where You live in endless joy and love,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People : Amen!

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31*

Does not wisdom call out?

Does not understanding raise its voice?

Wisdom takes its stand on high ground,

by the wayside where the roads meet, near the gates to the city.

At the entrance wisdom sings its song,

“I am calling to all of you, and my appeal is to all people...

“The LORD already possessed me long ago,

when His way began, before any of His works.

I was appointed from everlasting

from the first, before the earth began.

I was born before there were oceans,

before there were springs filled with water.

I was born before the mountains were settled in their places

and before the hills,

when He had not yet made land or fields

or the first dust of the world.

“When He set up the heavens, I was there.

When He traced the horizon on the surface of the ocean,

when He established the skies above,

when He determined the currents in the ocean,

when He set a limit for the sea so the waters would not overstep his command,

when He traced the foundations of the earth,

I was beside Him as a master craftsman.

I made Him happy day after day, I rejoiced in front of Him all the time,

found joy in His inhabited world, and delighted in the human race. – GW ®

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:22-36

“Men of Israel, listen to what I say: Jesus from Nazareth was a man whom God brought to your attention. You know that through this man God worked miracles, did amazing things, and gave signs. By using men who don’t acknowledge Moses’ Teachings, you crucified Jesus, who was given over to death by a plan that God had determined in advance. But God brought Him from death back to life and destroyed the pains of death, because death had no power to hold Him. This is what David meant when he said about Jesus:

‘I always see the Lord in front of me.
I cannot be moved because He is by my side.
That is why my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices.
My body also rests securely
because you do not abandon my soul to the grave
or allow your holy one to decay.
You make the path of life known to me.
In your presence there is complete joy.’

“Brothers, I can tell you confidently that our ancestor David died and was buried and that his tomb is here to this day. David was a prophet and knew that God had promised with an oath that he would place one of David’s descendants on his throne. David knew that the Messiah would come back to life, and he spoke about that before it ever happened. He said that the Messiah wouldn’t be left in the grave and that His body wouldn’t decay.

“God brought this man Jesus back to life. We are all witnesses to that. God the Father used His power to give Jesus the honored position—the one next to Him on the heavenly throne. Jesus has also received and has poured out the Holy Spirit as the Father had promised, and this is what you’re seeing and hearing. David didn’t go up to heaven, but he said,

‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Take the honored position—the one next to me [God the Father] on the heavenly throne—until I put your enemies under your control.” ’

“All the people of Israel should know beyond a doubt that God made Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” – GW ®

CHILDREN'S SERMON

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

“As the Deer”
~ Martin J. Nystrom

Solo

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *John 8:48-59*

The Jews replied to Jesus, “Aren’t we right when we say that You’re a Samaritan and that You’re possessed by a demon?”

Jesus answered, “I’m not possessed. I honor my Father, but you dishonor me. I don’t want my own glory. But there is someone who wants it, and He is the judge. I can guarantee this truth: Whoever obeys what I say will never see death.”

The Jews told Jesus, “Now we know that You’re possessed by a demon. Abraham died, and so did the prophets, but You say, ‘Whoever does what I say will never taste death.’ Are You greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets have also died. Who do You think You are?”

Jesus said, “If I bring glory to myself, my glory is nothing. My Father is the one who gives me glory, and you say that He is your God. Yet, you haven’t known Him. However, I know Him. If I would say that I didn’t know Him, I would be a liar like all of you. But I do know Him, and I do what He says. Your father Abraham was pleased to see that my day was coming. He saw it and was happy.”

The Jews said to Jesus, “You’re not even fifty years old. How could You have seen Abraham?”

Jesus told them, “I can guarantee this truth: Before Abraham was ever born, I AM.”

Then some of the Jews picked up stones to throw at Jesus. However, Jesus was concealed, and He left the temple courtyard. – GW ®

SERMON HYMN:**“Holy, Holy, Holy”****LSB 507**

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
 Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.

SERMON**HYMN OF THE DAY:****“Holy, Holy, Holy”****LSB 507**

3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

ATHANASIAN CREED: (** catholic means the universal Christian Church*)

Leader: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the *catholic faith.
Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled
will without doubt perish eternally.
And the *catholic faith is this,
that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity,
neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.
For the Father is one person, the Son is another,
and the Holy Spirit is another.
But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit is one:
the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities,
but one Uncreated and one Infinite.
In the same way, the Father is almighty,
the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
and yet there are not three Almighty's, but one Almighty.
So the Father is God, the Son is God, and Holy Spirit is God;
and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.
Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth
to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord,
so also are we prohibited by the *catholic religion
to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

People: **The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son,
neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers;
one Son, not three Sons;
one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
And in this Trinity none is before or after another;
none is greater or less than another;
but the whole three persons
are coeternal with each other and coequal,
so that in all things, as has been stated above,
the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.**

Leader: Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation
that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess
that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
is at the same time both God and man.

People: **He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages;
and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
perfect God and perfect man,
composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
equal to the Father with respect to His divinity,
less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh,
but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**

Leader: For as the rational soul and flesh is one man,
so God and man is one Christ, who suffered for our salvation,
descended into hell rose again the third day from the dead,
ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty,
from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies
and give an account concerning their own deeds.
And those who have done good will enter into eternal life,
and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

**People: This is the *catholic faith;
whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

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

PRAYER 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 all who celebrate... 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.

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.**

+ *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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING:

Leader: May the Holy Trinity create in us a strong faith and a fervent love for others. May our Triune God defend us on every side, and guide us in truth and peace; and may the blessing of God, the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit be among us and remain with us always.

People: **Amen!**

CLOSING HYMN: "On What Has Now Been Sown" LSB 921

1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
 2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
 3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,

The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
 Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -
 May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -

in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!
 es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.
 low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

POSTLUDE

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“Come, Thou Almighty King” LSB 905

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“Holy, Holy, Holy” LSB 507

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“On What Has Now Been Sown” LSB 921

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ARE YOU RECEIVING THE BETHANY BULLET?

The *Bethany Bullet* is a weekly capsule of worship highlights, and important information about events taking place at BLC. If you would like to receive the *Bethany Bullet* please email Aimee Coleman (acoleman@bethanylutheran.org) with your name and email address.

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

VOTERS MEETING: Our Spring Voter's meeting will be held on Sunday, June 26th at 10:45 AM following the 9:30 AM service. Motions will include approving the proposed 2022/2023 budget, approving the ballot of new church officers, and extending the MOU with Holy Cross Lutheran Church for one year. We hope to see you there.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday from 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM.

Closed Fridays.

Out of the Office:

Blake Flattley – June 12-21

Pastor Kevin Kritzer – June 13-17

Pastor Seth Moorman – June 16-19

Maraley Shaeffer – June 16-24

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR CHURCH OFFICERS AND BOARD POSITIONS

Our sanctuary opened up in 2021 and gradually we are seeing a return to some degree of normal at Bethany. Along with that there is a need to bring our lay ministry back into full operation. So, it is once again time to hold elections and staff our boards and church officer positions. We have openings for the Boards of Discipleship, Evangelism and others. If you would like to inquire about opportunities on one of our boards, please call Don Baldwin at 562.596.0489 or e-mail donwbaldwin@gmail.com.

WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

Please join us on June 26th as we bid Godspeed and Farewell to Pastor Seth as he concludes his pastoral ministry at Bethany and begins his ministry with 1517.

A celebration in Friendship Square will follow.

Cards are being collected in the Narthex.

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**