

Bethany Lutheran Church

20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 23, 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:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”



1. Ho ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, — God al - migh - ty
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Though the dark ness hide Thee
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, — God al - migh - ty



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee.
 Though the eye made blind by sin Thy glo - ry may not see.
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly, merc - i - ful and migh - ty
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly, There is none be - side Thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, merc - i - ful and migh - ty



God in three per - sons — bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
 Per - fect in pow - er in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons — bless - ed Trin - i - ty.



And we



all bow down. And we

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

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: (*Based on II Timothy 2:22-23*)

Leader: God has called us to pursue faith, love and peace;
to avoid lust, foolish arguments, a judgmental attitude
and to be willing to suffer wrong.

Yet, I confess to you, my brothers and sisters, and to God Almighty,
that I have sinned by my fault, by my own fault,
by my own most grievous fault;
and I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,
forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

People: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness
and remission of all your sins. Amen.

We too, confess to God Almighty, before our brothers and sisters,
that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault,
by our own most grievous fault;
and we pray God Almighty to have mercy on us,
forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Leader: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness
and remission of all your sins.

People: Amen.

Leader: The Holy Scriptures have the power to give you wisdom,

People: so that we can be saved through faith in Christ Jesus.

Leader: 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: *Genesis 4:1-15*

Adam made love to his wife Eve. She became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “I have gotten the man that the LORD promised.” Then she gave birth to another child, Abel, Cain’s brother. Abel was a shepherd, and Cain was a farmer.

Later Cain brought some crops from the land as an offering to the LORD. Abel also brought some choice parts of the firstborn animals from his flock. The LORD approved of Abel and his offering, but He didn’t approve of Cain and his offering. So Cain became very angry and was disappointed. Then the LORD asked Cain, “Why are you angry, and why do you look disappointed? If you do well, won’t you be accepted? But if you don’t do well, sin is lying outside your door ready to attack. It wants to control you, but you must master it.”

Cain talked to his brother Abel. Later, when they were in the fields, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

The LORD asked Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?”

“I don’t know,” he answered. “Am I supposed to take care of my brother?”

The LORD asked, “What have you done? Your brother’s blood is crying out to me from the ground. So now you are cursed from the ground, which has received the blood of your brother whom you killed. When you farm the ground, it will no longer yield its best for you. You will be a fugitive, a wanderer on the earth.”

But Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is more than I can stand! You have forced me off this land today. I have to hide from you and become a fugitive, a wanderer on the earth. Now anyone who finds me will kill me!”

So the LORD said to him, “Not so! Anyone who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over.” The LORD gave Cain a sign so that anyone meeting him would not kill him.
– GW ®

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *II Timothy 4:16-18*

At my first hearing no one stood up in my defense. Everyone abandoned me. I pray that it won’t be held against them. However, the Lord stood by me and gave me strength so that I could finish spreading the Good News for all the nations to hear. I was snatched out of a lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all harm and will take me safely to His heavenly kingdom. Glory belongs to Him forever! Amen. – GW ®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

9:30

“Days of Creation”

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and

“Waves of Mercy”

CHILDREN’S SERMON

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 18:9-17*

Jesus also used this illustration with some who were sure that God approved of them while they looked down on everyone else. He said, “Two men went into the temple courtyard to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed, ‘God, I thank you that I’m not like other people! I’m not a robber or a dishonest person. I haven’t committed adultery. I’m not even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my entire income.’

“But the tax collector was standing at a distance. He wouldn’t even look up to heaven. Instead, he became very upset, and he said, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’

“I can guarantee that this tax collector went home with God’s approval, but the Pharisee didn’t. Everyone who honors himself will be humbled, but the person who humbles himself will be honored.”

Some people brought infants to Jesus to have Him hold them. When the disciples saw this, they told the people not to do that.

But Jesus called the infants to Him and said, “Don’t stop the children from coming to me! Children like these are part of God’s kingdom. I can guarantee this truth: Whoever doesn’t receive God’s kingdom as a little child receives it will never enter it.” – GW ®

SERMON HYMN:

“Living for Your Glory”

Verse 1:

What good is it to gain the whole world
But lose your soul
What good is it to make a sweet sound
But remain proud
In view of God's mercy
I offer my all

Chorus:

And take my life
Let it be ev'rything
All of me here I am
Use me for Your glory
In ev'rything I say and do
Let my life honor You
Here I am living for Your glory

Verse 2:

The road I'm on it leads nowhere
Without You
And the life I live it finds meaning
In surrender
In view of God's mercy
I offer my all

Bridge:

Seeking first the Kingdom
Seeking first the Kingdom of my Lord
Seeking first the Kingdom
Seeking first the Kingdom of my Lord

SERMON:

Text: *II Timothy 4:16-18*

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“Glory Be to Jesus”

Verse 1:

Glory be to Jesus who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood from His sacred veins
Grace and life eternal in that blood I find
Blest be His compassion infinitely kind

Chorus 1:

We lift our voices singing praise to Your name
For the mercy that flows from the Lamb who was slain

Verse 2:

Blest through endless ages be the precious stream
Which from endless torment did the world redeem
Abel's blood for vengeance pleaded to the skies
But the blood of Jesus for our pardon cries

Chorus 2:

We lift our voices singing praise to Your name
For the mercy that flows from the Lamb
We lift our voices singing praise to Your name
For the mercy that flows from the Lamb who was slain

Bridge:

Praise You I will never cease to praise You
Praise You I will never cease to praise You

Bridge:

We'll not be silent we'll shout it aloud
Letting all the world know of this Love
We'll not be silent we'll shout it aloud
Letting all the world know of this Love

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 OF THE CHURCH:

Leader: Heavenly Father, Timothy learned of Christ from his grandmother, Lois and his mother, Eunice. Bless parents and grandparents, that they might be examples of Jesus' love and proclaim His truth and goodness to their children. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Dearest Jesus our Prince of Peace, remember those who suffer from war and violence, strife, abuse, neglect and rejection, and those whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters. Walk with them in their pain, and through us Your church, and lift them to Your place of honor. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: O Great Physician, O Gracious Giver, we pray that You would extend Your hand to heal and deliver, according to Your will, all those in affliction and illness who we name before You or lift unto You in our hearts and minds _____ and Lord grant that all those who celebrate this day, including _____, know that You are the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord who has taught us to pray...

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!*

*****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: “Sweet Comfort”

Verse 1:

Whatever my God ordains is right
His holy will abides
I will be still whatever He does
And follow where He guides

Chorus:

Sweet comfort sweet comfort
Yet shall fill my heart
Sweet comfort sweet comfort
Sorrow shall depart

Verse 2:

Whatever my God ordains is right
He makes my feet to stand
Though sorrow need or death be mine
He holds me in His hand

Bridge:

This bitter cup I take it
My fainting heart restored
So here I stand unshaken
I trust upon the Lord

Verse 3:

He is my God though dark my road
He holds me I shall not fall
Whatever my God ordains is right
To Him I leave it all

“We Are Your Body”

Verse:

We are Your body restored and renewed.
Buried with you and with you raised
From our tombs.
Fill us with your presence and make us one
Make us one as you are Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost.
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Chorus:

Love of Christ, Blood of Christ, Fill our veins
Grant that we, Your body, find unity.

Bridge:

Forgive us Lord, for the war, that we've waged within your body
Bring us peace, bring us humbly to your feast
As we eat, as we drink, we know, we know you're all we need
for our sins, you have paid, ev'ry trespass for the wage of sin is death
sin is death, sin is death, sin is death (*Verse*)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

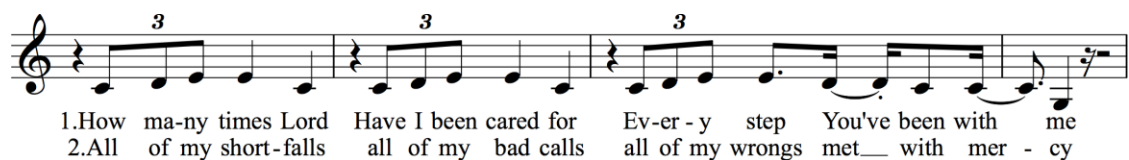
THE BLESSING:

Leader: Go and fight the good fight, complete the race, keep the faith;
for the prize is yours in Christ,

People: **not only ours, it belongs to all who eagerly await His coming.**
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

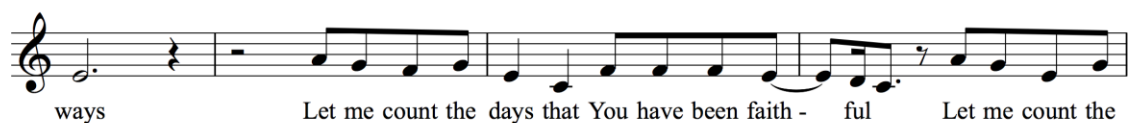
"Let Me Count the Ways"



1. How ma-ny times Lord Have I been cared for Ev-er-y step You've been with me
2. All of my short-falls all of my bad calls all of my wrongs met with mer-cy



So ma-ny mo-ments I have been bro-ken On-ly to find You could fix me Let me count the
I don't de-serve it, You say I'm worth it a-gain and again you for-give me



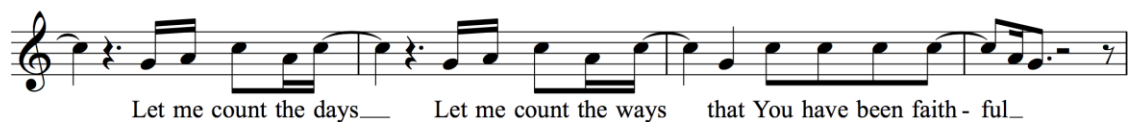
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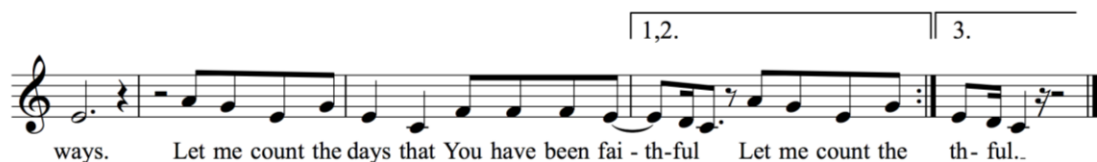
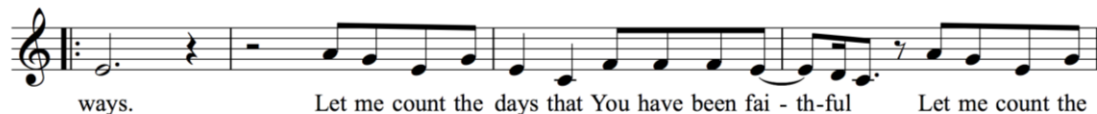
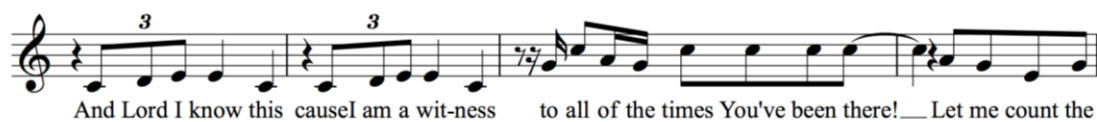
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Let me count the days Let me count the ways that you have been faith-ful Let me count the ways



Let me count the days Let me count the ways that You have been faith-ful



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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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