

Bethany Lutheran Church



Christ the King Sunday

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

November 20, 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:

“Fugue in G Minor BWV 578”

~ J.S. Bach

Organ

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN:

“O Worship the King”

LSB 804



1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
5 Frail chil - dren of dust and fee - ble as frail,
6 O mea - sure - less Might, in - ef - fa - ble Love,

O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;
Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
While an - gels de - light to hymn Thee a - bove,

Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
Thy mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,
Thy hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays,

Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
Our mak - er, de - fend - er, re - deem - er, and friend!
With true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to Thy praise.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: God's kingdom comes by itself without our prayers,
but we pray that His kingdom would come to us.

People: This happens when the Spirit of God comes to us,
so that by God's grace we believe His holy Word
and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: God Almighty, Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, Ruling and Reigning King everlasting, fallen human nature seeks to remove You from the throne and claim authority for its own.

**People: We confess Lord that we are fallen by nature.
So we too have sought to make Your will subservient to our own.
On occasions we've questioned Your authority
or challenged Your rule,
and thus have acted as if the crown were ours.
Almighty God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your One and Only Son,
forgive us our sin, make our hearts Your throne and by Your Spirit,
rule and reign in us to the glory of Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

Leader: In grace God sent His Son, Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace, to live the life of humble service, to suffer for our rebellion, to atone for our transgressions as an innocent sacrifice and to restore us to Himself and settle us in His kingdom. By His authority and according to His command I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *"O Jesus, King Most Wonderful!"* LSB 554

Leader: O Jesus, King most wonderful!

People: O Conqueror renowned!

Leader: O Source of peace, ineffable,

People: In whom all joys are found:

Leader: Oh, may our tongues forever bless,

People: May we love You alone,

Leader: And ever in our lives express

People: The image of Your own.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Revelation 1:5-8*

And from Jesus Christ, the witness, the trustworthy one, the first to come back to life, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. Glory and power forever and ever belong to the one who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and has made us a kingdom, priests for God His Father. Amen.

Look! He is coming in the clouds. Every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him. Every tribe on earth will mourn because of Him. This is true. Amen.

“I am the A and the Z,” says the Lord God, the One who is, the One who was, and the One who is coming, the Almighty. – GW ®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

“The Ground”
~ from Sunrise Mass
~ Ola Gjeilo

The Bethany Choir

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 23:26-43*

As the soldiers led Jesus away, they grabbed a man named Simon, who was from the city of Cyrene. Simon was coming into Jerusalem. They laid the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.

A large crowd followed Jesus. The women in the crowd cried and sang funeral songs for Him. Jesus turned to them and said, “You women of Jerusalem, don’t cry for me! Rather, cry for yourselves and your children! The time is coming when people will say, ‘Blessed are the women who couldn’t get pregnant, who couldn’t give birth, and who couldn’t nurse a child.’ Then people will say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us!’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us!’ If people do this to a green tree, what will happen to a dry one?”

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be executed with Him.

When they came to the place called The Skull, they crucified Him. The criminals were also crucified, one on His right and the other on His left.

Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them. They don’t know what they’re doing.”

Meanwhile, the soldiers divided His clothes among themselves by throwing dice.

The people stood there watching. But the rulers were making sarcastic remarks. They said, “He saved others. If He’s the Messiah that God has chosen, let Him save Himself!” The soldiers also made fun of Him. They would go up to Him, offer Him some vinegar, and say, “If You’re the king of the Jews, save Yourself!”

A written notice was placed above Him. It said, “This is the king of the Jews.”

One of the criminals hanging there insulted Jesus by saying, “So you’re really the Messiah, are You? Well, save Yourself and us!”

But the other criminal scolded him: “Don’t you fear God at all? Can’t you see that you’re condemned in the same way that He is? Our punishment is fair. We’re getting what we deserve. But this man hasn’t done anything wrong.”

Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you enter Your kingdom.”

Jesus said to him, “I can guarantee this truth: Today you will be with me in paradise.”

– GW ®

SERMON HYMN:

“Faithful”

Verse 1:

We had chosen the kings of this world
All the glory and glitter and gold
Though our kingdoms fell down, We keep asking for crowns
We'd reject you to sell our own souls

Verse 2:

When you showed us the wonders we wanted
We laid palms down and shouted your praise
But when you weren't the king, That we thought you should be
We mocked you and spat in your face

Chorus:

You are faithful, faithful, Though your people turn away
You are faithful, faithful, You are faithful every day

Verse 3:

When you gave us the choice we took Caesar
And set a murderer free
We put nails in your hands nails in your feet,
Then we hung you to die on a tree

(Song continues on next page.)

Verse 4:

When like Thomas it's hard to imagine
And we still want to see to believe
You don't scoff at our doubts, You hold your hands out
All your kingdom is ours to receive

Tag:

You are faithful every day
You are faithful every day

SERMON: “Subjects vs. Subjected”

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” **LSB 525**

1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,
Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.
A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown
hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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.

BIDDING PRAYER:

Leader: Let us pray to the Risen, Ruling, Returning King seated at the right hand of God. We pray Lord that You would defend Your church against the assaults of the devil.

People: Almighty and everlasting God,
You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ,
this world's Light.
Protect Your church spread throughout all nations
that it may serve You in joyfulness, faithfulness, perseverance
and be kept safe from the adversary.

Leader: Let us pray for all in authority
that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:

People: O merciful Father in heaven,
because You hold in Your hand all the might of man
and because You have ordained,
for the punishment of evildoers
and for the praise of those who do well,
all powers that exist in all the nations of the world,
we humbly pray You graciously regard all who serve in positions of
leadership and authority.

Leader: Let us pray that Jesus the Great Physician and Good Shepherd
would deliver the world from disease,
grant health to the sick,
lead those in bondage to freedom,
and grant safe journeys to those who travel.

People: **Precious Lord,
the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak,
may the prayers of those in distress and tribulation come before You,
so that in all their needs,
they might receive Your powerful help and comfort.**

Leader: Let us pray for those outside the Church,
that the Spirit would move mightily, call many to faith,
gather them into the family of God and grant them life in Christ.

People: **Jesus the true vine, only Son of the Father, Friend of Sinners
move us to lift to You those who do not know You,
or who have refused to hear Your Word,
make us instruments of Your peace,
ambassadors of Your Gospel,
and expand Your kingdom among us
that many would be welcomed into the fellowship of Your church.
Finally, let us pray for all these things
which our Lord would have us ask, praying,**

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.

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:

"Christ, the Word of God Incarnate"

LSB 540



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of
 2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,
 4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your
 5 Christ, the way that leads un - fail - ing To the Fa - ther's



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
 food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,
 lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,
 home on high, Christ, the truth that frees the cap - tive,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You
 Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the
 Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good
 Christ, the life that can - not die. Me - di - a - tor



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our
 food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our
 Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of
 to the Fa - ther, Sac - ri - fice and great High Priest: Lead us



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.
 thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.
 God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.
 to Your heav'n - ly man - sions, There to share Your wed - ding feast.

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

LSB 636



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver
5 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, Tru - est
8 Je - sus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's
this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is
friend, and dear - est trea - sure, Peace be - yond all un - der -
glad - ly here o - bey You. By Your love I am in -



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:
stand - ing, Joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:
vit - ed, Be Your love with love re - quit - ed;



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing
With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to
Hum - bly now, I bow be - fore You; Love in - car - nate,
By this Sup - per let me mea - sure, Lord, how vast and



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -
I a - dore You; Wor - thi - ly let me re -
deep love's trea - sure. Through the gift of grace You



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!
ceive You And, so fa - vored, nev - er leave You.
give me As Your guest in heav'n re - ceive me.

“Be Thou My Vision”

1.Be Thou my vi - sion oh Lord of my heart.
 2.Be Thou my wis - dom and Thou my True Word.
 3.High King of hea - ven my vic - to - ry won.

Naught be all else to me save that Thou art.
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me Lord.
 May I reach heav - en's joys oh bright heav - en's sun.

Thou my best thought by day or by night.
 Thou my great Fa - ther and I Thy true son.
 Heart of my own heart what ev - er be - fall.

Wa - king or slee - ping, Thy pre - sence my light.
 Thou in me dwell - ing and I with Thee one.
 Still be my vi - sion oh ru - ler of all.

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

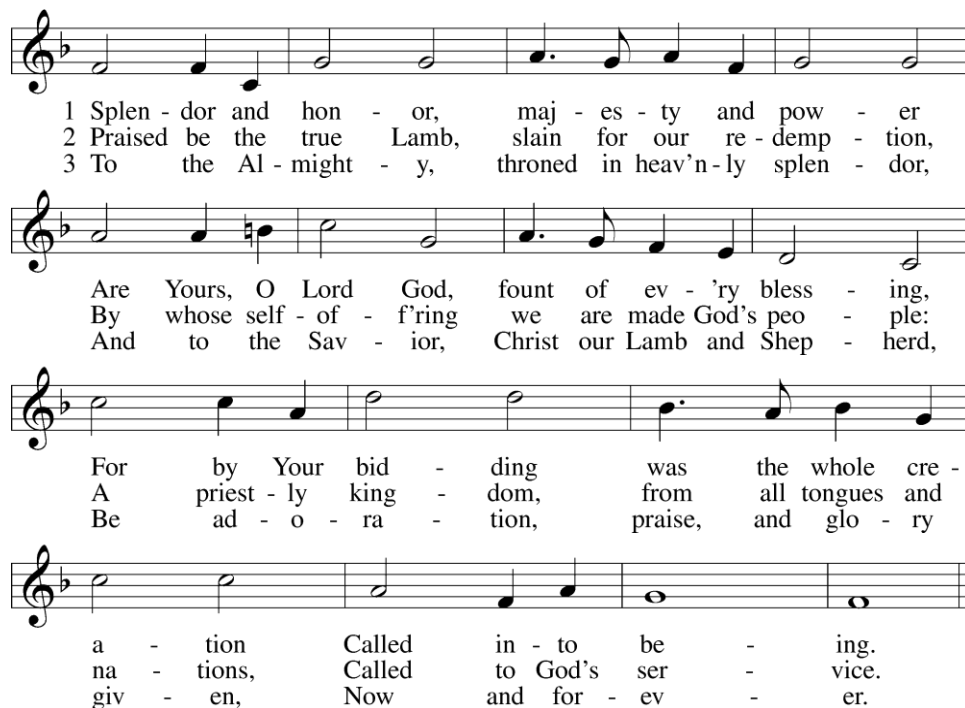
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN:

“Splendor and Honor”

LSB 950



1 Splen - dor and hon - or, maj - es - ty and pow - er
2 Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our re - demp - tion,
3 To the Al - might - y, throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor,

Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing,
By whose self - of - f'ring we are made God's peo - ple:
And to the Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb and Shep - herd,

For by Your bid - ding was the whole cre -
A priest - ly king - dom, from all tongues and
Be ad - o - ra - tion, praise, and glo - ry

a - tion Called in - to be - ing.
na - tions, Called to God's ser - vice.
giv - en, Now and for - ev - er.

POSTLUDE:

“Grand chœur dialogué”

~ Eugène Gigout

Organ

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“O Jesus, King Most Wonderful” LSB 554

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“Faithful”

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“Crown Him with Many Crowns” LSB 525

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“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” LSB 636

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“Splendor and Honor” LSB 950

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PLEASE NOTE: Bethany is having electrical work done tomorrow, Monday, November 21st. The Church Offices are closed and the phone lines may not be functioning part of the day. Consequently, church phones and emails may not be operational. All will be back to normal on Tuesday, November 22nd. Thank you for your patience!

OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Doug Hensley, past principle of Bethany from 1981 – 2004. Doug had been living in Bend, OR, but the Lord called him to his eternal home on Saturday, November 12, 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

HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE AND VOICE YOUR OPINION

Our Blueprint 2.0 is asking Bethany to be Gathered, Connected, and Sent. Our Council President and Vice-President are putting that blueprint into action by asking us all to come together on Sunday, December 11th at 11:00 AM.

This would normally be a **Voters' Meeting**, but there are no motions at this time. What leadership felt would be beneficial would be to have an informal Q&A, along with a "State of the Church" meeting with anyone who wishes to attend. Our goal is to Gather more, keep everyone Connected with Bethany and with others, therefore allowing us to be Sent by the Spirit.

We will be setting up a questionnaire/survey in the next few days. We want to take note of questions and opinions prior to the meeting. This is also a great way to participate even if you are unable to attend, or if you struggle with speaking in front of a crowd. Please know that information gathered will remain anonymous and our Sr. Staff will not be in attendance.

This is your chance to have a voice, learn about Bethany and its many ministries, share ideas that you may have, and find ways to become more involved!!

GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART: Bethany is so grateful for Pastor Kritzer's 30 years of service to the LCMS. We want to recognize and thank him for his service to us, our community, and our Lord. We also want to give you an opportunity to provide a freewill donation. The Board of Elders will be taking donations through an extended date of December 4th and celebrating Pastor Kritzer's milestone the end of this year. Please place your donation in the offering box, mail them to the church office, or drop them off. **BE SURE TO NOTATE YOUR GIFT IS FOR PK'S 30 YEARS.** Thank you. ~ Board of Elders

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