

Bethany Lutheran Church

17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 2, 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

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

Organ

“Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier,” BWV 730, 731, & 633

~ J. S. Bach

OPENING HYMN:

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

LSB 904

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered
2 All - our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from

all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;

Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your

sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (*Based on 11 Timothy 1:2b*)

Leader: Good will, mercy, and peace
from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: (*Based on 11 Timothy 1:9*)

Leader: God saved us and called us to be holy, not because of what we had done,
but because of his own plan and kindness.
Holy and Gracious God,

People: I confess that we have sinned against You, Lord;
we have also sinned against friends, loved ones and strangers,
all whom are created in Your own image.
I am ashamed of these sins,
and realize that some of them are known only to You.
In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness.
Deliver and restore me. Amen.

Leader: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ,
and in Him you are forgiven.
Go walk in His way and delight in His will.

People: Amen.



Leader: The Holy Scriptures have the power to give you wisdom
so that you can be saved through faith in Christ Jesus.

People: Every Scripture passage is inspired by God.
All of them are useful for teaching, pointing out errors,
correcting people and training all for a life that has God's approval.
(II Timothy 3:15-16)

RESPONSIVE READING: *Habakkuk 1:2-4b and 2:3b-4* – GW ®

Lector: How long, O LORD, am I to cry for help,
but you will not listen?
I cry out to you, "There's violence!"
yet you will not come to the rescue.

People: Why do you make me see wrongdoing?
And why do you watch wickedness?
Destruction and violence are in front of me.
Quarrels and disputes arise.

Lector: That is why your teaching is numbed,
and justice is never carried out...
It hurries toward its goal. It won't be a lie.
If it's delayed, wait for it. It will certainly happen.
It won't be late.
"Look at the proud person. He is not right in himself.

People: **But the righteous person will live by faith.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *II Timothy 1:6-10*

You received a gift from God when I placed my hands on you to ordain you. Now I'm reminding you to fan that gift into flames. God didn't give us a cowardly spirit but a spirit of power, love, and good judgment. So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord or be ashamed of me, His prisoner. Instead, by God's power, join me in suffering for the sake of the Good News. God saved us and called us to be holy, not because of what we had done, but because of His own plan and kindness. Before the world began, God planned that Christ Jesus would show us God's kindness. Now with the coming of our Savior Christ Jesus, He has revealed it. Christ has destroyed death, and through the Good News He has brought eternal life into full view. – GW ®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

8:00

"God's Good Time"
~ Terry Kirkland

Trinity Choir

9:30

"God's Good Time"
~ Terry Kirkland

Troubadour Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 17:1-10*

Jesus told His disciples, "Situations that cause people to lose their faith are certain to arise. But how horrible it will be for the person who causes someone to lose his faith! It

would be best for that person to be thrown into the sea with a large stone hung around his neck than for him to cause one of these little ones to lose his faith. So watch yourselves!

“If a believer sins, correct him. If he changes the way he thinks and acts, forgive him. Even if he wrongs you seven times in one day and comes back to you seven times and says that he is sorry, forgive him.”

Then the apostles said to the Lord, “Give us more faith.”

The Lord said, “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Pull yourself up by the roots, and plant yourself in the sea!’ and it would obey you.

“Suppose someone has a servant who is plowing fields or watching sheep. Does he tell his servant when he comes from the field, ‘Have something to eat’? No. Instead, he tells his servant, ‘Get dinner ready for me! After you serve me my dinner, you can eat yours.’ He doesn’t thank the servant for following orders. That’s the way it is with you. When you’ve done everything you’re ordered to do, say, ‘We’re worthless servants. We’ve only done our duty.’ ” – GW ®

SERMON HYMN:

“Preserve Your Word, O Savior”

LSB 658


1 Pre-serve Your Word, O Sav - ior, To us this lat - ter day,
4 Pre-serve Your Word and preach-ing, The truth that makes us whole,
And let Your king-dom flour-ish; En - large Your Church, we pray.
The mir - ror of Your glo - ry, The pow'r that saves the soul.
O keep our faith from fail - ing; Keep hope's bright star a - glow.
Oh, may this liv - ing wa - ter, This dew of heav'n-ly grace,
Let noth-ing from truth turn us While liv - ing here be - low.
Sus - tain us while here liv - ing Un - til we see Your face.

SERMON: “Gathered”

Text: Matthew 23:37

*“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you kill the prophets
and stone to death those sent to you!
How often I wanted to gather your children together
the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings!
But you were not willing!”*

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” LSB 556



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, With ex-ul-ta-tion
4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be-fore the world's foun-
8 “Though he will shed My pre-cious blood, Me of My life be-
spring-ing, And with u-nit-ed heart and voice And ho-ly
da-tion, And mind-ful of His mer-cies great, He planned for
reav-ing, All this I suf-fer for your good; Be stead-fast
rap-ture sing-ing, Pro-claim the won-ders God has done, How
my sal-va-tion. He turned to me a fa-ther's heart; He
and be-liev-ing. Life will from death the vic-t'ry win; My
His right arm the vic-t'ry won. What price our ran-som cost Him!
did not choose the eas-y part But gave His dear-est trea-sure.
in-no-cence shall bear your sin, And you are blest for-ev-er.

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 THE CHURCH

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 Maralee 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.

*****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 HYMNS:

“Come, Let Us Eat”

LSB 626

Leader



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In His pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word,

All




Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
In His pres - ence now we meet and rest.
Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word.

Leader



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom,

All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom.

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

LSB 637

1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,

And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow

Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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.

BENEDICTION:

Trinity and Troubadour Choirs

SENDING: (II Timothy 4:7-8)

Leader: Go and fight the good fight, complete the race, keep the faith;
for the prize is yours in Christ,
not only yours, it belongs to all who eagerly await His coming.

People: Amen.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN: “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” LSB 722



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,
Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.
With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;
So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

POSTLUDE: “Toccata in E Minor” **Organ**
~ Johann Pachelbel

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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.

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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“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word” LSB 904

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619-84, sts. 1-3; *Geistreiches Gesang-Büchlein*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4;
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78; sts. 1-3, alt.; tr. unknown, st. 4, alt.

Tune: Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1625-73, alt.; setting: Paul G. Bunjes, 1914-98, alt.

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“Preserve Your Word, O Savior” LSB 658

Text: Andreas Gryphius, 1616-64; tr. William J. Schaefer, 1891-1976, alt.

Tune: *Neu-vermehrtes... Gesangbuch*, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693; setting: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-47

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“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” LSB 556

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800-87, alt.

Tune: *Etlich Cristlich lider*, Wittenberg, 1524; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

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“Come, Let Us Eat” LSB 626

Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930, st. 4, alt;

tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt. Tune: Billema Kwillia

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“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” LSB 637

Text: Latin, 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.

Tune: *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, ed. Louis Bourgeois;
setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941. Text and music: Public domain.

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” LSB 722

Text: Julie von Hausmann, 1825-1901; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978, alt.

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SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Children's Sermon... Kayleigh Lopez

Acolyte 8:00... Audrey Kienitz

Acolyte 9:30... Alice Kienitz

Usher Team 8:00... Team 9

Lector 8:00... Alissa Brege

Elders 8:00... Jonathan Widmann, Marty Callow

Organist... Robert Bottoms

Preacher... Senior Pastor Kevin L. Kritzer

Crucifer 8:00... Scott DeJongh

Crucifer 9:30... Timothy O'Conner

Usher Team 9:30... Team 11

Lector 9:30... Kayleigh Lopez

Elders 9:30... Pat Gagan, John Holmquist

Liturgist... Karl Fink

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OR PREVIOUS SERMONS AGAIN...

You can hear them as podcasts on our website www.bethanylutheran.org.

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