

Bethany Lutheran Church

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 28, 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:

"Fanfare for the Baroque Spirit"

"Hyfrydol"

and

"Fanfare for Reeds and Other Festal Stops"

~ By Charles Ore; arr. Jeff Held

WELCOME

TEACHER INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING: 8:00

TEACHER INTRODUCTION: 9:30

OPENING HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

LSB 657

~ Arr. Alex Guebert

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.

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. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Leader: Let us 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 For 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Leader: Almighty God, grant us a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ,
a cheerful hope in Your mercy, a sincere love for You and one another;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Proverbs 25:2-10*

It is the glory of God to hide things
but the glory of kings to investigate them.
Like the high heavens and the deep earth,
so the mind of kings is unsearchable.
Take the impurities out of silver,
and a vessel is ready for the silversmith to mold.
Take a wicked person away from the presence of a king,
and justice will make his throne secure.
Do not brag about yourself in front of a king
or stand in the spot that belongs to notable people,
because it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put down in front of a prince
whom your eyes have seen.
Do not be in a hurry to go to court.
What will you do in the end if your neighbor disgraces you?
Present your argument to your neighbor,
but do not reveal another person's secret.
Otherwise, when he hears about it, he will humiliate you,
and his evil report about you will never disappear. – GW ®

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *Hebrews 13:1-17*

Continue to love each other. Don't forget to show hospitality to believers you don't know. By doing this some believers have shown hospitality to angels without being aware of it. Remember those in prison as if you were in prison with them. Remember those who are mistreated as if you were being mistreated.

Marriage is honorable in every way, so husbands and wives should be faithful to each other. God will judge those who commit sexual sins, especially those who commit adultery.

Don't love money. Be happy with what you have because God has said, "I will never abandon you or leave you." So we can confidently say,

“The Lord is my helper. I will not be afraid. What can mortals do to me?”

Remember your leaders who have spoken God’s word to you. Think about how their lives turned out, and imitate their faith.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Don’t get carried away by all kinds of unfamiliar teachings. Gaining inner strength from God’s kindness is good for us. This strength does not come from following rules about food, rules that don’t help those who follow them. Those who serve at the tent have no right to eat what is sacrificed at our altar.

The chief priest brings the blood of animals into the holy place as an offering for sin. But the bodies of those animals were burned outside the Israelite camp. That is why Jesus suffered outside the gates of Jerusalem. He suffered to make the people holy with His own blood. So we must go to Him outside the camp and endure the insults He endured. We don’t have a permanent city here on earth, but we are looking for the city that we will have in the future. Through Jesus we should always bring God a sacrifice of praise, that is, words that acknowledge Him. Don’t forget to do good things for others and to share what you have with them. These are the kinds of sacrifices that please God.

Obey your leaders, and accept their authority. They take care of you because they are responsible for you. Obey them so that they may do this work joyfully and not complain about you. (Causing them to complain would not be to your advantage.) – GW ®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *“Gott der Vater wohn uns bei”*
 (God the Father be with Us)
 ~ Michael Praetorius, Arr. Christian Guebert

CHILDREN’S SERMON

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 14:1-14*

On a day of rest—a holy day, Jesus went to eat at the home of a prominent Pharisee. The guests were watching Jesus very closely.

A man whose body was swollen with fluid was there. Jesus reacted by asking the Pharisees and the experts in Moses’ Teachings, “Is it right to heal on the day of rest—a holy day, or not?” But they didn’t say a thing.

So Jesus took hold of the man, healed him, and sent him away. Jesus asked them, “If

your son or your ox falls into a well on a day of rest—a holy day, wouldn't you pull him out immediately?" They couldn't argue with him about this.

Then Jesus noticed how the guests always chose the places of honor. So He used this illustration when He spoke to them: "When someone invites you to a wedding, don't take the place of honor. Maybe someone more important than you was invited. Then your host would say to you, 'Give this person your place.' Embarrassed, you would have to take the place of least honor. So when you're invited, take the place of least honor. Then, when your host comes, he will tell you, 'Friend, move to a more honorable place.' Then all the other guests will see how you are honored. Those who honor themselves will be humbled, but people who humble themselves will be honored."

Then He told the man who had invited Him, "When you invite people for lunch or dinner, don't invite only your friends, family, other relatives, or rich neighbors. Otherwise, they will return the favor. Instead, when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the handicapped, the lame, and the blind. Then you will be blessed because they don't have any way to pay you back. You will be paid back when those who have God's approval come back to life." – GW ®

SERMON HYMN:

"Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds"

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~ Arr. Christian Guebert

1 Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds Which God per -
 2 So make to them His glo - ries known, His works of
 3 Our sons and daugh - ters we shall tell And they a -
 4 O teach them with all dil - i - gence The truths of
 5 To learn that in our God a - lone Their hope se -

formed of old, Which in our youn - ger
 pow'r and grace; And we'll con - vey His
 gain to theirs That gen - er - a - tions
 God's own Word, To place in Him their
 cure - ly stands, That they may nev - er

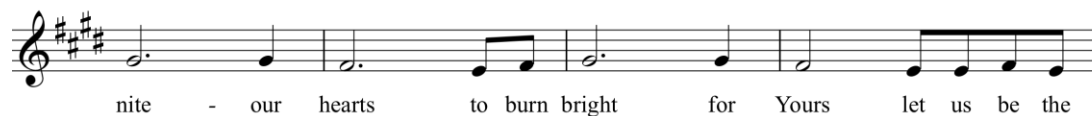
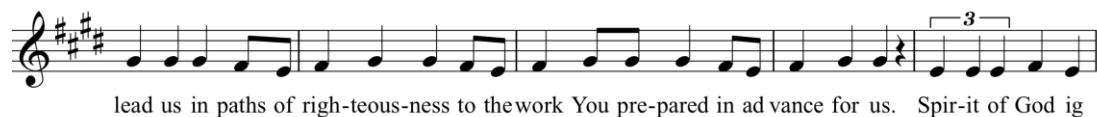
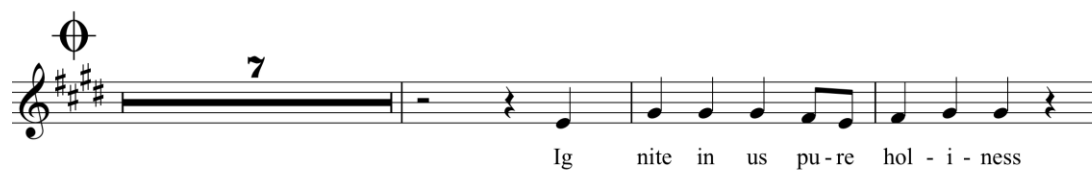
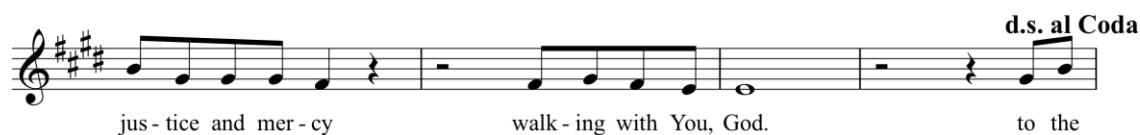
days we saw, And which our par - ents told.
 won - ders down Through ev - 'ry ris - ing race.
 yet un - born May teach them to their heirs.
 con - fi - dence, To fear and trust their Lord,
 doubt His love But walk in His com - mands.

SERMON: *“Contentment In Christ”*
Text: Hebrews 13:1-17

HYMN OF THE DAY: *“Ignite”*

Musical score for the hymn "Ignite" in G major (three sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of nine staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 1. Lord You call us, to be peo-ple of peace. To re-con cile and to re - deem. Lord we're will - ing but we are weak. give us strength to serve all we meet to the weak and the poor made known May Your love through us be shown Spir - it of God ig - nite - our hearts to burn bright for Yours let us be the light to all all the dark (Lord You)

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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!*

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.

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:

"Christ Be My Leader"

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1 Christ be my Lead-er by night as by day; Safe through the
2 Christ be my Teach-er in age as in youth, Drift-ing or
3 Christ be my Sav-ior in calm as in strife; Death can-not
dark-ness, for He is the way. Glad-ly I fol-low, my
doubt-ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark-ness nor doubt-ing nor
fu-ture His care, Dark-ness is day-light when Je-sus is there.
shift-ing as sand, Doubt can-not daunt me; in Je-sus I stand.
sin and its stain Can touch my sal-va-tion; with Je-sus I reign.

POSTLUDE: **“Double Fanfare in C for Daily Living”**
~ By Charles Ore, arr. Jeff Held

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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**