

Bethany Lutheran Church

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 13, 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: *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* LSB 686



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
 4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy

sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
 love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,

Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
 How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er

glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine

ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

INVOCATION:

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just
 will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and 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.

People: **Amen.**

KYRIE:

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Malachi 4:1-6*

“Certainly the day is coming! It will burn like a furnace. All arrogant people and all evildoers will be like straw. The day that is coming will burn them up completely,” says the LORD of Armies. “It won’t leave a single root or branch.

“The Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings for you people who fear my name. You will go out and leap like calves let out of a stall. You will trample on wicked people, because on the day I act they will be ashes under the soles of your feet,” says the LORD of Armies.

“Remember the teachings of my servant Moses, the rules and regulations that I gave to him at Horeb for all Israel.

“I’m going to send you the prophet Elijah before that very terrifying day of the LORD comes. He will change parents’ attitudes toward their children and children’s attitudes toward their parents. If not, I will come and reclaim my land by destroying you.” – GW ®

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *2 Thessalonians 3:6-13*

Brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ we order you not to associate with any believer who doesn’t live a disciplined life and doesn’t follow the tradition you received from us. You know what you must do to imitate us. We lived a disciplined life among you. We didn’t eat anyone’s food without paying for it. Instead, we worked hard and struggled night and day in order not to be a burden to any of you. It’s not as though we didn’t have a right to receive support. Rather, we wanted to set an example for you to follow. While we were with you, we gave you the order: “Whoever doesn’t want to work shouldn’t be allowed to eat.”

We hear that some of you are not living disciplined lives. You’re not working, so you go around interfering in other people’s lives. We order and encourage such people by the Lord Jesus Christ to pay attention to their own work so they can support themselves. Brothers and sisters, we can’t allow ourselves to get tired of doing what is right. – GW®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *“Thou Lovely Source of True Delight”*

Band

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HOLY BAPTISMS:



9:30 + *Cameron Monroe Weis* +
 + *Jordan Ryan Weis* +

Elder: Through Baptism, God has made *Cameron and Jordan* members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that together we may present the forgiveness of God in Christ to our world.

People: **We welcome you into the Lord’s family.**
 We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ
 and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

SONG OF PRAISE: *“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”*

Band

Verse 1:

Let us love and sing and wonder, Let us praise the Savior’s name,
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame,
He has washed us with his blood, he has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us near to God.

Verse 2:

Let us love the Lord who bought us, Pitied us when enemies
Called us by his grace and taught us, Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God.

Verse 3:

Let us sing through fierce temptation, Threaten hard to bear us down
For the Lord our strong salvation, Holds in view the conqu’ror’s crown
He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood, Soon will bring us home to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 21:5-28*

Some of the disciples were talking about the temple complex. They noted that it was built with fine stones and decorated with beautiful gifts. So Jesus said, “About these buildings that you see—the time will come when not one of these stones will be left on top of another. Each one will be torn down.”

The disciples asked him, “Teacher, when will this happen? What will be the sign when all this will occur?”

Jesus said, “Be careful that you are not deceived. Many will come using my name. They will say, ‘I am he!’ and ‘The time is near.’ Don’t follow them!

“When you hear of wars and revolutions, don’t be terrified! These things must happen first, but the end will not come immediately.”

Then Jesus continued, “Nation will fight against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There will be terrible earthquakes, famines, and dreadful diseases in various places. Terrifying sights and miraculous signs will come from the sky.

“Before all these things happen, people will arrest and persecute you. They will hand you over to their synagogues and put you into their prisons. They will drag you in front of kings and governors because of my name. It will be your opportunity to testify to them. So make up your minds not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. I will give you words and wisdom that none of your enemies will be able to oppose or prove wrong.

“Even parents, brothers, relatives, and friends will betray you and kill some of you. Everyone will hate you because you are committed to me. But not a hair on your head will be lost. By your endurance you will save your life.

“When you see armies camped around Jerusalem, realize that the time is near for it to be destroyed. Then those of you in Judea should flee to the mountains. Those of you in Jerusalem should leave it. Those of you in the fields shouldn’t go back into them. This will be a time of vengeance. Everything that is written about it will come true.

“How horrible it will be for women who are pregnant or who are nursing babies in those days. Indeed, the land will suffer very hard times, and its people will be punished.

Swords will cut them down, and they will be carried off into all nations as prisoners. Nations will trample Jerusalem until the times allowed for the nations to do this are over.

“Miraculous signs will occur in the sun, moon, and stars. The nations of the earth will be deeply troubled and confused because of the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint as they fearfully wait for what will happen to the world. Indeed, the powers of the universe will be shaken.

“Then people will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

“When these things begin to happen, stand with confidence! The time when you will be set free is near.” – GW ®

SERMON: “Why Not”

Text: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

LSB 761



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg-ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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

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 12 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 HYMNS:

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” LSB 621



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard
4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing
sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence

For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
As with cease - less voice they cry: “Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!”

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

Verse 4:

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
Has secured our way to God

Verse 5:

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
You have washed us with Your blood
You have washed us with Your blood
You have washed us with Your blood
You are the worthy Lamb of God

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN:

“Your Love Is Strong”

Verse 1:

Heavenly Father, You always amaze me
Let Your kingdom come in my world and in my life
Give me the food I need, To live through today
And forgive me as I forgive, The people that wrong me
Lead me far from temptation, Deliver me from the evil one

Verse 2:

I look out the window, The birds are composing
Not a note is out of tune, Or out of place
I walk through the meadow, And stare at the flowers
Better dressed than any girl, On her wedding day
So why should I worry? Why do I freak out?
God knows what I need, You know what I need

Chorus:

Your love is, Your love is, Your love is strong
Your love is, Your love is, Your love is strong
Your love is, Your love is, Your love is strong

Verse 3:

The Kingdom of the Heavens, Is now advancing
Invade my heart, Invade this broken town
The Kingdom of the Heavens, Is buried treasure
Would you sell yourself To buy the one you've found?
Two things You told me, That You are strong
And You love me, Yes, You love me (*Chorus*)

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