



OPENING HYMN:

*“Before You, Lord, We Bow”*

LSB 966



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove  
2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,  
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;  
5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks  
From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this  
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - jice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down  
From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo-rious band, A count -



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!  
bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.  
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.  
less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

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

**People: Amen.**

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Leader: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Leader: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Isaiah 66:10-14*

All who love Jerusalem, be happy and rejoice with her.  
All who mourn for her, be glad with her.  
You will nurse and be satisfied from her comforting breasts.  
You will nurse to your heart's delight at her full breasts.

This is what the LORD says:

I will offer you peace like a river  
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream.  
You will nurse and be carried in Jerusalem's arms  
and cuddled on her knees.  
As a mother comforts her child,  
so will I comfort you.  
You will be comforted in Jerusalem.  
When you see it, your heart will rejoice  
and you will flourish like new grass.  
The power of the LORD will be made known to His servants,  
but He will condemn His enemies. – GW®

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *Hebrews 4:12-16***

**G**od's word is living and active. It is sharper than any two-edged sword and cuts as deep as the place where soul and spirit meet, the place where joints and marrow meet. God's word judges a person's thoughts and intentions. No creature can hide from God. Everything is uncovered and exposed for Him to see. We must answer to Him.

We need to hold on to our declaration of faith: We have a superior chief priest who has gone through the heavens. That person is Jesus, the Son of God. We have a chief priest who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses. He was tempted in every way that we are, but He didn't sin. So we can go confidently to the throne of God's kindness to receive mercy and find kindness, which will help us at the right time. – GW®

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 10:1-20***

**A**fter this, the Lord appointed 70 other disciples to go ahead of Him to every city and place that He intended to go. They were to travel in pairs.

He told them, "The harvest is large, but the workers are few. So ask the Lord who gives this harvest to send workers to harvest His crops. Go! I'm sending you out like lambs among wolves. Don't carry a wallet, a traveling bag, or sandals, and don't stop to greet anyone on the way. Whenever you go into a house, greet the family right away with the words, 'May there be peace in this house.' If a peaceful person lives there, your greeting will be accepted. But if that's not the case, your greeting will be rejected. Stay with the family that accepts you. Eat and drink whatever they offer you. After all, the worker deserves his pay. Do not move around from one house to another. Whenever you go into a city and the people welcome you, eat whatever they serve you. Heal the sick that are there, and tell the people, 'God's kingdom is near you!'

"But whenever you go into a city and people don't welcome you, leave. Announce in its streets, 'We are wiping your city's dust from our feet in protest against you! But realize that God's kingdom is near you!' I can guarantee that judgment day will be easier for Sodom than for that city.

"How horrible it will be for you, Chorazin! How horrible it will be for you, Bethsaida! If the miracles worked in your cities had been worked in Tyre and Sidon, they would have changed the way they thought and acted. Long ago they would have worn sackcloth and sat in ashes. Judgment day will be better for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to heaven? No, you will go to hell!

“The person who hears you hears me, and the person who rejects you rejects me. The person who rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

The 70 disciples came back very happy. They said, “Lord, even demons obey us when we use the power and authority of Your name!”

Jesus said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like lightning. I have given you the authority to trample snakes and scorpions and to destroy the enemy’s power. Nothing will hurt you. However, don’t be happy that evil spirits obey you. Be happy that your names are written in heaven.” – GW®

**SERMON HYMN:**      *“Christ, the Word of God Incarnate”*      LSB 540



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of  
2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,  
4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your  
△ 6 Christ, the Al - pha and O - me - ga, Christ, the first-born

A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,  
food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,  
lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,  
from the dead, Christ, the life and res - ur - rec - tion,


Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You  
Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the  
Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good  
Christ, the Church's glo - rious head: Praise and thanks and

shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our  
food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our  
Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of  
ad - o - ra - tion And un - end - ing wor - ship be To the


path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.  
thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.  
God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.  
Fa - ther and the Spir - it And to You e - ter - nal - ly.

**SERMON: "Just What We Needed"**  
**Text: Hebrews 4:12-16**


**HYMN OF THE DAY: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" LSB 849**




1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

**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](mailto: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.**

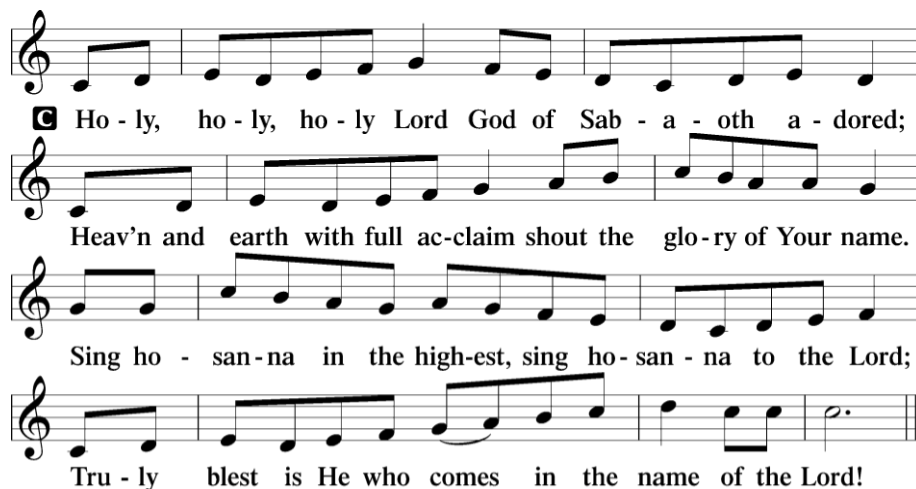
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS:

### *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!



## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

Leader: Blessed are 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.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## **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.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD:**

Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

*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.*


**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”**      LSB 619



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which  
2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in  
3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is  
4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not  
5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,

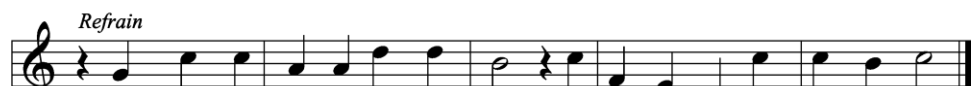


Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and  
Thee and Thou in me. No sor - row fills my  
nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and  
rob me of my cheer; For He who is of  
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy



strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.  
soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.  
thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.  
death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.  
prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

*Refrain*



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

### 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: *“God Bless Our Native Land”* LSB 965



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand  
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of  
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.  
watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

#### POSTLUDE: *Fugue from “Präludium und Fuge G-Dur” Op. 37 Nr. 2* Organ ~ by Felix Mendelssohn

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## **REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

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

**The Church Office will be closed Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**

**in observance of Independence Day and our country's freedom!**

### **OUT OF THE OFFICE IS:**

Karl and Mary Fink – July 1-15 and July 21-22

Pastor Kyle Blake – July 2-9 and July 16-30

## **JUST WHAT WE NEEDED: A SOLID PLACE TO STAND**

### ***Basic Presuppositions of Biblical Inspiration***

- I. Theopneustos (II Tim. 3:16) God's Word has been breathed into human authors who wrote the very words of God for human consumption.
  - a. "Inhaled" The Holy Spirit breathed into human authors God's complete message.
  - b. "Exhaled" Human authors recorded (using their own feelings, style, experience, personality, vocabulary . . .) God's complete message.
- II. Inspiration refers to the guidance of the Holy Spirit by which the writers of Scripture recorded and wrote what God had revealed. (II Peter 1:20-21)
- III. The extent of Inspiration (Matthew 5:17-18 and John 10:35)
  - a. the very words of Scripture
  - b. that includes:
    - Unknown past
    - Ancient history
    - God's expectations
    - Failings of believers
    - Prophecy
  - c. The originals, i.e. The Original manuscripts, letters, writings are Inspired. The goal of versions, translations and paraphrases are to be faithful to the originals.

### ***Basic Presuppositions of Biblical Interpretation***

- I. Scripture gives accurate information.
- II. Every text is somehow related to the Gospel.
- III. A text has one basic meaning.
- IV. Scripture interprets Scripture.
- V. Read a given text historically, grammatically, contextually and theologically centered in the Gospel. (Mark 10:17-27)
- VI. When confronted with variant readings – find out which is in best and most widespread manuscripts. Shorter is better. More difficult is better. (Mark 16:9-20 & John 7:53-8:11)

### ***Basic Presuppositions of Biblical Authority***

- I. Our view of the Bible is a result of our faith in the Gospel. Our faith in the Gospel is not a result of our view in the Bible.
- II. The Scripture has twofold authority. First, it can create faith. Second, it regulates faith.

- III. The Gospel is the final and most important word which God speaks through the Bible. Therefore, Scripture is to Gospel as source is to summary and conversely the Gospel is to Scripture as summary is to source.
- IV. The Scripture has the power to create faith because the Holy Spirit works through their witness to Christ. (Causative Authority)
- V. The Scripture has the power to regulate doctrine in the church by the churches working acceptance of their teaching. (Normative Authority)
- VI. This Authority does not result for the fact of inspiration but form the operation of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God.

### **Glossary**

*Inspiration* – The process initiated by God whereby he breathes the text of His revealed Word into and through the human recipient in such a way that the resulting text is exactly as he would have it.

*Scripture* – The text of the Bible. Written revelation from God.

*Inerrancy* – A text without errors.

*Word of God* –

- 1) Second person of the Trinity.
- 2) Written revelation from God.
- 3) Physical revelations of God’s forgiving love (sacraments).

*Exegesis* – The process of determining what a text says by using rulers of interpretation.

*Hermeneutics* – The task of explaining the implications of the meaning of a text in terms of its immediate context.

*Unity* – The quality of being a coherent whole.

*Sufficiency* – The quality of not requiring any other revelation.

*Necessity* – The quality of being an unavoidable link in a chain of divine activity that saves.

*Perspicuity* – Clarity, transparency. IT can be understood!

*Authority* – The quality of requiring to be heard & believed because of status of speaker.

*Objectivity* – Requiring explanation. It must be accounted for.

### **BETHANY LUTHERAN SCHOOL IS HIRING!**

We are seeking a middle school Spanish teacher. This is a part-time position, three days per week from 9:30-12:30. Pay ranges from \$20-\$32 per hour depending on education and experience. This position is perfect for someone who loves Jesus and wants to help students learn the basics of the Spanish language. Teaching experience preferred, world language credential a plus. Interested or know someone who might be? Contact Mary Fink at: [mfink@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:mfink@bethanylutheran.org)

## **BETHANY PRESCHOOL SEEKING TEACHER!**

**Bethany Lutheran Preschool is seeking a qualified Preschool Teacher for the 2022-2023 summer session and school year.** This is a full-time and hourly position with full benefits. The preschool teacher will work 40 hours per week in collaboration with the preschool director and staff.

### **Qualifications:**

- A passion for sharing the love of Jesus with children
- Minimum 12 Early Childhood Education (ECE) units
- Minimum 150 hours of classroom experience
- Able to work an 8-hour shift between the hours of 7:00AM-5:30PM
- CPR and First Aid Certification preferred.

*Submit resumes to the Preschool Director, Tammy Simpson at [tsimpson@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:tsimpson@bethanylutheran.org)*