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PRELUDE:

“Cantad Al Señor”

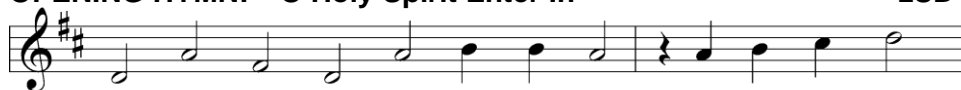
Jubilate Bells

~Jason W. Krug

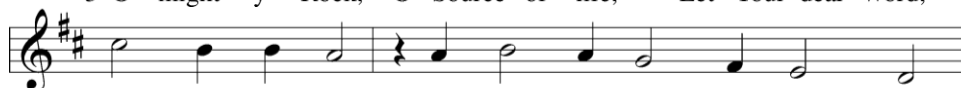
WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: “O Holy Spirit Enter In”

LSB 913



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts  
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts  
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



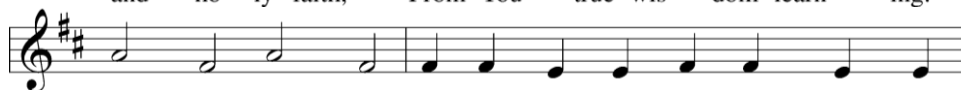
Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.  
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,  
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



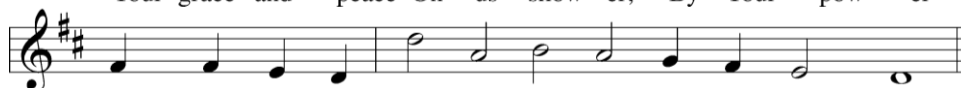
Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in  
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -  
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us  
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.  
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing  
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing  
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.  
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.  
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (based on I Corinthians 1:2)

**L:** You who call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ have been sanctified in Christ and called to be holy.

**P:** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: (based on I Corinthians 8:6 and 6:11)

**L:** No one should seek their own good, but the good of others,

**P:** Yet Lord, I confess that I have not loved You with my whole heart; and I have not loved my neighbors as myself. In my thoughts, words and deeds I have often sought my own “good” regardless of the harm it has done others. I am by nature sinfully turned in on myself and unclean. I deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, forgive me my sins, give me a heart like Your own and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**L:** You have been washed, sanctified and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God! So as a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**P:** Amen.

## HYMN OF PRAISE: “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

LSB 394



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;  
4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;  
Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;  
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;  
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
Thou by all wilt be con-fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:     *Isaiah 62:1-5***

For Zion's sake I will not remain silent.  
For Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until its righteousness shines like the dawn  
and its salvation burns brightly like a torch.  
The nations will see your righteousness.  
All kings will see your glory.  
You will be given a new name  
that the Lord will announce.  
Then you will be a beautiful crown in the hand of the Lord,  
a royal crown in the hand of your God.  
You will no longer be called Deserted,  
and your land will no longer be called Destroyed.  
But you will be named My Delight,  
and your land will be named Married.  
The Lord is delighted with you,  
and your land will be married.  
As a young man marries a woman,  
so your sons will marry you.  
As a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,  
so your God will rejoice over you.— GW®

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:   *I Corinthians 12:1-13***

Brothers and sisters, I don't want there to be any misunderstanding concerning spiritual gifts. You know that when you were unbelievers, every time you were led to worship false gods you were worshiping gods who couldn't even speak. So I want you to know that no one speaking by God's Spirit says, "Jesus is cursed." No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, and yet the same Lord is served. There are different types of work to do, but the same God produces every gift in every person.

The evidence of the Spirit's presence is given to each person for the common good of everyone. The Spirit gives one person the ability to speak with wisdom. The same Spirit gives another person the ability to speak with knowledge. To another person the same Spirit gives courageous faith. To another person the same Spirit gives the ability to heal. Another can work miracles. Another can speak what God has revealed. Another can tell the difference between spirits. Another can speak in different kinds of languages. Another can interpret languages. There is only one Spirit who does all these things by giving what God wants to give to each person.

For example, the body is one unit and yet has many parts. As all the parts form one body, so it is with Christ. By one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Whether we are Jewish or Greek, slave or free, God gave all of us one Spirit to drink. – GW®

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC: “Despair Not My Soul, Nor to Sorrow Give Way”** Bethany Choir  
~Jason R. Krug

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL: *John 2:1-11***

Three days later a wedding took place in the city of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. Jesus and His disciples had been invited too.

When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to Him, “They're out of wine.”

Jesus said to her, “Why did you come to Me? My time has not yet come.”

His mother told the servers, “Do whatever He tells you.”

Six stone water jars were there. They were used for Jewish purification rituals. Each jar held 18 to 27 gallons.

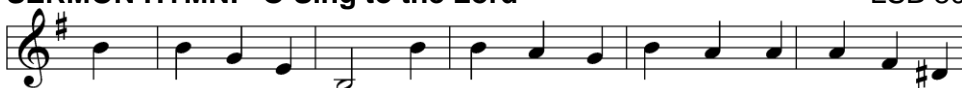
Jesus told the servers, “Fill the jars with water.” The servers filled the jars to the brim. Jesus said to them, “Pour some, and take it to the person in charge.” The servers did as they were told.

The person in charge tasted the water that had become wine. He didn't know where it had come from, although the servers who had poured the water knew. The person in charge called the groom and said to him, “Everyone serves the best wine first. When people are drunk, the host serves cheap wine. But you have saved the best wine for now.”

Cana in Galilee was the place where Jesus began to perform miracles. He made His glory public there, and His disciples believed in Him. – GW®

# SERMON HYMN: "O Sing to the Lord"

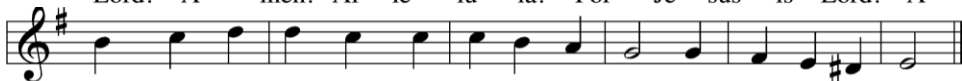
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1 O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the  
 2 For God is the Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the  
 3 So dance for our God And blow all the trum-pets. So dance for our  
 4 O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spir - it. O shout to our  
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is



Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the Lord, O  
 Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the Lord! And  
 God And blow all the trum-pets. So dance for our God And  
 God, Who gave us the Spir - it. O shout to our God, Who  
 Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A -



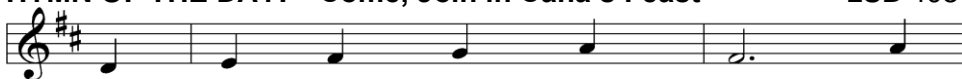
sing God a new song. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.  
 God has done won-ders. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.  
 blow all the trum - pets. And sing to our God, And sing to our God.  
 gave us the Spir - it. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.  
 men! Al - le - lu - ia! O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

# SERMON: "For the Common Good"

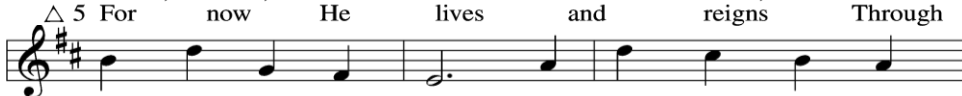
*I Corinthians 12:1-13*

# HYMN OF THE DAY: "Come, Join in Cana's Feast"

LSB 408



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  
 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 year - 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.

## CONFESSION OF FAITH:

**L**: There is one God the Father, from whom all things came; and there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom we live. (*1 Cor. 8:6*) We join Christians around the world confessing our faith in this one true God in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

## THE 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.**

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## PRAYER OF THANKS

## 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 and 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: (1 Corinthians 10:16)**

**L**: God's Word assures us that:

**P**: **The cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks is a participation in the blood of Christ. The bread that we break is a participation in the body of Christ.**

**L**: For on the night in which He was betrayed, Our Lord Jesus Christ, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

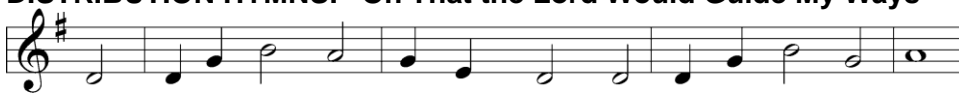
In the same way He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

*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**.*

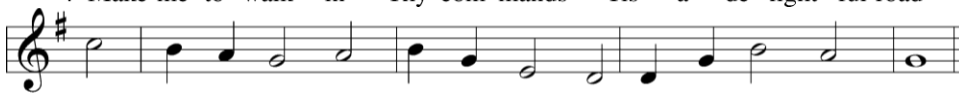
*In our 9:30 a.m. service we will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints and come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.*



**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: “Oh That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”** LSB 707



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat-utes still!  
 2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;  
 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;  
 4 Make me to walk in Thy com-mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



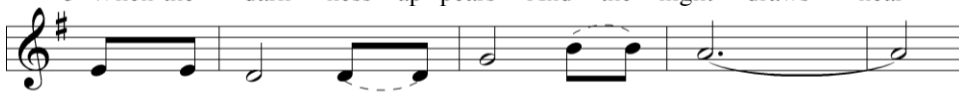
Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!  
 Let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear.  
 And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan-d'ring sheep.  
 Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

**“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”**

LSB 739



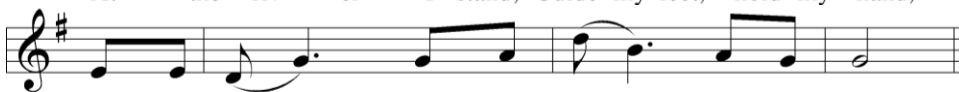
1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;  
 2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
 When my life is al - most gone,  
 And the day is al - most gone,



Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.  
 Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.  
 At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,



Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.  
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.  
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER: (based on I Corinthians 11:26)**

**L:** Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**P:** Therefore, keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage we pray Lord, that on the day of Your coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in Your kingdom that has no end.

# THE BLESSING

## CLOSING HYMN: "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

LSB 643

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,  
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,  
The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.  
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.  
The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed  
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,  
The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.  
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.  
The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;  
Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.  
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.  
His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us  
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing  
To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.  
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

## POSTLUDE

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Liturgist...Karl Fink  
Director of Music & Worship Arts...Noah Freeman  
Children’s Message...Kayleigh Lopez

Lector 9:30...Barbara & Neal Hasty  
Preacher...Pastor Kevin Kritzer  
Accompanist...Kevin Bowers  
Sound...Felix Rivera, Jon Widmann

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