

Bethany Lutheran Church

11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 21, 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.

PRELUDE:

"Clair de Lune op. 53 no. 5"

Organ

~ Louis Vierne

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: “God, Whose Almighty Word”

LSB 979



1 God, whose al - mighty - y word Cha - os and
2 Lord, who once came to bring, On Your re -
3 Spir - it of truth and love, Life - giv - ing,
△ 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, Glo - ri - ous
dark - ness heard And took their flight: Hear us, we
deem - ing wing, Heal - ing and sight, Health to the
ho - ly dove, Speed forth Your flight; Move on the
Trin - i - ty, Wis - dom, love, might! Bound - less as
hum - bly pray, And where the Gos - pel day
sick in mind, Sight to the in - ly blind:
wa - ter's face, Bear - ing the lamp of grace,
o - cean's tide, Roll - ing in full - est pride,
Sheds not its glo - rious ray, Let there be light!
Oh, now to hu - man - kind Let there be light!
And in earth's dark - est place Let there be light!
Through the earth, far and wide, Let there be light!

CALL TO WORSHIP: (*Hebrews 1:3ff*)

Leader: The Son is the radiance of God's glory
and the exact representation of His being,
sustaining all things by His powerful Word.

CALL TO CONFESSION: (*Hebrews 3:12*)

Leader: See to it brothers and sisters, that none of you has a wicked,
unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: (*Hebrews 7:26-27 & Hebrews 12:2*)

Leader: We need a high priest who is holy, pure, innocent, set apart from sinners, and who has the highest position in heaven, the throne of majesty. Jesus, our High Priest, sacrificed for sins once and for all when He offered Himself.

People: **Dear Lord Jesus, it was for my sins You were offered.
Forgive me anew today,
especially of those things that bother me most.**

(Silence for confession.)

Leader: Fix your eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of your faith. Who for you endured the cross and scorned its shame. He is at the right hand of the throne of God and for His sake your sin is forgiven.

People: **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Hebrews 13:20-21*

The God of peace brought the great shepherd of the sheep, our Lord Jesus, back to life through the blood of an eternal promise. May this God of peace prepare you to do every good thing He wants. May He work in us through Jesus Christ to do what is pleasing to Him. Glory belongs to Jesus Christ forever. Amen. – GW ®

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Hebrews 1:1-2

Leader: In the past, God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets, at many times and in various ways,

People: **but in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 13:22-30*

Then Jesus traveled and taught in one city and village after another on His way to Jerusalem.

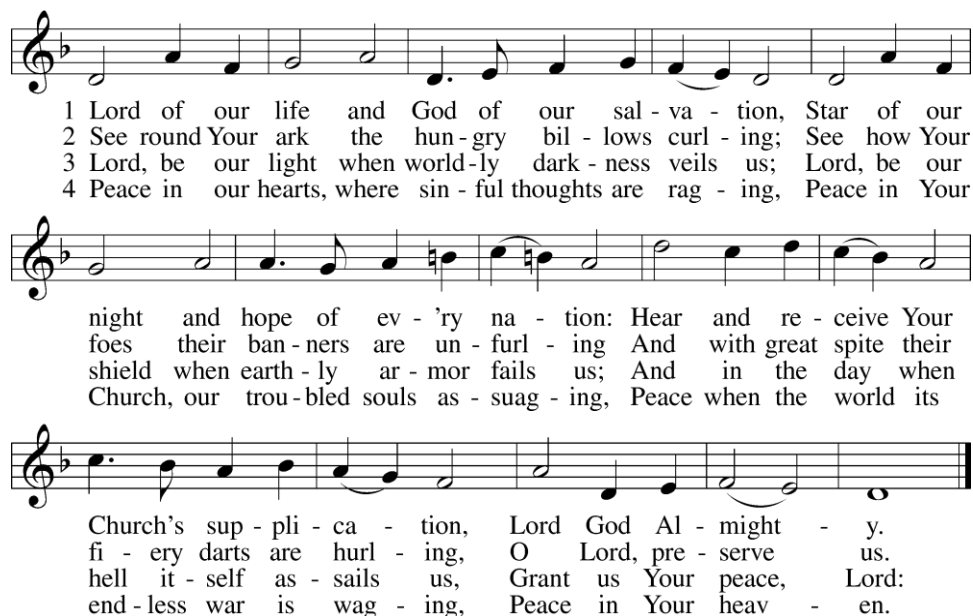
Someone asked Him, “Sir, are only a few people going to be saved?”

He answered, “Try hard to enter through the narrow door. I can guarantee that many will try to enter, but they won’t succeed. After the homeowner gets up and closes the door, it’s too late. You can stand outside, knock at the door, and say, ‘Sir, open the door for us!’ But he will answer you, ‘I don’t know who you are.’ Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’ But he will tell you, ‘I don’t know who you are. Get away from me, all you evil people.’ Then you will cry and be in extreme pain. That’s what you’ll do when you see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets. They’ll be in God’s kingdom, but you’ll be thrown out. People will come from all over the world and will eat in God’s kingdom. Some who are last will be first, and some who are first will be last.” – GW ®

SERMON HYMN:

“Lord of Our Life”

LSB 659



1 Lord of our life and God of our sal - va - tion, Star of our
2 See round Your ark the hun - gry bil - lows curl - ing; See how Your
3 Lord, be our light when world - ly dark - ness veils us; Lord, be our
4 Peace in our hearts, where sin - ful thoughts are rag - ing, Peace in Your

night and hope of ev - 'ry na - tion: Hear and re - ceive Your
foes their ban - ners are un - furl - ing And with great spite their
shield when earth - ly ar - mor fails us; And in the day when
Church, our trou - bled souls as - suag - ing, Peace when the world its

Church's sup - pli - ca - tion, Lord God Al - might - y.
fi - ery darts are hurl - ing, O Lord, pre - serve us.
hell it - self as - sails us, Grant us Your peace, Lord:
end - less war is wag - ing, Peace in Your heav - en.

SERMON: *"Just What We Needed"*
Text: Hebrews 13:20-21

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"By Grace I'm Saved"* LSB 566



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is
6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing; In Je - sus' prom - ise



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,
I re - joice; For though I know my heart's con - di - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our
I al - so know my Sav - ior's voice. My heart is glad, all



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.
grief has flown Since I am saved by grace a - lone.

Hebrews 10:22a & 23a

Leader: Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart
and hold unswervingly to the hope we profess.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord:
People: 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: For ... *(additional prayers inserted here)*... let us pray to the Lord:

People: 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.

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.

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.*

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.

DISTRIBUTION

HYMNS OF DISTRIBUTION:

“Your Table I Approach”

LSB 628



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver
6 Je - sus, sun of life, my splen - dor, Je - sus,
7 Lord, by love and mer - cy driv - en, You once
8 Je - sus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's
this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is
friend of friends, most ten - der, Je - sus, joy of my de -
left Your throne in heav - en On the cross for me to
glad - ly here o - bey You. By Your love I am in -



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
bound-less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:
sir - ing, Fount of life, my soul in - spir - ing;
lan - guish And to die in bit - ter an - guish,
vit - ed, Be Your love with love re - quit - ed;



Bless the One whose grace un-bound - ed This a - maz - ing
With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to
At Your feet I cry, my mak - er, Let me be a
To fore - go all joy and glad - ness And to shed Your
By this Sup - per let me mea - sure, Lord, how vast and



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -
fit par - tak - er Of this bless - ed food from
blood in sad - ness. By this blood re - deemed and
deep love's trea - sure. Through the gift of grace You



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!
heav - en, For our good, Your glo - ry, giv - en.
liv - ing, Lord, I praise You with thanks - giv - ing.
give me As Your guest in heav'n re - ceive me.

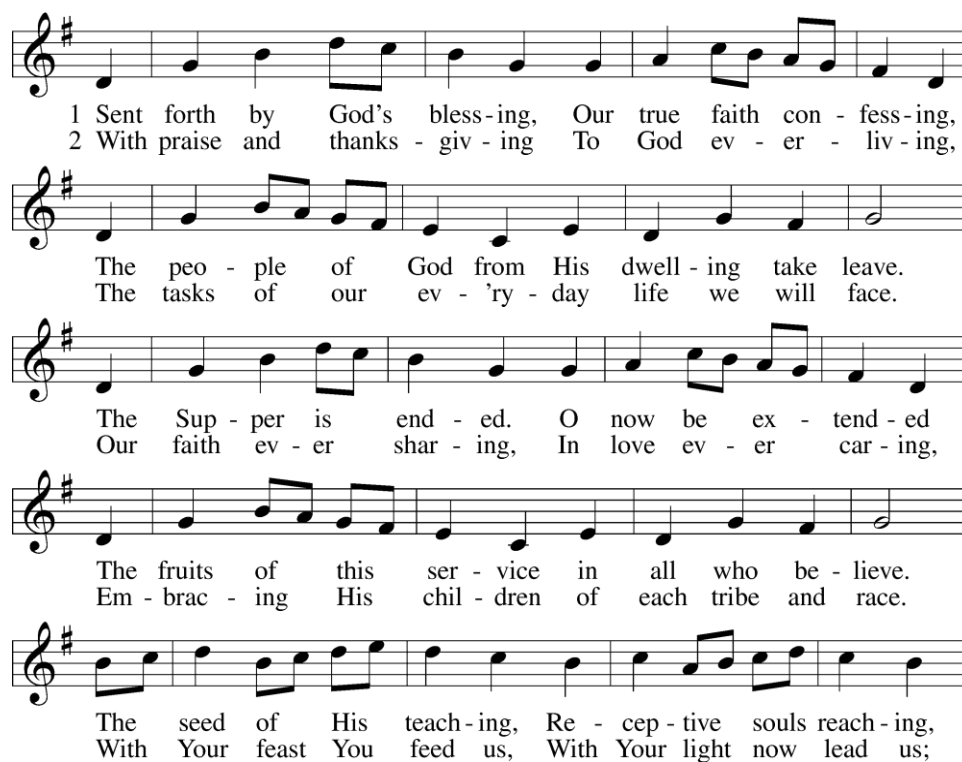
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THE BLESSING: (*Hebrews 13:20-21*)

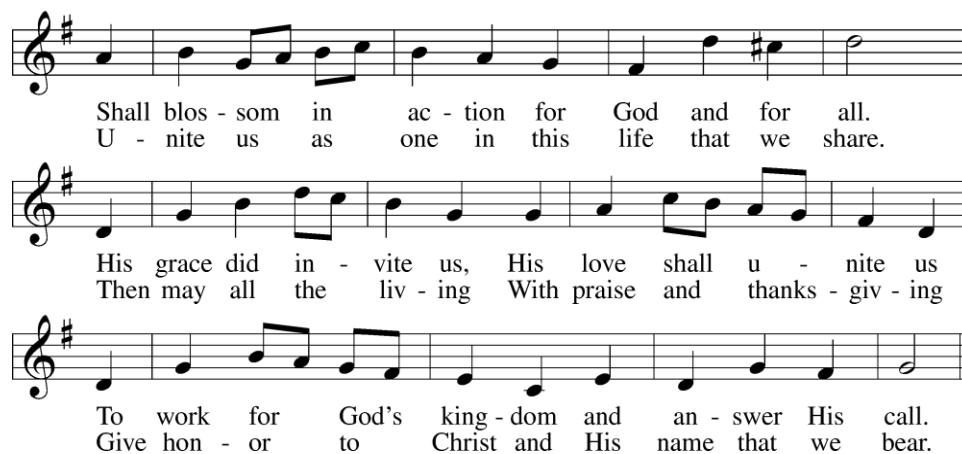
Leader: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant
was brought back from the dead.
Our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep,
equip you with everything good for doing His will,
and may He work in you what is pleasing to Him,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" LSB 643



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,
The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.
The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,
The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.
The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;

(Song continued on next page.)



Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
U - nite us as one in this life that we share.

His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing

To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.
Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

POSTLUDE:

“Carillion-Sortie”

~ Henri Mulet

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