



**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Installation and Recommissioning of Bethany Staff and Teachers**  
**August 25, 2024**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**


**OPENING HYMN: "Lift High the Cross"**

LSB 837

*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



- 1 Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
- 2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
- 3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
- 4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(based on Eph. 1:3-4)*

**L:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**P:** Who chose us to be holy and blameless in His sight. Amen.

**INSTALLATION OF BRAD ROYUK, Middle School History, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Homeroom**

**COMMISSIONING AND REDEDICATION OF STAFF**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:** *(based on Eph. 4:1-4, 2:4-5, 10)*

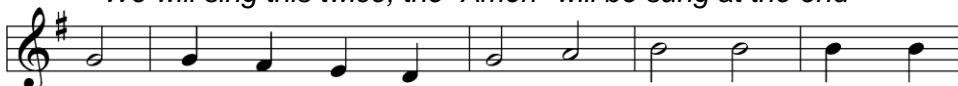
**L:** Almighty God, You have commanded us to live a life worthy of the calling we have received, being completely humble and gentle, patient and bearing with one another in love.

**P:** I confess that I have not continually lived such a life. I have often been haughty and proud, condescending and judgmental, impatient and irreverent. I have not let Your love, O Lord, have its way with me and so my love for others has failed. Forgive me of my sins, be gracious and merciful to me for Your own sake Lord Jesus; through the Spirit's power enable me to walk in Your ways and delight in Your will to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**L:** God is rich in mercy! He has made you alive in Christ even when you were dead in transgressions. By His grace you have been saved! Now, go as His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to live a life, in and for Him. Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE: "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow" LSB 805**

*We will sing this twice; the "Amen" will be sung at the end*



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly



host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## **EPISTLE READING: *Ephesians 6:10-20***

Finally, receive your power from the Lord and from His mighty strength. Put on all the armor that God supplies. In this way you can take a stand against the devil's strategies. This is not a wrestling match against a human opponent. We are wrestling with rulers, authorities, the powers who govern this world of darkness, and spiritual forces that control evil in the heavenly world. For this reason, take up all the armor that God supplies. Then you will be able to take a stand during these evil days. Once you have overcome all obstacles, you will be able to stand your ground.

So then, take your stand! Fasten truth around your waist like a belt. Put on God's approval as your breastplate. Put on your shoes so that you are ready to spread the Good News that gives peace. In addition to all these, take the Christian faith as your shield. With it you can put out all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Also take salvation as your helmet and God's word as the sword that the Spirit supplies.

Pray in the Spirit in every situation. Use every kind of prayer and request there is. For the same reason be alert. Use every kind of effort and make every kind of request for all of God's people. Also pray that God will give me the right words to say. Then I will speak boldly when I reveal the mystery of the Good News. Because I have already been doing this as Christ's representative, I am in prison. So, pray that I speak about this Good News as boldly as I have to.

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## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **HOLY GOSPEL: *Mark 7:1-13***

The Pharisees and some experts in Moses' Teachings who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus. They saw that some of His disciples were unclean because they ate without washing their hands.

(The Pharisees, like all other Jewish people, don't eat unless they have properly washed their hands. They follow the traditions of their ancestors. When they come from the marketplace, they don't eat unless they have washed first. They have been taught to follow many other rules. For example, they must also wash their cups, jars, brass pots, and dinner tables.)

The Pharisees and the experts in Moses' Teachings asked Jesus, "Why don't Your disciples follow the traditions taught by our ancestors? They are unclean because they don't wash their hands before they eat!"

Jesus told them, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites in Scripture:

'These people honor me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me.  
Their worship of me is pointless,  
because their teachings are rules made by humans.'

“You abandon the commandments of God to follow human traditions.” He added, “You have no trouble rejecting the commandments of God in order to keep your own traditions! For example, Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’ and ‘Whoever curses father or mother must be put to death.’ But you say, ‘If a person tells his father or mother that whatever he might have used to help them is *corban* (that is, an offering to God), he no longer has to do anything for his father or mother.’ Because of your traditions you have destroyed the authority of God’s word. And you do many other things like that.”-GW®

**SERMON HYMN: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”**

LSB 918



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no  
 strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.  
 shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.  
 Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

# MESSAGE

## HYMN OF THE DAY: "Earth and All Stars"

LSB 817



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets! Sing to the  
5 Class - rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes! Sing to the  
6 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom! Sing to the  
7 Chil - dren of God, Dy - ing and ris - ing, Sing to the



Lord a new song! Oh, vic - to - ry! Loud shout - ing  
Lord a new song! Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing  
Lord a new song! Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing  
Lord a new song! Heav - en and earth, Hosts ev - er -



ar - my! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
peo - ple! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
mem - bers! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
last - ing, Sing to the Lord a new song!

### *Refrain*



He has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too will praise Him with a new song!

## CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

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## CONSECRATION OF GIFTS: *(based on Eph. 1:17)*

**L:** Gracious God receive these our tithes and offerings and through them fund and support ministry here through which You

**P:** give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, that we might know You better. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, since You have committed the care and nurture of children to Your people, graciously enlighten those who teach and are committed to the instruction of others; and all who learn, study and strive to attain wisdom that they may know the truth and trust in You all the days of their lives. Dear Lord Jesus, you grew in wisdom and stature, in favor with God and community alike so today we lift our students to You. Enable them to grow as You grew; knowing that You are always by their side, guiding their days and deeds. As they face big emotions, homework, stress and new challenges fill them with Your Spirit that they not lose sight of what You have called them to and how You have equipped them for such a call. You are also our Great Teacher. Empower our teachers with the Spirit of wisdom and revelation that they might know You better. Through their instruction fill hearts with wonder and excitement to see Your divine layout in math and science, to see Your hand in history, to see You the Eternal Word in language and reading, and to rejoice to glorify You through art and music. Lord bless all

teachers and administrators, especially those who serve here at Bethany, that they may be strengthened by Your Spirit for the noble task You have set before them, and may they know Your rest and renewal when the year is long and the days are draining. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

**L** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

**P** **hear our prayer.**

**L** May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

**P** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

**P** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

**P** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**P** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

**P** **hear our prayer.**

**L** And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**P** **hear our prayer.**

**L** We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**P** **Amen.**



**\*\*\* For our 8:00 a.m. worshippers, the service continues on the bottom of page 11 with Announcements.**

**\*\*\* For our 9:30 a.m. worshippers, the service continues with the Celebration of Holy Communion:**

## **+ Service of the Sacrament +**

***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 prepare for communion you can find prayer prompts on the front page of the burgundy hymnal. 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 sacred meal. 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. Amen."*

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are **alcohol free**. The wafers on the stand next to the pillar pulpit side (when kneeling for communion) or on the stand in front of the baptismal font (when processing for communion) are **gluten free**.*

*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:**

**“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word”**

LSB 655



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your  
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that  
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.  
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
strife And lead us out of death to life.

# “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”

LSB 589



1 Speak, O Lord, Your ser - vant lis - tens, Let Your Word to  
2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near You And to lis - ten  
3 Lord, Your words are wa - ters liv - ing When my thirst - ing  
4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let Your words in



me come near; New - born life and spir - it give me,  
to Your voice; Let me ev - er love and hear You,  
spir - it pleads. Lord, Your words are bread life - giv - ing;  
me take root. May Your Spir - it e'er be near me



Let each prom - ise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its in - ward  
Let Your Word be now my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,  
On Your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, Your words will be my  
That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing Your



strife, Wars a - gainst Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with  
Lord, Flee in ter - ror at Your Word; But to all who  
light Through death's cold and drea - ry night; Yes, they are my  
praise, From my heart glad an - thems raise, Till my high - est



love's strong fer - vor That I cling to You for - ev - er!  
feel sin's bur - den You give words of peace and par - don.  
sword pre - vail - ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing!  
praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BLESSING:** (based on Eph. 3:16-18)

**L:** The Lord strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith and you, being rooted and established in love, may have power together with all the saints to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN: "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

LSB 850



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple  
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils



pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;  
sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion



Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,  
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,  
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,  
Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this  
grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these  
grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's  
grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -



hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.  
dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

**POSTLUDE**

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Acolyte 9:30...Henry Cerulle

Crucifer 9:30...Logan Noble

Lector 8:00...Elsie Rivera

9:30...Steve Albers

Liturgist...Pastor Kevin Kritzer

Preacher...Pastor Kyle Blake

Director of Music and Worship Arts...Noah Freeman

Children’s Message...Alissa Brege

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Floating Teacher  
3-year-old Teacher  
TK Teacher  
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Floating Teacher  
Art/Spanish Teacher  
2-year-old Teacher  
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