

Bethany Lutheran Church

6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 17, 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: *"O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True"*

Organ

and

"Built on the Rock"

~ Two Chorale Improvisations by Paul Manz

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"

LBW 248



1 Dear-est Je - sus, at your word we have come a - gain to
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark-ness
3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of light from God pro -
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and ad - o -



hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred and in
shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night, fill - ing
ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light; help our
ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most: your blest



glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is - es here
us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and all good
hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and songs may
gos - pel's con - so - la - tion, while we here on earth a -



giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: *“This Is the Feast”*

A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

B Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and
hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Genesis 18:1-10*

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oak trees belonging to Mamre as he was sitting at the entrance of his tent during the hottest part of the day. Abraham looked up, and suddenly he saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran to meet them, and he bowed with his face touching the ground.

“Please, sir,” Abraham said, “stop by to visit me for a while. Why don’t we let someone bring a little water? After you wash your feet, you can stretch out and rest under the tree. Let me bring some bread so that you can regain your strength. After that you can leave, since this is why you stopped by to visit me.”

They answered, “That’s fine. Do as you say.”

So Abraham hurried into the tent to find Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get three measures of flour, knead it, and make bread.”

Then Abraham ran to the herd and took one of his best calves. He gave it to his servant, who prepared it quickly. Abraham took cheese and milk, as well as the meat, and set these in front of them. Then he stood by them under the tree as they ate.

They asked him, “Where is your wife Sarah?”

He answered, “Over there, in the tent.”

The LORD said, “I promise I’ll come back to you next year at this time, and your wife Sarah will have a son.”

Sarah happened to be listening at the entrance of the tent, which was behind him. – GW®

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *Hebrews 9:24-28*

Christ didn’t go into a holy place made by human hands. He didn’t go into a model of the real thing. Instead, He went into heaven to appear in God’s presence on our behalf. Every year the chief priest went into the holy place to make a sacrifice with blood that isn’t his own. However, Christ didn’t go into heaven to sacrifice Himself again and again. Otherwise, He would have had to suffer many times since the world was created. But now, at the end of the ages, He has appeared once to remove sin by His sacrifice. People die once, and after that they are judged. Likewise, Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of humanity, and after that He will appear a second time. This time He will not deal with sin, but He will save those who eagerly wait for Him. – GW®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

“Impromptu from Pièces de Fantaisie Suite III, Op. 54”

Organ

~ by Louis Vierne

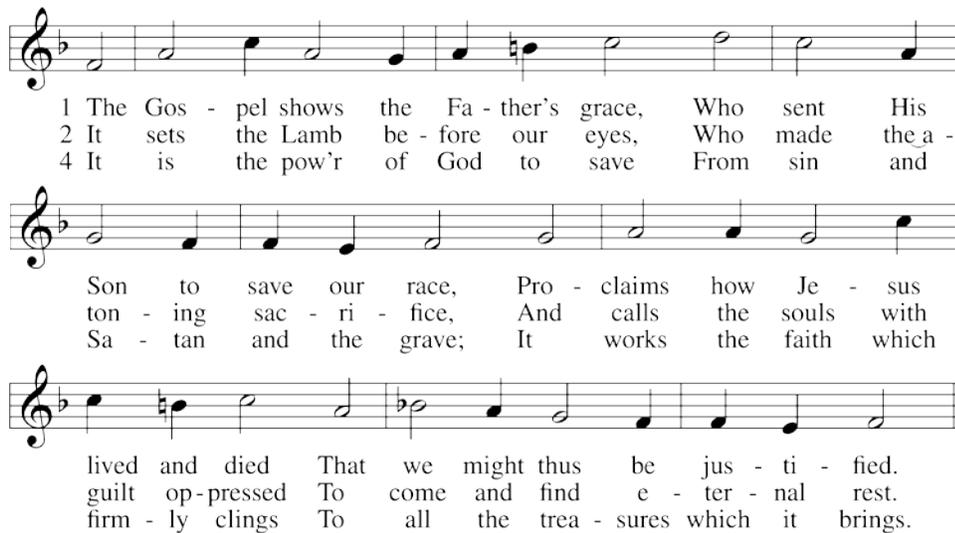
THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

As they were traveling along, Jesus went into a village. A woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. She had a sister named Mary. Mary sat at the Lord's feet and listened to Him talk.

But Martha was upset about all the work she had to do. So she asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work all by myself? Tell her to help me."

The Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha! You worry and fuss about a lot of things. There's only one thing you need. Mary has made the right choice, and that one thing will not be taken away from her." – GW ®

SERMON HYMN: "The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace" LSB 580



1 The Gos - pel shows the Fa - ther's grace, Who sent His
2 It sets the Lamb be - fore our eyes, Who made the a -
4 It is the pow'r of God to save From sin and
Son to save our race, Pro - claims how Je - sus
ton - ing sac - ri - fice, And calls the souls with
Sa - tan and the grave; It works the faith which
lived and died That we might thus be jus - ti - fied.
guilt op-pressed To come and find e - ter - nal rest.
firm - ly clings To all the trea - sures which it brings.

**SERMON: "Just What We Needed: Certainty in an Uncertain World"
Text: Hebrews 9:24-28**

HYMN OF THE DAY: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" LBW 294

1 My hope is built on nothing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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.

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.**

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.

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.

HYMNS OF DISTRIBUTION: "Eat This Bread"

WOV 709

Refrain



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humble Pray"

LSB 623



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y
3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us
feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
gift of love re - told; All that You are we
in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
stead - fast till that day When each will be Your
bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING:

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: "On Our Way Rejoicing" LBW 260

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,
hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

POSTLUDE: "Allegro assai vivace from Sonata 1, Op. 65" Organ
~ by Felix Mendelssohn

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“The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace” LSB 580

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“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” LBW 294

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“Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup” WOV 709

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“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray” LSB 623

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“On Our Way Rejoicing” LBW 260

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