

Bethany Lutheran Church

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 4, 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:

Organ

"Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist, BuxWV 208"

~ by Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME

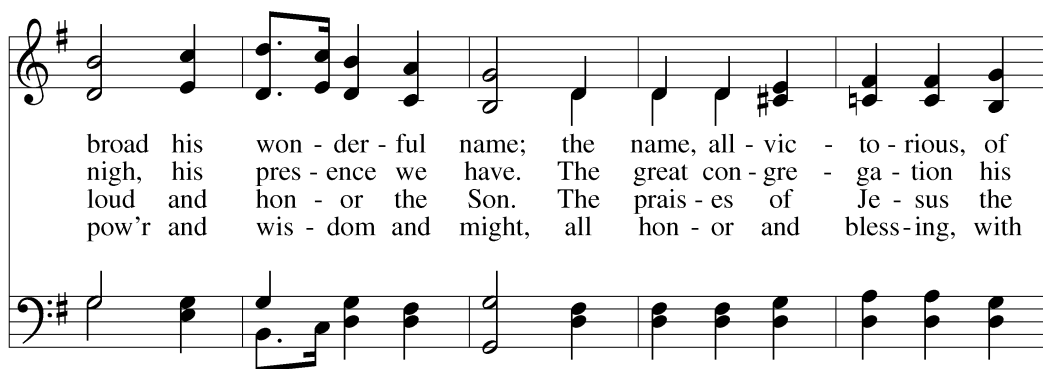
OPENING HYMN:

"You Servants of God"

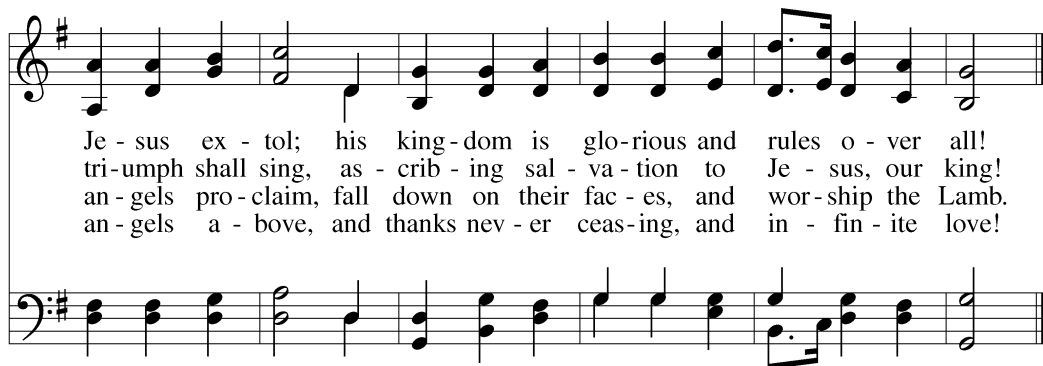
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1 You ser - vants of God, your mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
2 Our God rules on high, al - might - y to save; and still he is
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

OPENING VERSICLES:

Leader: This is the day which the Lord has made;

People: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Leader: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

People: **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

Leader: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

People: **Teach me Your paths.**

Leader: Sanctify us in Your truth.

People: **Your Word is truth.**

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: **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.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Leader: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination.

Leader: Holy and gracious God,

People: **I confess that I have sinned against You this day.**

Some of my sin I know –

**the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed –
but some is known only to You.**

In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness.

Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

Leader: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ,
and in Him we are forgiven.

People: **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Philemon 1:1-21*

From Paul, who is a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and our brother Timothy.

To our dear coworker Philemon, our sister Apphia, our fellow soldier Archippus, and the church that meets in your house.

Good will and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ are yours!

Philemon, I always thank my God when I mention you in my prayers because I hear about your faithfulness to the Lord Jesus and your love for all of God's people. As you share the faith you have in common with others, I pray that you may come to have a complete knowledge of every blessing we have in Christ. Your love for God's people gives me a lot of joy and encouragement. You, brother, have comforted God's people.

Christ makes me bold enough to order you to do the right thing. However, I would prefer to make an appeal on the basis of love. I, Paul, as an old man and now a prisoner for Christ Jesus, appeal to you for my child Onesimus [Useful]. I became his spiritual father here in prison. Once he was useless to you, but now he is very useful to both of us.

I am sending him back to you. This is like sending you a part of myself. I wanted to keep him here with me. Then he could have served me in your place while I am in prison for spreading the Good News. Yet, I didn't want to do anything without your consent. I want you to do this favor for me out of your own free will without feeling forced to do it.

Maybe Onesimus was gone for a while so that you could have him back forever—no longer as a slave but better than a slave—as a dear brother. He is especially dear to me, but even more so to you, both as a person and as a Christian.

If you think of me as your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge it to me. I, Paul, promise to pay it back. I'm writing this with my own hand. I won't even mention that you owe me your life. So, because we're brothers in the Lord, do something for me. Give me some comfort because of Christ. I am confident as I write to you that you will do this. And I know that you will do even more than I ask. — GW ®

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 14:25-35*

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus. He turned to them and said, “If people come to me and are not ready to abandon their fathers, mothers, wives, children, brothers, and sisters, as well as their own lives, they cannot be my disciples. So those who do not carry their crosses and follow me cannot be my disciples.

“Suppose you want to build a tower. You would first sit down and figure out what it costs. Then you would see if you have enough money to finish it. Otherwise, if you lay a foundation and can’t finish the building, everyone who watches will make fun of you. They’ll say, ‘This person started to build but couldn’t finish the job.’

“Or suppose a king is going to war against another king. He would first sit down and think things through. Can he and his 10,000 soldiers fight against a king with 20,000 soldiers? If he can’t, he’ll send ambassadors to ask for terms of peace while the other king is still far away. In the same way, none of you can be my disciples unless you give up everything.

“Salt is good. But if salt loses its taste, how will you restore its flavor? It’s not any good for the ground or for the manure pile. People throw it away.

“Let the person who has ears listen!” – GW ®

RESPONSORY TO THE READINGS:

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.**

SERMON HYMN:

“Lord, I Need You”

1. Lord, I
 come, I con - fess. Bow-ing here, I find my__ rest. And with-out
 You, I fall a - part. You're the one that guides my__ heart. Lord, I
 need You, oh I need You. Ev - 'ry hour I need You. My
To Coda
 one de-fense, my right - eous-ness; Oh, God, how I need You.
 2. Where sin runs deep, Your grace is__ more. Where grace is found is where You
 are. And where You are, Lord, I am__
 __ free. Ho - li - ness is Christ in__ me. Where You are, Lord, I am
D.S. al Coda
 __ free. Ho - li - ness is Christ in__ me. Lord, I

SERMON: "The Lost Art of Prayer"

HYMN OF THE DAY: "In Christ Alone"

1.....In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
2.....In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
3.....There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the
4.....No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the

light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,
God in help - less Babe! This gift of love and right - eous ness,
world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day,
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry, to fi - nal breath,

firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love,
scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on the cross
up from the grave He rose a gain! And as He stands
Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. **No pow'r of hell,

what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease. My com - fort - er,
as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry sin
in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am His
no scheme of man, can e - ver pluck me from His hand. 'Til He re - turns

my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

***At the conclusion of stanza 4 the congregation repeats again the phrase: "No pow'r of hell...."

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: *(Additional prayers added here and they will end with "Let us pray to the Lord")... your response will be:*

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.

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.

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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to 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. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness, By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Leader: Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING PRAYER:

ALL: O God, from whom came all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

BENEDICAMUS:

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE BLESSING:

Leader: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” LSB 922



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos-er to Me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy-ful and free. Here My
I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace: I the

love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-ev-er.
heard My dear Son's sto-ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.
Spir-it's pow-er filled you; Here His ten-der com-fort stilled you.
Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.

Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy-ful and free.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

POSTLUDE: “Carillon de Longpont, Op. 31, No. 21” Organ ~ by Louis Vierne

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