

Bethany Lutheran Church

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 26, 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:

"Serenade"

Advanced Handbells

~ Composed by Norman Leyden
Arranged by Mary Kay Parrish

WELCOME

VBS COMMISSIONING

OPENING HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LSB 657



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

INVOCATION:

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

People: Amen. (*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*)

Leader: Beloved in the Lord!
Let us draw near with a true heart
and confess our sins unto God our Father,
beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ
to grant us forgiveness. (*Hebrews 10:22*)
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: **who made heaven and earth.** (*Psalm 124:8*)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Leader: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
(*Psalm 32:5*)

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

Leader: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto
You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned
against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to
Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our
Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **O most merciful God,
who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us,
have mercy upon us and for His sake
grant us remission of all our sins;
and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You
and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word,
to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given
His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To
those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of
God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is
baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all..
(*Mark 16:16; John 2:12*)

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: *Hebrews 3:1-6*

Brothers and sisters, you are holy partners in a heavenly calling. So look carefully at Jesus, the apostle and chief priest about whom we make our declaration of faith. Jesus is faithful to God, who appointed Him, in the same way that Moses was faithful when he served in God's house. Jesus deserves more praise than Moses in the same way that the builder of a house is praised more than the house. After all, every house has a builder, but the builder of everything is God.

Moses was a faithful servant in God's household. He told the people what God would say in the future. But Christ is a faithful son in charge of God's household. We are His household if we continue to have courage and to be proud of the confidence we have.

– GW ®

CHILDREN'S SERMON

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”* Bethany Choir
 ~ African American Spiritual
 Arr. Greg Gilpin

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 9:51-62*

The time was coming closer for Jesus to be taken to heaven. So He was determined to go to Jerusalem. He sent messengers ahead of Him. They went into a Samaritan village to arrange a place for Him to stay. But the people didn't welcome Him, because He was on His way to Jerusalem. James and John, His disciples, saw this. They asked, "Lord, do You want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?"

But He turned and corrected them. So they went to another village.

As they were walking along the road, a man said to Jesus, "I'll follow you wherever you go."

Jesus told him, "Foxes have holes, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to sleep."

He told another man, "Follow me!"

But the man said, "Sir, first let me go to bury my father."

But Jesus told him, "Let the dead bury their own dead. You must go everywhere and tell about God's kingdom."

Another said, "I'll follow you, sir, but first let me tell my family goodbye."

Jesus said to him, "Whoever starts to plow and looks back is not fit for God's kingdom."

– GW ®

SERMON HYMN:

“Is He Worthy”

Verse 1:

**Do you feel the world is broken... We do
Do you feel the shadows deepen... We do
But do you know that all the dark
Won't stop the light from getting through... We do
Do you wish that you could see it all made new... We do**

Verse 2:

**Is all creation groaning... It is
Is a new creation coming... It is
Is the glory of the Lord To be the light within our midst... It is
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this... It is**

Chorus 1:

**Is anyone worthy, Is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy, Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this... He is**

Verse 3:

**Does the Father truly love us... He does
Does the Spirit move among us... He does
And does Jesus our Messiah Hold forever those He loves... He does
Does our God intend to dwell again with us... He does**

Chorus 2:

**Is anyone worthy, Is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests To God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy, Is He worthy, Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy, Is He worthy, Is He worthy of this... He is**

Ending:

Is He worthy, Is He worthy... He is, He is

SERMON: "Just What We Needed"

Text: Hebrews 3:1-6

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Thy Strong Word"

LSB 578



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
5 Give us lips to sing Thy glo - ry, Tongues Thy



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
mer - cy to pro - claim, Throats that shout the



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy ho - ly name.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! May the



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!

NICENE CREED:

(catholic means the universal Christian Church)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy *catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
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!*

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

For the Church:

Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and finally attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

For the Mission of the Church:

Almighty God, You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

For those Outside the Church:

Almighty and everlasting God, You desire not the death of a sinner but that all would repent and live. Hear our prayers for those outside the Church. Take away their iniquity, and turn them from their false gods to You, the living and true God. Gather them into Your holy Church to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Defending the Church from Error:

Almighty and everlasting God, You would have all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. By Your almighty power and unsearchable wisdom break and hinder all the counsels of those who hate Your Word and who, by corrupt teaching, would destroy it. Enlighten them with the knowledge of Your glory that they may know the riches of Your heavenly grace and, in peace and righteousness, serve You, the only true God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Increase of the Holy Ministry:

Almighty and gracious God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You have commanded us to pray that You would send forth laborers into Your harvest. Of Your infinite mercy give us true teachers and ministers of Your Word who truly fulfill Your command and preach nothing contrary to Your holy Word. Grant that we, being warned, instructed, nurtured, comforted, and strengthened by Your holy Word, may do those things which are well pleasing to You and profitable for our salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ORDER OF FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

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

CLOSING HYMN:

“Send Me”

Here I am, send me,
Your grace has set me free
I will go where You lead,
Be Your hands and feet.
To the hurting and weak, to all of those in need.
We will go where You lead,
Be Your hands and feet,

Jesus lead on.
We are listenin' Jesus lead on
We have heard Savior
We'll follow where Your leadin'
To the ends of the earth.

As we go, Lord lead
May Your path be at our feet.
As we live, move and breathe
Spirit of God fall a fresh on me.

Jesus lead on...

Whom shall I fear?
You are God, yeah, You are God.
So whom shall I fear?
You are God, yeah, You are God,
So whom shall I fear?

Jesus lead on...

POSTLUDE

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TODAY WE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS INTO OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

New Members 2020:

Marilyn Olof – Transfer from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Downey, CA

Seneith & Michelle Norng – Transfer from The Gathering, Long Beach, CA

Matthew & Jennifer Choate – Reaffirmation of Faith & Adult Confirmation
Ruby Choate

New Members 2021:

Charie Golson – Reaffirmation of Faith

Thomas Brink – Transfer from St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Long Beach, CA
Charles Brink, Henry Brink

Wesley Kronberger – Transfer from Christ Lutheran Church, Cape Canaveral, FL

Mark Hennings – Transfer from Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Cypress, CA

David & Janice Akins – Transfer from Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Cypress, CA

New Members 2022:

Rev. Thomas Decker & Jan Decker – Transfer from St. John’s Lutheran Church,
Long Beach, CA

Kurt von der Lage – Transfer from St. John’s Lutheran Church, Orange, CA

Jeffrey Evans – Adult Confirmation

Kelli Johnson – Reaffirmation of Faith

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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!*

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Bethany Lutheran in Long Beach, Holy Cross in Cypress; and the Live Streamed via our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/BethanyLutheranLongBeach> at Bethany's 9:30 AM Worship Service.

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.

VOTERS' MEETING TODAY:

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.

NEEDED: Young lady from Salam Ministries is in need to rent a room with a Christian family, or one room studio. Speaks English very well. If interested, please contact Eileen Crab at 562-420-9918.

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**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STARTS TOMORROW!

VBS June 27-July 1 from 8:30AM to Noon!

Welcome to Bethany Lutheran Church!

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