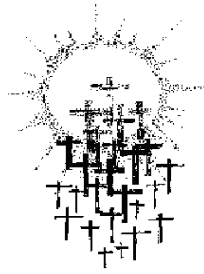


Bethany Lutheran Church



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 6, 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.

PRELUDE:

“For All the Saints”

Advanced Adult Bells

~ arr. Dan R. Edwards

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN:

“Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses”

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1 Saints, see the cloud of wit - ness - es sur - round us;
2 These saints of old re - ceived God's com - men - da - tion;
3 They call to us, "Your tim - id foot - steps length - en;
4 Come, let us fix our sight on Christ who suf - fered,



Their lives of faith en - cour - age and as - tound us.
They lived as pil - grim - heirs of His sal - va - tion.
Throw off sin's weight, your halt - ing weak - ness strength - en.
He faced the cross, His sin - less life He of - fered;



Hear how the Mas - ter praised their faith so
Through faith they con - quered flame and sword and
We kept the faith, we shed our blood, were
He scorned the shame, He died, our death en -



fer - vent: "Well done, My ser - vant!"
gal - lows, God's name to hal - low.
mar - tyred; Our lives we bar - tered."
dur - ing, Our hope se - cur - ing.

5 Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending,
On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending;
Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us—
With grace precede us.

6 You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory!
Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story;
Past, present, future—You, the same forever—
You fail us never!

INVOCATION:

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who calls us into an everlasting hope,
who guides us to springs of the water of life,
who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom,
who comes to us in the cloud of protection.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Leader: One with the communion of saints in all times and places,
let us confess our sin to God and one another.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Leader: O God, our merciful redeemer,

People: **We confess that all too often that we live only for ourselves.
Too often we fail to see You in our neighbor's face.
Too often we turn our ears from voices that cry out.
Too often we pass by the hungry and the oppressed.
Too often we neglect the needs of others.
Too often we forget your abiding presence with us.
In Your great mercy, forgive our sin
and strengthen us for service to all in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God
Jesus Christ was given to die for you,
and for + His sake,
God forgives you all your sin.
Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad,
beloved people of God.

People: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Leader: Almighty God,
You have knit your people together in one communion
in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Grant us grace to follow Your blessed saints
in lives of faith and commitment,
and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those
who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Revelation 7:2-17*

I saw another angel coming from the east with the seal of the living God. He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been allowed to harm the land and sea, “Don’t harm the land, the sea, or the trees until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.”

I heard how many were sealed: 144,000. Those who were sealed were from every tribe of the people of Israel:

12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,

12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

After these things I saw a large crowd from every nation, tribe, people, and language. No one was able to count how many people there were. They were standing in front of the throne and the lamb. They were wearing white robes, holding palm branches in their hands, and crying out in a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the lamb!"

All the angels stood around the throne with the leaders and the four living creatures. They bowed in front of the throne with their faces touching the ground, worshiped God, and said,

"Amen! Praise, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength be to our God forever and ever! Amen!"

One of the leaders asked me, "Who are these people wearing white robes, and where did they come from?"

I answered him, "Sir, you know."
Then he told me,

"These are the people who are coming out of the terrible suffering. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb. That is why they are in front of the throne of God. They serve him day and night in his temple. The one who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never be hungry or thirsty again. Neither the sun nor any burning heat will ever overcome them. The lamb in the center near the throne will be their shepherd. He will lead them to springs filled with the water of life, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes." – GW ®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

8:00

“I Am God’s Child”

~ Robert Lau

Trinity Choir

9:30

“Everywhere I Go”

~ by Natalie Sleeth

Troubadour Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 5:1-12*

The Beatitudes

When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up a mountain and sat down. His disciples came to Him, and He began to teach them:

“Blessed are those who recognize they are spiritually helpless.

The kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

Blessed are those who mourn.

They will be comforted.

Blessed are those who are gentle.

They will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for God’s approval.

They will be satisfied.

Blessed are those who show mercy.

They will be treated mercifully.

Blessed are those whose thoughts are pure.

They will see God.

Blessed are those who make peace.

They will be called God’s children.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for doing what God approves of.

The kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

“Blessed are you when people insult you,
persecute you,

lie, and say all kinds of evil things about you because of me.

Rejoice and be glad because you have a great reward in heaven!

The prophets who lived before you were persecuted in these ways. – GW ®

SERMON HYMN:

“Is He Worthy”

Verse 1:

Do you feel the world is broken? We do
Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do
But do you know that all the dark Won't stop the light from getting through? We do
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do

Verse 2:

Is all creation groaning? It is
Is a new creation coming? It is
Is the glory of the Lord To be the light within our midst? It is
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is

Chorus 1:

Is anyone worthy, Is anyone whole Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy, Is He worthy Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this? He is

Verse 3:

Does the Father truly love us? He does
Does the Spirit move among us? He does
And does Jesus our Messiah Hold forever those He loves? He does
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does

Chorus 2:

Is anyone worthy, Is anyone whole, Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root, And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests
To God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy, Is He worthy Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy, Is He worthy, Is He worthy of this? He is

Ending:

Is He worthy, Is He worthy; He is, He is

SERMON: "Before & After"

Text: Matthew 5 and Revelation 7

(Please Rise)

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"For All the Saints"

LSB 677

***** Choir ONLY: Stanzas 2 and 6 *****

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: The
△ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through

Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;
Soon, soon to faith - ful war-riors com - eth rest;
saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; The
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
Sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.
King of Glo - ry pass - es on His way.
Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

APOSTLE'S 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.**

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!*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

Leader: O Lord, in this world of uncertainty and confusion grant us to love Your Word of truth and to rejoice in Your promises continually, that we may live in Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

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 violence, strife, abuse, neglect and rejection. Walk with them, through Your church, in their pain and lift them to Your place of honor. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Ruler of all seated at God's right hand, we thank You for the freedom we have in this nation. Give to those whom we have entrusted, and to those who we shall soon entrust, the authority of government the spirit of wisdom. Grant that we may choose trustworthy leaders and contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, that there may be justice and peace in our land. 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.**

+ *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:

“Faith”
~by Paul McKlveen

Advanced Adult Bells

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

One and All Rejoice #283

Capo 3: (G)
Bb

(G/B)
Bb/D

(C)
Eb

(C)
Eb

(D)
F

(G)
Bb



1 When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2 Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
3 For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

(G)
Bb

(G/B)
Bb/D

(C)
Eb

(C)
Eb

(D)
F

(G)
Bb



When the tempt-er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
Jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.

(Em)
Gm

(D/F#)
F/A

(G)
Bb

(C)
Eb

(C)
Eb

(B)
D

(Em)
Gm



I could nev-er keep my hold Through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;
Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast

(Em)
Gm

(D/F#)
F/A

(G/B)
Bb/D

(C)
Eb

(C)
Eb

(D)
F

(G)
Bb



For my love is of - ten cold; He must hold me fast.____
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.____
Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!____

“We Will Feast In the House of Zion”



1. We will not be burned by the
2. In the dark of night, be-fore the
3. Ev - 'ry vow we've bro - ken and be -






1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
 3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more




lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine-yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BELOVED CHILDREN OF GOD:

Leader: O God of the pilgrim's way, we give thanks for those in generations past who have been examples for us of Your love at work in the world. As we pause and give You thanks for these, Your servants, who have been transferred to the Church Triumphant this year, we praise You because we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses. Yet, even as we name these who have gone before us, we thank You Heavenly Father for others whose names we never knew or have forgotten, who too showed us the meaning of life in Christ.

+ *Roll Call of Bethany's Dearly Departed Saints* +

Those transferred to the church triumphant this past year.



Pastor Paul Jacob
December 13, 2021



Clint Kroll
January 3, 2022



Shirley Van Camp
January 7, 2022



Sam Gierhan
January 10, 2022



Kathy Doering
January 31, 2022



Jean Barton
February 2022



Don Maxwell
February 21, 2022



Donald Olson
March 26, 2022



Janet Rhodes
May 12, 2022



William Fields
June 26, 2022



J.B. Nickell
July 6, 2022



Judith Garrison
July 2022



Connie Segui
August 14, 2022



Helga Gergens
August 23, 2022



Sherill Bandieri
September 14, 2022



Vivian Rose Corpuz
September 22, 2022



William Hutchinson
October 25, 2022



Marilyn Backen
November 3, 2021

Leader: Holy God, we give thanks to You for those who have gone before us. As we honor members of our family of faith we give You praise for their lives and eternal life given to them through Jesus. Keep our eyes fixed on You until the day You would call us to Yourself. Until that day, we too would seek to do Your will; guide us Heavenly Father. We, too, desire to be Your servants; strengthen us Jesus Christ. We too, long to know You clearly; show us the way Holy Spirit. Amen.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING:

Leader: God who loves us, who gives us eternal consolation and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word; and the blessing of the Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: *“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”* LSB 671
(Tune: Hymn to Joy)

1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur - rec - tion song!
Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, To the for - mer days be - long.
All a - round the clouds are brea - king; Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's like- ness we a - wa- ken, Know-ing ev - er - last - ing peace.

2. Oh, what glory, far exceeding All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it; There on high our welcome waits.
Every humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the eternal gates.

3. Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth's closing thunders, Saints shall stand before the throne!

POSTLUDE:

“Rejoice in God’s Saints”

Organ

~ David Cherwien

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OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY to Rev. Robert Bunnett, family and friends for the peaceful passing of his beloved wife, Florence, who was called to her heavenly home last Wednesday, November 2, 2022. No Service arrangements have been received at this time.

*"I am the resurrection and the life.
He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies;
and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."
~ John 11: 25-26*

SPECIAL THANKS: The Bunnett family would like to thank everyone for all their prayers, cards, and phone calls that have been received by the family during this difficult time... and a special thank you for Karl who came to visit Florence on a continual basis to brighten her day. May the Lord's peace and comfort in the glorious hope of the resurrection be with us all who knew and loved her. ~ The Bunnett Family

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OR PREVIOUS SERMONS AGAIN...**

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