

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2024

PRELUDE:

“Prélude from *Suite pour Orgue*”

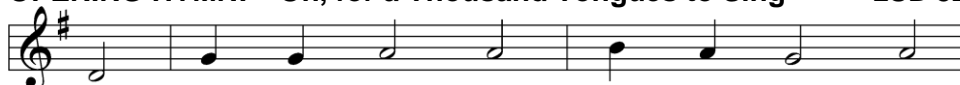
Organ

~ Denis Bédard

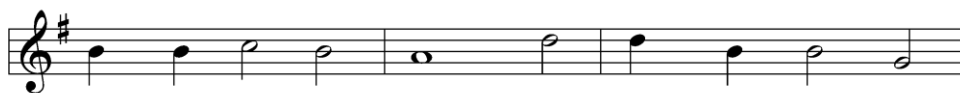
WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

LSB 528



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
5 Look un - to Him, ye na - tions; own Your
7 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love Be



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
God, ye fall - en race. Look and be saved through
now and ev - er giv'n By saints be - low and



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
faith a - lone, Be jus - ti - fied by grace.
saints a - bove, The Church in earth and heav'n.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (James 1:17-18)

L: Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth,

P: that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: (*James 2:10 & 5:11b*)

L: whoever keeps the whole law yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

P: **Holy and gracious God, I confess that I have sinned against You. Some of my sins I know - the thoughts, words and deeds of which I am ashamed - but some are known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask for Your forgiveness. Deliver and restore me. Amen**

L: the Lord is full of compassion and mercy...and on account of Jesus Christ we are forgiven and redeemed. Empowered by His Spirit we go serve Him as we lovingly serve others.

RESPONSIVE HYMN: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" LSB 849



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD: (*James 1:22*)

L: do not merely listen to the word; do what it says.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 35:4-7*

Tell those who are terrified,
"Be brave; don't be afraid.
Your God will come with vengeance, with divine revenge.
He will come and rescue you."

Then the eyes of the blind will be opened,
and the ears of the deaf will be unplugged.
Then those who are lame will leap like deer,
and those who cannot speak will shout for joy.
Water will gush out into the desert,
and streams will gush out into the wilderness.
Then the hot sand will become a pool,
and dry ground will have springs.
Grass will become cattails and rushes
in the home of jackals. -GW®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "Jubilate Deo"
~Peter Angela

Bethany Choir

EPISTLE READING: *James 2:1-10, 14-18*

My brothers and sisters, practice your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ by not favoring one person over another. For example, two men come to your worship service. One man is wearing gold rings and fine clothes; the other man, who is poor, is wearing shabby clothes. Suppose you give special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say to him, "Please have a seat." But you say to the poor man, "Stand over there," or "Sit on the floor at my feet." Aren't you discriminating against people and using a corrupt standard to make judgments?

Listen, my dear brothers and sisters! Didn't God choose poor people in the world to become rich in faith and to receive the kingdom that he promised to those who love him? Yet, you show no respect to poor people. Don't rich people oppress you and drag you into court? Don't they curse the good name \perp of Jesus \perp , the name that was used to bless you?

You are doing right if you obey this law from the highest authority: "Love your neighbor as you love yourself." If you favor one person over another, you're sinning, and this law convicts you of being disobedient. If someone obeys all of God's laws except one, that person is guilty of breaking all of them.-GW®

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "Zephaniah Responses: IV. Daughter of Jerusalem" Bethany Choir
~Laura Hedstrom

HOLY GOSPEL: *Mark 7:31-37*

Jesus then left the neighborhood of Tyre. He went through Sidon and the territory of the Ten Cities to the Sea of Galilee.

Some people brought to him a man who was deaf and who also had a speech defect. They begged Jesus to lay his hand on him. Jesus took him away from the crowd to be alone with him. He put his fingers into the man's ears, and after spitting, he touched the man's tongue. Then he looked up to heaven, sighed, and said to the man, "Ephphatha!" which means, "Be opened!" At once the man could hear and talk normally.

Jesus ordered the people not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them, the more they spread the news. Jesus completely amazed the people. They said, "He has done everything well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute talk."-GW®

SERMON HYMN: "Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear"

LSB 908



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants
△ 3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the



Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -
heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or

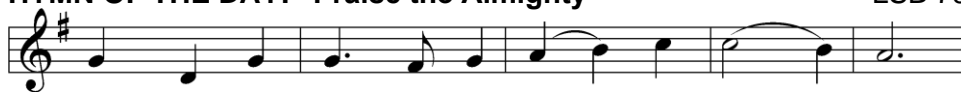


tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Praise the Almighty"

LSB 797



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!
 2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;
 3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er
 4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,
 △ 5 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and
 Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
 Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -
 Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the
 Of Him who does such won - drous things! All that has



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark
 va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful
 be - ing, to praise Him sole - ly, With hap - py



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and
 grave en - gulfs its prey. Since mor - tals can no
 hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in
 God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren
 heart its a - men sings. Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.
 help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
 Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.
 an - gel host Praise 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!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- L:** O God, our teacher and guide, You draw us to yourself and welcome us as Your beloved children.
- P:** Help us set aside envy, pride and self-ambition, that we might follow Your Son in the way of humble, obedient, loving service to the glory of His holy name. Amen.

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

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.**

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CONSECRATION OF GIFTS: *(James 1:17-18)*

L: Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming from the Father of lights;

P: **He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first-fruits of all he created.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: freed by God in Christ to live, love and serve, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

L: Gracious God, You call us to be Your body, opening arms of love and speaking the word of truth. Empower us to serve our neighbors and welcome the strangers among us. Lord in Your Mercy,

P: **Hear our prayer.**

L: almighty creator, You brought forth order from chaos. Watch over the nations of the earth, guide leaders and bless citizens who strive toward the community for which You long. Lord in Your Mercy,

P: **hear our prayer.**

L: Providing Shepherd, You give us all we need. When Your children suffer hunger, poverty, loneliness, injury, persecution or illness send companions and healers that You might restore that which needs mending. Especially today we remember.... Lord in Your Mercy,

P: **Hear our prayer.**

L: into Your waiting hands of merciful power, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in our Lord Jesus Christ who has taught us to pray,

THE 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.

***** For our 8:00 a.m. worshippers, the service continues on the bottom of page 11 with
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism.**

***** 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 SONGS:

“Hope of the World”

LSB 690



1 Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great com - pas - sion;
2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,
3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
4 Hope of the world, who by Thy cross didst save us
5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,



Speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.
Bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life,
Show - ing to wan - d'ring souls the path of light,
From death and dark de - spair, from sin and guilt,
Who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain,



Save us, Thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
Still let Thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en
Walk Thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
We ren - der back the love Thy mer - cy gave us;
We would be faith - ful to Thy Gos - pel glo - rious.



Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
To heal earth's wounds and end our bit - ter strife.
Lure us a - way from Thee to end - less night.
Take Thou our lives and use them as Thou wilt.
Thou art our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign!

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

LSB 563



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
6 Je - sus, be - end - less praise to Thee, Whose bound - less



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
mer - cy hath for me, For me, and all Thy



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
hands have made, An ev - er - last - ing ran - som paid.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER



HOLY BAPTISM: 8:00 am

+ Blake Sunny Oliver +

Elder: Through Baptism, God has made Blake 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION: (*James 5:8*)

L: be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

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:

"Toccata in F BuxWV 156"

Organ

~*Dieterich Buxtehude*

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“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” LSB 849

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955.

Tune: *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844.

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“Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear” LSB 908

Text: Johann Olearius, 1611-84; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828-1915, sts. 1, 3, alt.; tr. Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st.

2. Tune: *Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert*, Wittenbert, 1543, ed. Joseph Klug.

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“Praise the Almighty” LSB 797

Text: Johann Dnaniel Herrnschmidt, 1675-1723; tr. Alfred E. R. Brauer, 1866-1949, alt.

Tune: *New-vermehrte Christliche Seelenharpf*, Ansbach, 1665; setting: *Christian Worship*, 1993

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“Hope of the World” LSB 690

Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891-1974

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“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness” LSB 563

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Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816-93.

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“All People That on Earth Do Dwell” LSB 791

Text: William Kethe, d.c. 1593, alt.

Tune: *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, ed. Louis Bourgeois; setting: *Common Praise*, 2000.

Text and Music: Public domain

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SERVING GOD’S HOUSE TODAY:

Acolyte 9:30...Alice Kienitz

Liturgist...Karl Fink

Lector 8:00...Ruth Lopez

Director of Music...Noah Freeman

Accompanist...Kevin Bowers

Crucifer 9:30...Reenie Long

Preacher...Pastor Kevin Kritzer

9:30...Mike Riordan

Organist...Robert Bottoms

Children’s Message...Shannon Morgensen

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Today's Flowers are given to the glory of God:

*~Giving thanks to God for 50 years of marriage
For Tom and Sheri Esswein~*



~by Tom and Sheri Esswein

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If You're a Visitor, WELCOME! We are so glad you have joined us for worship today. If you would like more information about Bethany and its ministries, please scan the QR code to the right. You will be directed to Bethany's fillable information form.



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Summer average Worship Attendance June-August BOTH campuses:

Summer 2024: 318 per week

Summer 2023: 294 per week

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Bethany Lutheran Church				
Statement of Activities				
Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024				
	Current Period Actual	Current Period Budget	Current Period Budget vs. Actual	Current Period Last Year Actual
Income				
Offering Income	1,285,608.20	1,295,000.00	(9,391.80)	1,235,435.97
Tuition K-8 School	1,332,236.27	1,520,600.00	(188,363.73)	1,351,173.77
Tuition Pre-School	801,399.54	750,640.00	50,759.54	767,387.45
Tuition/Fees EDC/Summer Camp	150,089.63	138,215.00	11,874.63	142,493.13
Tuition Student Success Program	44,743.30	50,000.00	(5,256.70)	69,080.22
Tuitions & Fees Totals:	2,328,468.74	2,459,455.00	(130,986.26)	2,330,134.57
Misc. Income Totals:	263,573.73	301,585.00	(38,011.27)	70,151.60
Income Totals:	3,877,650.67	4,056,040.00	(178,389.33)	3,635,722.14
Expense				
Admin/Finance	1,273,320.74	1,310,500.00	37,179.26	1,119,801.58
Elders	10,544.78	11,590.00	1,045.22	16,179.42
Music Ministry	33,420.63	30,200.00	(3,220.63)	24,991.23
Trustees	145,123.10	156,780.00	11,656.90	143,645.81
Day School	1,382,377.76	1,478,280.00	95,902.24	1,351,349.50
Pre School	716,138.28	746,620.00	30,481.72	688,251.94
Ext.Day Care/Summer Camp	123,838.00	123,190.00	(648.00)	114,402.59
Student Success Program	135,736.96	166,635.00	30,898.04	159,153.29
Youth	29,422.81	19,535.00	(9,887.81)	27,293.75
Discipleship	2,805.42	8,220.00	5,414.58	4,005.80
Evangelism	1,517.37	4,490.00	2,972.63	1,464.89
Expense Totals:	3,854,245.85	4,056,040.00	201,794.15	3,650,539.80
Income - Expense:	23,404.82	-	23,404.82	(14,817.66)

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