

# *Bethany Lutheran Church*

## 16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*September 25, 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.

**WELCOME**

OPENING HYMN: "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" LSB 902



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in  
2 Un - seal our lips to sing Your praise In end - less  
3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O ho - ly,  
△ 4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with  
hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and  
ho - ly Lord Most High!" And in the light of  
Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.  
light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.  
that blest place We then shall see You face to face.  
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(Based on 1 Timothy 1:2b, 15-17)*

**Leader:** Grace, mercy and peace are yours from God the Father,  
Christ Jesus our Lord, and the Spirit who proceeds from both.

**People:** Amen.

**Leader:** Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves our acceptance:  
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners!

**People:** **So that in us, people as guilty of sin as anyone else,  
Christ Jesus might display His unlimited patience  
as an example for those who would believe on Him  
and receive eternal life.**

**Leader:** Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God,  
be honor and glory forever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

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. (*Hebrews 10:22*)

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
People: **who made heaven and earth.** (*Psalms 124:8*)

Leader: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** (*Psalms 32:5*)

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for 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. (*John 1:12; Philippians 1:6*)  
People: **Amen.**

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Amos 6:1-7*

**H**ow horrible it will be for those who are at ease in Zion,  
for those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,  
and for the heads of the leading nations,  
to whom the nation of Israel comes.

Go to Calneh and look.  
Go from there to the great city of Hamath.  
Then go to Gath, the city of the Philistines.  
Are you better than these kingdoms?  
Is their territory larger than yours?

How horrible it will be for those who think that a day of disaster is far away.  
They bring the reign of violence closer.  
How horrible it will be for those who sleep on ivory beds.  
They sprawl out on their couches  
and eat lambs from their flocks and calves from their stalls.  
How horrible it will be for those who make up songs as they strum a harp.  
Like David, they write all kinds of songs for themselves.  
How horrible it will be for those who drink wine by the jugful.  
They rub the finest oils all over themselves  
and are not sorry for the ruin of the descendants of Joseph.

That is why they will now be the first to go into exile.  
The celebrating of those sprawled around the banquet table will stop. – GW ®

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *1 Timothy 6:11b-18***

**P**ursue what God approves of: a godly life, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Fight the good fight for the Christian faith. Take hold of everlasting life to which you were called and about which you made a good testimony in front of many witnesses.

In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and in the sight of Christ Jesus, who gave a good testimony in front of Pontius Pilate, I insist that, until our Lord Jesus Christ appears, you obey this command completely. Then you cannot be blamed for doing anything wrong. At the right time God will make this known. God is the blessed and only ruler. He is the King of kings and Lord of lords. He is the only one who cannot die. He lives in light that no one can come near. No one has seen Him, nor can they see Him. Honor and power belong to Him forever! Amen.

Tell those who have the riches of this world not to be arrogant and not to place their confidence in anything as uncertain as riches. Instead, they should place their confidence in God who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. Tell them to do good, to do a lot of good things, to be generous, and to share. – GW ®

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 16:19-31***

“**T**here was a rich man who wore expensive clothes. Every day was like a party to him. There was also a beggar named Lazarus who was regularly brought to the gate of the rich man’s house. Lazarus would have eaten any scraps that fell from the rich man’s table. Lazarus was covered with sores, and dogs would lick them.

“One day the beggar died, and the angels carried him to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. He went to hell, where he was constantly tortured. As he looked up, in the distance he saw Abraham and Lazarus. He yelled, ‘Father Abraham! Have mercy on me! Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water to cool off my tongue. I am suffering in this fire.’

“Abraham replied, ‘Remember, my child, that you had a life filled with good times, while Lazarus’ life was filled with misery. Now he has peace here, while you suffer. Besides, a wide area separates us. People couldn’t cross it in either direction even if they wanted to.’

“The rich man responded, ‘Then I ask you, Father, to send Lazarus back to my father’s home. I have five brothers. He can warn them so that they won’t end up in this place of torture.’

“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses’ Teachings and the Prophets. Your brothers should listen to them!’

“The rich man replied, ‘No, Father Abraham! If someone comes back to them from the dead, they will turn to God and change the way they think and act.’

“Abraham answered him, ‘If they won’t listen to Moses’ Teachings and the Prophets, they won’t be persuaded even if someone comes back to life.’ ” – GW ®

**SERMON HYMN:**

***“With Kindness”***

**Verse 1:**

**Christ has no body here but ours  
No hands no feet here on earth but ours  
Ours are the eyes through which He looks  
On this world  
With kindness**

**Verse 2:**

**Ours are the hands through which He works  
Ours are the feet on which He moves  
Our are the voices through which He speaks  
To this world  
With kindness**

**Verse 3:**

**Through our touch our smile our listening ear  
Embodied in us Jesus is living here**

**Let us go now  
Filled with the Spirit into this world  
With kindness**

**SERMON: *“We ARE His Body”***

**Text: 1 Timothy 6:11b-18**

HYMN OF THE DAY: *“Church of God, Elect and Glorious”* LSB 646



1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, Ho - ly  
 2 God has called you out of dark - ness In - to  
 3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Strang - ers the  
 4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, Be the



na - tion, cho - sen race; Called as God's own  
 His most mar - v'ulous light; Brought His truth to  
 to God's heart of love; But He brought you  
 peo - ple He in - tends; Strong in faith and



spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al priests and heirs of  
 life with - in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to  
 home in mer - cy, Cit - i - zens of heav'n a -  
 swift to an - swer Each com - mand your Mas - ter



grace: Know the pur - pose of your call - ing,  
 sight. Let your light so shine a - round you  
 bove. Let His love flow out to oth - ers,  
 sends: Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing



Show to all His might - y deeds; Tell of love that  
 That God's name is glo - ri - fied And all find fresh  
 Let them feel a Fa - ther's care; That they too may  
 Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer; Give your lives in



knows no lim - its, Grace that meets all hu - man needs.  
 hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.  
 know His wel - come And His count - less bless - ings share.  
 joy - ful ser - vice— Sing His praise, His love de - clare.

**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.**

**PRAYERS:** (*Based on 1 Tim 2:1-6*)

**Leader:** I urge you to bring your requests, prayers, intercessions  
and thanksgivings for everyone, for all in authority,  
that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.  
This is good, and pleases God our Savior,  
who wants everybody to be saved  
and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

**People:** **For there is one God and one mediator between God and everybody,  
the God who took on a body and became man in Jesus Christ  
and gave Himself as a ransom for everybody.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:**

Leader: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend (*names*) and all who are in need, praying for them at all times. Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: 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!*

**\*\*\*For our 8:00 a.m. worshippers, the service continues on page 13 with the special announcements.**

**\*\*\*For our 9:30 a.m. worshippers, the service continues with the celebration of Holy Communion:**

## + *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.*

**\*\*\*Our communion pattern at Bethany for the 8:00 AM service is the 1st and 3rd Sundays, generally at the rail. For the 9:30 AM service, it is the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays, generally walking past the fount. Follow the direction of the ushers. For those members desiring to commune with the individual packets, we ask that you pick one up from the Church Narthex prior to worship. After the words of institution, when your row is dismissed to the table, we invite you to commune.**

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 HYMN: "O Living Bread from Heaven"

LBW 197



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!  
2 My Lord, you here have led me with - in your ho - liest place,  
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.  
4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.  
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;  
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.  
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve with ho - ly fear.



Oh, won - drous food of bless - ing, oh, cup that heals our woes!  
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,  
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,  
And when you call my spir - it to leave this world be - low,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, with prais - es o - ver - flows!  
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.  
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.  
I en - ter, through your mer - it, where joys un - min - gled flow.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE BLESSING: *(Based on 1 Timothy 6)*

Leader: Put your hope in God, who richly provides you with all you have.  
So be rich in good deeds and be generous and willing to share.  
Take hold of life, that is true life and the Grace of Christ be with you!

People: **And also with you. Amen.**

#### CLOSING HYMN: *“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”* LBW 259



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

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“Our Sabbath continues at 11:00 AM as we gather for study via zoom to connect more deeply with the texts read and proclaimed in worship and to connect with one another; brothers and sister sent with us into the world as His hands, feet and voice.”

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/879060806> Meeting ID: 879 060 806

There is no password.

## SUNDAY MORNING LINEUP

Fantasy Football managers, and NFL head coaches alike, are getting ready to set their starting lineups for the season opener.

### **Our fall season at Bethany, The Gathering and Holy Cross “opens” on September 11th.**

- **In person worship** on the campus of Bethany at 8:00 & 9:30AM and Holy Cross at 11:00AM. Live streamed at 9:30AM. Worship theme and preacher same on both campuses.

**Sunday morning study in person** on the campus of Holy Cross at 9:30AM and hosted by The Gathering via zoom at 11:00AM. Study leader and text (lessons of the day with particular attention to the sermon text) the same in both venues.

- To Join the 11:00AM Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/879060806>; Meeting ID: 879 060 806. There is no password.

### **September worship and study line up:**

The Body of Evidence from I Timothy

9/11 Jesus is FOR Everybody - I Tim. 1:12-17

9/18 This IS His Body - I Tim. 2:1-6

9/25 We ARE His Body - I Tim. 3:11b-12, 17-18

**In October**, we start a four-week series leading up to Reformation Day from II Timothy:

***“Gathered, Connected, Sent! What Does This Mean?”***

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