

Bethany Lutheran Church

2nd SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 15, 2023

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.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

Piano

PRELUDE:

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

~ J. S. Bach

Trumpet & Organ

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: "Voices Raised to You We Offer" LSB 795



1 Voic - es raised to You we of - fer; Tune them, God, for
2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your
3 Christ, the song of Love in - car - nate, Touch - ing earth with
4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, Kin - dle faith with -
5 How can an - y praise we of - fer Mea - sure all the

songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts You lend us,
heav - en's grace, For Your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;
thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—

For Your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
We re - turn to You to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
For Your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
Through our hands Your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!
Gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!
Al - le - lu - ia! God, Cre - a - tor, source of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, Re - deem - er, Lord of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, Help - er, breath of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
heaven and earth are full of His Glory.

People: **The Glory of the one and only,
full of grace and truth, the Lord Jesus Christ;**

Leader: Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit is one God,
whose nature is love that steadfastly endures forever.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Leader: Let us come before God and admit that sin is part of our make-up, part of fallen human nature.

People: **Most merciful God,
we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.
We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed;
on both occasions, when we have chosen to disobey Your will,
and those times we have accidentally transgressed Your laws.
Lord, we have failed to love You with our whole heart
and with all our mind,
and we have refused to love others
as much we love ourselves and the stuff of this world.
For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Light of Light,
Very God of Very God, One with You in essence,
who in humility became one with us through His incarnation,
have mercy on us.
Forgive us Lord and give us a heart and an attitude like that of Jesus.
Amen.**

Leader: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us,
and for His sake, forgives us all our sins.
Through His Holy Spirit, He empowers us to live for Him and others,
to share His love and to bear witness to His mighty deeds in Christ,
in whose name I forgive you all your sins.
Go delighting in His will and walking in His ways.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Leader: Lord, while Your house is a mighty fortress and a safe harbor it is at the same time a training room and a launching pad; grant us Your Spirit that we might be sent from this place into our own circles and spheres of influence to bring Christ and to be Christ-like to the glory of His holy name and the inclusion of many people into His body.

People: **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Isaiah 49:1-7*

Listen to me, you islands. Pay attention, you people far away. Before I was born, the LORD chose me. While I was in my mother's womb, He recorded my name.

He made my tongue like a sharp sword and hid me in the palm of His hand. He made me like a sharpened arrow and hid me in His quiver.

He said to me, “You are my servant Israel. I will display my glory through you.” But I said, “I have worked hard for nothing. I have used my strength, but I didn’t accomplish anything. Yet, certainly my case is in the LORD’s hands, and my reward is with my God.” The LORD formed me in the womb to be His servant in order to bring Jacob back to Him and gather Israel to Him. (The LORD honors me, and my God has become my strength.)

Now, the Lord says, “You are not just my servant who restores the tribes of Jacob and brings back those in Israel whom I have preserved. I have also made you a light for the nations so that you would save people all over the world.” The LORD is the defender of Israel, its Holy One.

This is what the LORD says to the despised one, to the one scorned by the nation, to the slave of rulers:

Kings will see you and stand. Princes will see you and bow. The LORD is faithful. The Holy One of Israel has chosen you. – GW ®

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

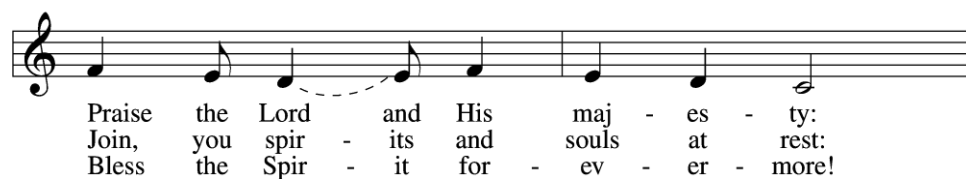
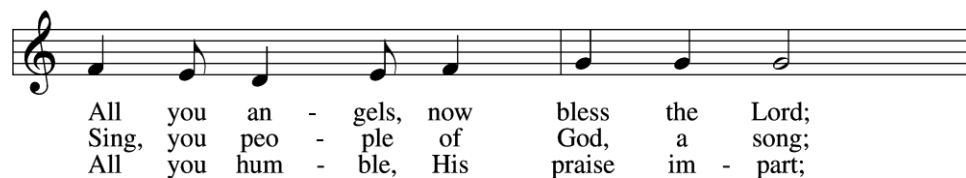
From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and from Sosthenes, our brother in the Christian faith.

To God’s church that was made holy by Christ Jesus and called to be God’s holy people in the city of Corinth and to people everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

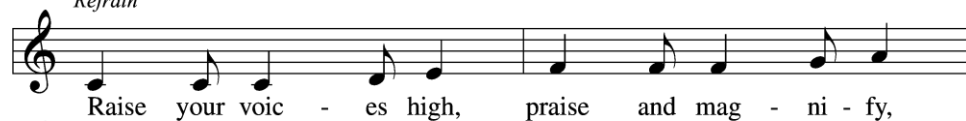
Good will and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ are yours!

I always thank God for you because Christ Jesus has shown you God’s good will. Through Christ Jesus you have become rich in every way—in speech and knowledge of every kind. Our message about Christ has been verified among you. Therefore, you don’t lack any gift as you wait eagerly for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will continue to give you strength until the end so that no one can accuse you of anything on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God faithfully keeps His promises. He called you to be partners with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. – GW ®

PSALM RESPONSE: "All You Works of God, Bless the Lord" LSB 930



Refrain



HOLY BAPTISM:



9:30 + *Gianna Drew Bommarito* +

Elder: Through Baptism, God has made *Gianna* a member 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 a fellow member of the body of Christ and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *John 1:29-42a*

John saw Jesus coming toward him the next day and said, "Look! This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one I spoke about when I said, 'A man who comes after me was before me because He existed before I did.' I didn't know who He was. However, I came to baptize with water to show Him to the people of Israel."

John said, "I saw the Spirit come down as a dove from heaven and stay on Him. I didn't know who He was. But God, who sent me to baptize with water, had told me, 'When you see the Spirit come down and stay on someone, you'll know that person is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen this and have declared that this is the Son of God."

The next day John was standing with two of his disciples. John saw Jesus walk by. John said, "Look! This is the Lamb of God." When the two disciples heard John say this, they followed Jesus.

Jesus turned around and saw them following Him. He asked them, "What are you looking for?"

They said to Him, “Rabbi” (which means “teacher”), “where are you staying?”

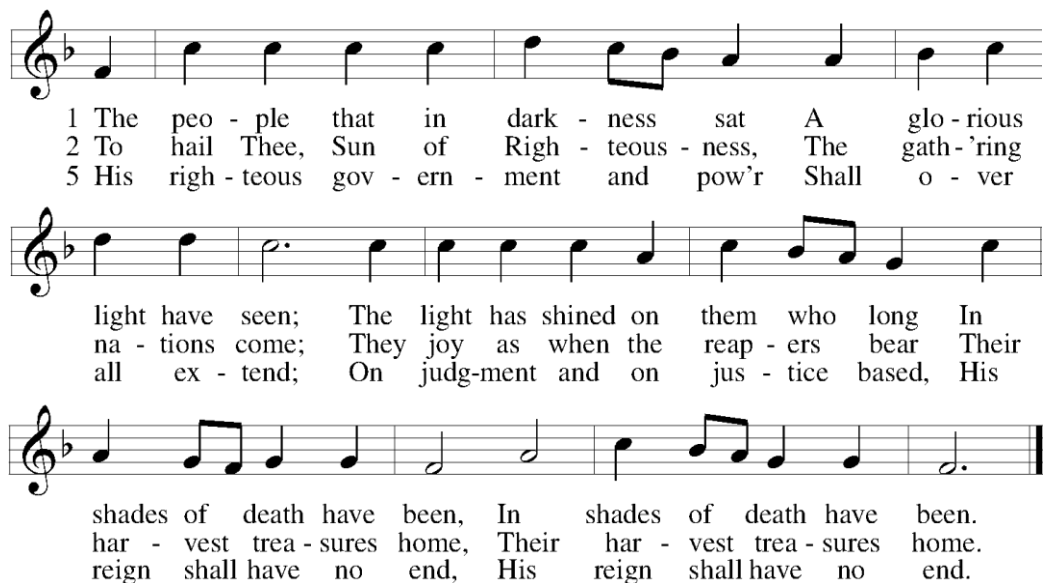
Jesus told them, “Come, and you will see.” So they went to see where He was staying and spent the rest of that day with Him. It was about ten o’clock in the morning.

Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two disciples who heard John and followed Jesus. Andrew at once found his brother Simon and told him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means “Christ”). Andrew brought Simon to Jesus. – GW ®

SERMON HYMN:

“The People That In Darkness Sat”

LSB 412



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring
5 His righ - teous gov - ern - ment and pow'r Shall o - ver

light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In
na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their
all ex - tend; On judg - ment and on jus - tice based, His

shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.
reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.

SERMON: “Gospel DNA: People”

Text: Isaiah 49:1-7

HYMN OF THE DAY: *“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”* LSB 395



1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when
6 What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love

own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!
from God a - bove A ray of pur - est plea - sure.
not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!
is first and last, The end and the be - gin - ning!

Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -
Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls
Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him
He will one day, oh, glo - rious grace, Trans - port us to

ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!
with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!
here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.
that hap - py place Be - yond all tears and sin - ning!

Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,
Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing
A - men! A - men! Come, Lord Je - sus! Crown of glad - ness!

Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.
Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!
We are yearn - ing For the day of Your re - turn - ing!

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!*

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.**

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.**

+ *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.

1 Come, join in Ca - na's feast Where
 2 The old wine now is gone From
 3 But Christ, the Word made flesh, Bids
 4 Come, friends, and share the feast; Here
 Δ 5 For now He lives and reigns Through

Christ is hon - ored guest. He wel - comes all who
 jars that stand a - part. No long - er can it
 wa - ter turn to wine. He fills our emp - ty
 drink the wine sup - plied By Him who is both
 all e - ter - ni - ty With Fa - ther, Spir - it,

come to taste The wine His hands have blessed.
 sat - is - fy The yearn - ing, thirst - ing heart.
 cups a - gain With grace and truth di - vine.
 guest and host— For us, the cru - ci - fied.
 Three in One, The glo - rious Trin - i - ty.

“Jesus, Lead Thou On”

LSB 718

1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al - though the
 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith - less
 3 When we seek re - lief From a long-felt grief, When temp - ta - tions
 4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n - ly lead - er,

way be cheer - less, We will fol - low calm and fear - less.
 fears o'er - take us; Let not faith and hope for - sake us;
 come al - lur - ing, Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing.
 still di - rect us, Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,

Guide us by Thy hand To our fa - ther - land.
 For through man - y a woe To our home we go.
 Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
 Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” LSB 791

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our
3 O en - ter then His gates with praise; Ap - proach with
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mer - cy
△ 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom
Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with mirth, His
aid He did us make. We are His folk, He
joy His courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless His
is for - ev - er sure. His truth at all times
heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the
praise forth - tell; Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.
doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.
name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure.
an - gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

POSTLUDE: “Te Deum” Trumpet & Organ ~ Marc Antoine Charpentier

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