

Bethany Lutheran Church

19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 16, 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:

“God Is Here!”

WOV 719



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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: **We confess that we have sinned against You;
as well as friends, loved ones
and strangers created in Your own image.
I am ashamed of these thoughts, words and deeds,
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 we are forgiven.
Go walk in His way and delight in His will.

People: **Amen.**

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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)**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *II Timothy 3:14 – 4:5*

However, continue in what you have learned and found to be true. You know who your teachers were. From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures. They have the power to give you wisdom so that you can be saved through faith in Christ Jesus. Every Scripture passage is inspired by God. All of them are useful for teaching, pointing out errors, correcting people, and training them for a life that has God's approval. They equip God's servants so that they are completely prepared to do good things.

I solemnly call on you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge those who are living and those who are dead. I do this because Christ Jesus will come to rule the world. Be ready to spread the word whether or not the time is right. Point out errors, warn people, and encourage them. Be very patient when you teach.

A time will come when people will not listen to accurate teachings. Instead, they will follow their own desires and surround themselves with teachers who tell them what they want to hear. People will refuse to listen to the truth and turn to myths.

But you must keep a clear head in everything. Endure suffering. Do the work of a missionary. Devote yourself completely to your work. – GW ®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: 9:30

Flute and Piano

CHILDREN’S SERMON

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus used this illustration with his disciples to show them that they need to pray all the time and never give up. He said, “In a city there was a judge who didn’t fear God or respect people. In that city there was also a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice.’

“For a while the judge refused to do anything. But then he thought, ‘This widow really annoys me. Although I don’t fear God or respect people, I’ll have to give her justice. Otherwise, she’ll keep coming to me until she wears me out.’ ”

The Lord added, “Pay attention to what the dishonest judge thought. Won’t God give his chosen people justice when they cry out to him for help day and night? Is he slow to help them? I can guarantee that he will give them justice quickly. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” – GW ®

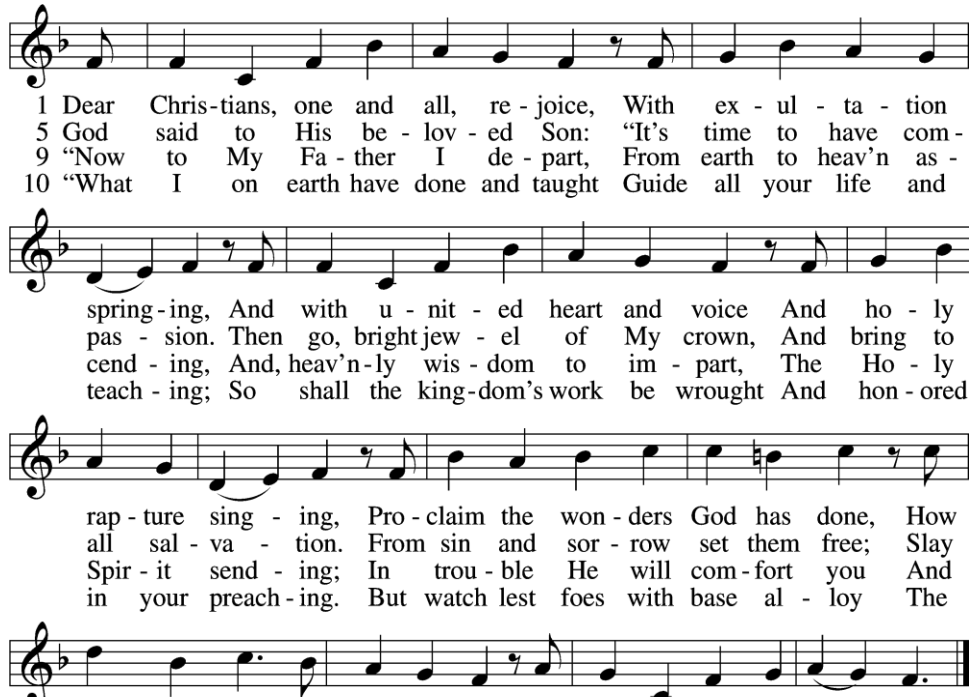
SERMON HYMN: “Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way” LSB 857

1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -
2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But
5 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -
ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -
pow'r You laid a - side. You lived Your years in
ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -
get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.
ser - vant - hood; In low - li - ness You died.
get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.

SERMON: "Sent"

Text: II Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

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
5 God said to His be-lov-ed Son: "It's time to have com-
9 "Now to My Fa-ther I de-part, From earth to heav'n as-
10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and
spring-ing, And with u-nit-ed heart and voice And ho-ly
pas-sion. Then go, bright jew-el of My crown, And bring to
cend-ing, And, heav'n-ly wis-dom to im-part, The Ho-ly
teach-ing; So shall the king-dom's work be wrought And hon-ored
rap-ture sing-ing, Pro-claim the won-ders God has done, How
all sal-va-tion. From sin and sor-row set them free; Slay
Spir-it send-ing; In trou-ble He will com-fort you And
in your preach-ing. But watch lest foes with base al-loy The
His right arm the vic-t'ry won. What price our ran-som cost Him!
bit-ter death for them that they May live with You for-ev-er."
teach you al-ways to be true And in-to truth shall guide you.
heav'n-ly trea-sure should de-stroy; This fi-nal word I leave you."

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 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.

*****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 MUSIC:

9:30

Flute and Piano

"One Bread, One Body"

WOV 710

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of

bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y

through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

Refrain

wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

“Father Welcomes”

LSB 605

Refrain

Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly
 through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,
 Life for - ev - er has been won.

1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
 3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly

is of these. Life and love I have to give,
 be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
 rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,

Refrain

Mer - cy for your sin.
 Shall be born a - gain.
 Live in the peace of God.

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.

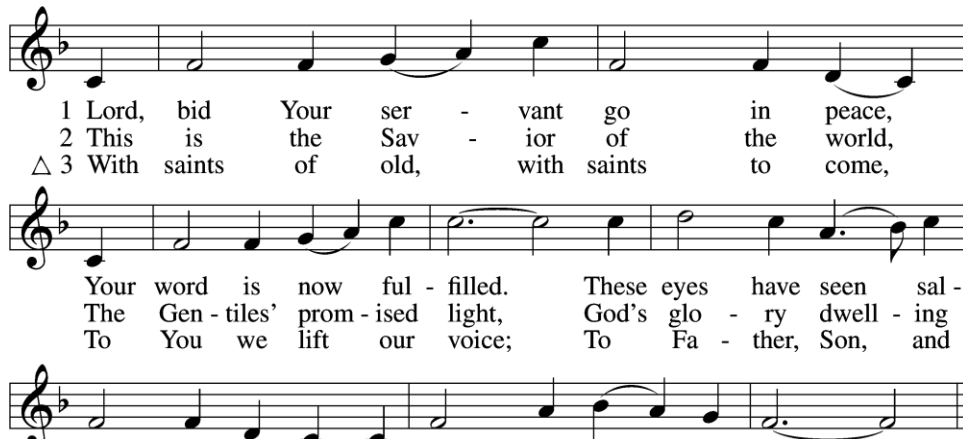
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING:

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.

CLOSING HYMN: "Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace" LSB 937



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,
△ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,

Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and

va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.
Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

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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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