

Bethany Lutheran Church

2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 19, 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.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN:

“Rise, Shine, You People”

LSB 825



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing.
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are -
To all the world go out and tell the
Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

INVOCATION:

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.)

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God,**
we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.
We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.
For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will
and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for His sake God forgives us all our sins.
To those who believe in Jesus Christ
He gives the power to become the children of God
and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.
May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us,
bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

KYRIE:

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People : **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People : **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People : **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise
let us pray to the Lord.

People : **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

People : **Amen.**

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Hebrews 1:1-4*

In the past God spoke to our ancestors at many different times and in many different ways through the prophets. In these last days He has spoken to us through His Son. God made His Son responsible for everything. His Son is the one through whom God made the universe. His Son is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact likeness of God’s being. He holds everything together through His powerful words. After He had cleansed people from their sins, He now holds the honored position—the one next to the majestic God the Father on the heavenly throne.

The Son has become greater than the angels since He has been given a name that is superior to theirs. – GW ®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

“I’ve got a Robe”
 ~ Aaron David Miller

Ladies Chorus

CHILDREN’S SERMON

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 8:26-39*

They landed in the region of the Gerasenes across from Galilee. When Jesus stepped out on the shore, a certain man from the city met Him. The man was possessed by demons and had not worn clothes for a long time. He would not stay in a house but lived in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he shouted, fell in front of Him, and said in a loud voice, “Why are you bothering me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you not to torture me!” Jesus ordered the evil spirit to come out of the man. (The evil spirit had controlled the man for a long time. People had kept him under guard. He was chained hand and foot. But he would break the chains. Then the demon would force him to go into the desert.)

Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

He answered, “Legion [Six Thousand].” (Many demons had entered him.) The demons begged Jesus not to order them to go into the bottomless pit.

A large herd of pigs was feeding on a mountainside. The demons begged Jesus to let them enter those pigs. So He let them do this. The demons came out of the man and went into the pigs. Then the herd rushed down the cliff into the lake and drowned.

When those who had taken care of the pigs saw what had happened, they ran away. They reported everything in the city and countryside. The people went to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone out. Dressed and in his right mind, he was sitting at Jesus’ feet. The people were frightened. Those who had seen this told the people how Jesus had restored the demon-possessed man to health.

Then all the people from the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave because they were terrified.

Jesus got into a boat and started back. The man from whom the demons had gone out begged Him, “Let me go with You.”

But Jesus sent the man away and told him, “Go home to your family, and tell them how much God has done for you.” So the man left. He went through the whole city and told people how much Jesus had done for him. – GW ®

SERMON HYMN: *“God Loved the World So That He Gave”* LSB 571

1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all

Son the lost to save, That all who would in
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by

Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

SERMON: *“Just What We Needed”*
 Text: Hebrews 1:1-4

HYMN OF THE DAY: *“Children of the Heavenly Father”* LSB 725

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His

in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

APOSTLES' 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.

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!*

+ *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... evermore praising You and saying:

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are alcohol free.
The wafers next to the Christ candle side are gluten free;
for those with dietary restrictions, please take a gluten free wafer.
For those wishing to use a self-contained communion chalice, let an usher know.*

In our 9:30 a.m. service we will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints and come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.

SANCTUS:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

HYMN OF DISTRIBUTION:

"In Christ Alone"



1....In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
2....In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
3....There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the
4....No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the



light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,
God in help - less Babe! This gift of love and right - eous ness,
world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day,
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry, to fi - nal breath,



firm through the fier - est drought and storm. What heights of love,
scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on the cross
up from the grave He rose a gain! And as He stands
Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. **No pow'r of hell,



what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease. My com - fort - er,
as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry sin
in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am His
no scheme of man, can e - ver pluck me from His hand. 'Til He re - turns



my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

***At the conclusion of stanza 4 the congregation repeats again the phrase: "No pow'r of hell..."

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

Leader: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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.**

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" LSB 918

1 Guide me, O Thou great Re-deem-er, Pil-grim through this
 2 O-pen now the crys-tal foun-tain Whence the heal-ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, Bid my anx-ious
 bar-ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might-y;
 stream doth flow; Let the fi-ery, cloud-y pil-lar
 fears sub-side; Death of death and hell's de-struc-tion,
 Hold me with Thy pow'r-ful hand. Bread of heav-en,
 Lead me all my jour-ney through. Strong de-liv-'rer,
 Land me safe on Ca-naan's side. Songs of prais-es,
 bread of heav-en, Feed me till I want no
 strong de-liv-'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
 songs of prais-es I will ev-er give to
 more; shield; Thee; Feed me till I want no more.
 Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev-er give to Thee.

POSTLUDE

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Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816-93; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941.

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“Children of the Heavenly Father” LSB 725

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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!*

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.

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Out of the Office: Maraley Shaeffer – June 16-24

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.

VOTERS' MEETING:

Our next Voters' Meeting will be held on:

Sunday, June 26th at 11:00 AM

Motions will include:

- Move to approve the proposed 2022/2023 budget.
- The Merger Committee moves to extend the current MOU with Holy Cross Lutheran Church for one year.
- Move to approve the ballot for Election of 2022/2023 Officers and Board Members. Executive office candidates are President - Joey Cerulle; Vice-President - Bob Lange; Treasurer - Rick Hoting; Secretary - Louana Dean. The ballot with the names of all Board candidates will be presented at the Voters' Meeting.

We hope to see you there.