Bethany Lutheran Church

5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 10, 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!

<u>After</u> 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 <u>Cry Room</u> 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.

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

WELCOME

"Better Is One Day"

Verse 1:

How lovely is Your dwelling place O Lord almighty For my soul longs and even faints for You For here my heart is satisfied Within Your presence I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus:

Better is one day in Your courts Better is one day in Your house Better is one day in Your courts Than thousands elsewhere (Than thousands elsewhere)

Verse 2:

One thing I ask and I would seek To see Your beauty To find You in the place Your glory dwells

Bridge:

My heart and flesh cry out For You the living God Your Spirit's water to my soul I've tasted and I've seen Come once again to me I will draw near to You I will draw near to You

Bridge 2:

Better is one day better is one day Better is one day than thousands elsewhere Better is one day better is one day Better is one day than thousands elsewhere

OPENING VERSICLES:

Leader: People:	This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Leader: People:	From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.
Leader: People:	Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
Leader: People:	Make me to know Your ways, O Lord. Teach me Your paths.
Leader: People:	Sanctify us in Your truth. Your Word is truth.
Leader: People:	From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.
ALL:	Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Leviticus 19:9-18

"When you harvest the grain in your land, don't harvest the grain in the corners of your fields or gather what is left after you're finished. Don't harvest your vineyard a second time or pick up fallen grapes. Leave them for poor people and foreigners. I am the LORD your God.

"Never steal, lie, or deceive your neighbor.

"Never swear by my name in order to deceive anyone. This dishonors the name of your God. I am the LORD.

"Never oppress or rob your neighbor. Never keep the pay you owe a hired worker overnight. Never curse deaf people or put anything in the way of blind people to make them stumble. Instead, fear your God. I am the LORD.

"Don't be corrupt when administering justice. Never give special favors to poor people, and never show preference to important people. Judge your neighbor fairly. Never gossip. Never endanger your neighbor's life. I am the LORD.

"Never hate another Israelite. Be sure to correct your neighbor so that you will not be guilty of sinning along with him. Never get revenge. Never hold a grudge against any of your people. Instead, love your neighbor as you love yourself. I am the LORD. - GW®

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 7:26-27

We need a chief priest who is holy, innocent, pure, set apart from sinners, and who holds the honored position—the one next to God the Father on the heavenly throne. We need a priest who doesn't have to bring daily sacrifices as those chief priests did. First they brought sacrifices for their own sins, and then they brought sacrifices for the sins of the people. Jesus brought the sacrifice for the sins of the people once and for all when He sacrificed Himself. – GW®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:	"I Love to Tell the Story"	Piano			
~ by William G. Fischer; Arr. Phillip Keveren					

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

T hen an expert in Moses' Teachings stood up to test Jesus. He asked, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus answered him, "What is written in Moses' Teachings? What do you read there?"

He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as you love yourself.'"

Jesus told him, "You're right! Do this, and life will be yours."

But the man wanted to justify his question. So he asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied, "A man went from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way robbers stripped him, beat him, and left him for dead.

"By chance, a priest was traveling along that road. When he saw the man, he went around him and continued on his way. Then a Levite came to that place. When he saw the man, he, too, went around him and continued on his way.

"But a Samaritan, as he was traveling along, came across the man. When the Samaritan saw him, he felt sorry for the man, went to him, and cleaned and bandaged his wounds.

Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day the Samaritan took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. He told the innkeeper, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than that, I'll pay you on my return trip.'

"Of these three men, who do you think was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by robbers?"

The expert said, "The one who was kind enough to help him."

Jesus told him, "Go and imitate his example!" - GW®

RESPONSORY:

Leader:	Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
People:	Lord, I love the habitation of Your house
	and the place where Your glory dwells.
Leader:	Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
People:	Lord, I love the habitation of Your house
	and the place where Your glory dwells.
Leader:	Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
People:	Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

TEN COMMANDMENTS: Exodus 20:2-17

You shall have no other gods. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.





HYMN OF THE DAY: "My Help, My God"



Last time to Coda Φ



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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Leader: People:	In peace let us pray to the Lord: 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: People:	For (<i>additional prayers inserted here</i>) let us pray to the Lord: 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. 10

COLLECT FOR THE WORD:

Leader: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, and who has taught us to pray:

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

PRAYER: Luther's Morning Prayer (from Luther's Small Catechism)

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger;
And I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You.
For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things.
Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

THE BLESSING:

Leader:	Let us bless the Lord,
People:	Thanks be to God.
Leader:	The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

"Ignite"





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You can hear them as podcasts on our website <u>www.bethanylutheran.org</u>.

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*!

REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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