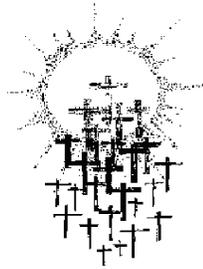


WELCOME TO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 5, 2023

8:00 & 9:30 AM

We are so glad you are here in God's house for worship.

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.

If You're a Visitor, let us get to know you. Scan the QR Code here:



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 *Nursery* across the courtyard in the office complex, where you as a parent may take your little one needing a break. You are then able to return to church and 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

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN:

“Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses”

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1 Saints, see the cloud of wit - ness - es sur - round us;
 2 These saints of old re - ceived God's com - men - da - tion;
 3 They call to us, "Your tim - id foot - steps length - en;
 4 Come, let us fix our sight on Christ who suf - fered,



Their lives of faith en - cour - age and as - tound us.
 They lived as pil - grim-heirs of His sal - va - tion.
 Throw off sin's weight, your halt - ing weak - ness strength - en.
 He faced the cross, His sin - less life He of - fered;



Hear how the Mas - ter praised their faith so
 Through faith they con - quered flame and sword and
 We kept the faith, we shed our blood, were
 He scorned the shame, He died, our death en -



fer - vent: "Well done, My ser - vant!"
 gal - lows, God's name to hal - low.
 mar - tyred; Our lives we bar - tered."
 dur - ing, Our hope se - cur - ing.

5 Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending,
 On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending;
 Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us—
 With grace precede us.

6 You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory!
 Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story;
 Past, present, future—You, the same forever—
 You fail us never!

INVOCATION:

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
Who calls us into an everlasting hope,
Who pours out upon us the water of life,
and Who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Leader: One with the communion of saints in all times and places,
let us confess our sin to God and to one another.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Leader: O God, our merciful redeemer,

**People: We confess that all too often we live only for ourselves.
Too often we fail to see You in our neighbor's face.
Too often we turn our ears from voices that cry out.
Too often we pass by the hungry and the oppressed.
Too often we neglect the needs of others.
Too often we forget Your abiding presence with us.
In Your great mercy, forgive us our sin
and strengthen us for service to all in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God
Jesus Christ was given to die for you,
and for + His sake,
God forgives you all your sin.
Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad,
beloved people of God.

People: Amen.

RESPONSIVE HYMN:

“United In Christ”

Verse 1:

**People of the Lord come now and sing
Every nation and tongue to Christ our King
With empty hands His gifts receive**

Verse 2:

**Whether young or old You’re a child of God
Whether rich or poor no matter what you got
He gathers all at the foot of the cross**

Chorus:

**His body broken makes this body whole
His resurrection it assures us all
No darkness nor doubting nor pain in this life
Could keep us from being united in Christ**

Verse 3:

**Sinners and saints you have a place
With the Spirit’s gifts proclaim His grace
There’s nothing too small
To be used by the living God**

Bridge:

**We are the body Christ is the head
Sealed with the promise through blood he shed
We are the body Christ is the head
He’s given life where there once was death
We are the body Christ is the head
His grace the heartbeat our confidence
So join one another shout out His praise
We’re bound together in Jesus’ name**

Tag:

**No darkness nor doubting nor pain in this life
Could keep us from being united in Christ**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Leader: Almighty God,
You have knit your people together in one communion
the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Grant us grace to follow Your blessed saints
in lives of faithfulness and commitment,
and to know the inexpressible joys You have prepared for those
who love You, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Revelation 7:9-17*

After these things I saw a large crowd from every nation, tribe, people, and language. No one was able to count how many people there were. They were standing in front of the throne and the lamb. They were wearing white robes, holding palm branches in their hands, and crying out in a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the lamb!"

All the angels stood around the throne with the leaders and the four living creatures. They bowed in front of the throne with their faces touching the ground, worshiped God, and said,

"Amen! Praise, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength be to our God forever and ever! Amen!"

One of the leaders asked me, "Who are these people wearing white robes, and where did they come from?"

I answered him, "Sir, you know." Then he told me,

"These are the people who are coming out of the terrible suffering. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb. That is why they are in front of the throne of God. They serve Him day and night in His temple. The one who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never be hungry or thirsty again. Neither the sun nor any burning heat will ever overcome them. The lamb in the center near the throne will be their shepherd. He will lead them to springs filled with the water of life, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes." – GW ®

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 3:1-3

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. All who have this hope in Him purify themselves, just as He is pure. – NIV ®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

8:00

“Chariot’s Comin’”
~ Don Besig & Nancy Price

Troubadour Choir

9:30

“Rejoice, Be Glad”
~ by Douglas Wagner

Trinity Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up a mountain and sat down. His disciples came to Him, and He began to teach them:

“Blessed are those who recognize they are spiritually helpless.

The kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

Blessed are those who mourn.

They will be comforted.

Blessed are those who are gentle.

They will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for God’s approval.

They will be satisfied.

Blessed are those who show mercy.

They will be treated mercifully.

Blessed are those whose thoughts are pure.

They will see God.

Blessed are those who make peace.

They will be called God’s children.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for doing what God approves of.

The kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, lie, and say all kinds of evil things about you because of me.

Rejoice and be glad because you have a great reward in heaven!

The prophets who lived before you were persecuted in these ways. – GW ®

SERMON HYMN:

“In Christ Alone”

Congregation: Vs. 1, 2 & 4

Choir Only: Vs. 3



1.....In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
2.....In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
3.....There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the
4.....No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the



light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,
God in help - less Babe! This gift of love and right - eous ness,
world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day,
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry, to fi - nal breath,



firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love,
scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on the cross
up from the grave He rose a gain! And as He stands
Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. ****No pow'r of hell,**



what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease. My com - fort - er,
as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry sin
in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am His
no scheme of man, can e - ver pluck me from His hand. 'Til He re - turns



my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

SERMON: "Lavished"

Text: 1 John 3:1-3

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"For All the Saints"

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1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their for-tress, and their might;
6 The gold - en eve - ning bright-ens in the west;
7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo-rious day: The
△ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far-thest coast, Through



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;
Soon, soon to faith - ful war-riors com - eth rest;
saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; The
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
Sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.
King of Glo - ry pass - es on His way.
Sing - ing to 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!
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APOSTLE'S 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:

Leader: O Lord, in this world of uncertainty and confusion grant us to love Your Word of truth and to rejoice in Your promises continually, that we may live in Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Heavenly Father, bless parents and grandparents, that they might be examples of Jesus' love and proclaim His truth and goodness to their children and grandchildren. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Dearest Jesus our Prince of Peace, remember those who suffer from violence, strife, abuse, neglect and rejection. Walk with them, through Your church, in their pain and lift them to Your place of honor. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: O Great Physician, we pray that You would extend Your hand to heal and deliver, according to Your will, all those in affliction and illness who we name before You, especially _____ ; and those we lift unto You in our hearts and minds _____. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of generous provision, for the abundance of gifts lavished upon us we give You thanks and praise.

Especially today we thank You for _____. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord who has taught us to pray...

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.**

+ *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 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.*

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 MUSIC: *“Softly and Tenderly”* The Bethany Choir
 ~ Matthew Colloton

“We Are Your Body”





BRING US HUMBLY TO YOUR FEAST AS WE EAT



AS WE DRINK WE KNOW WE KNOW YOU'RE ALL WE NEED FOR OUR SINS



YOU HAVE PAID EVERY TRESPASS FOR THE WAGE OF SIN IS DEATH



SIN IS DEATH SIN IS DEATH



WE ARE YOUR BODY RESTORED AND RE-NEWED BURIED WITH YOU AND WITH YOU RAISED FROM OUR



TOMBS FILL US WITH YOUR PRESENCE AND MAKE US ONE



MAKE US ONE AS YOU ARE FATHER SON AND HOLY GHOST



FATHER SON AND HOLY GHOST

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”



1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all meas - ure that
 hold the Man up - on the cross, my sin up - on His should - ders, A -
 will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But



He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How
 shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why



great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
 was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
 should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But



wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
 this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.



2. Be -
 3. I

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BELOVED CHILDREN OF GOD:

Leader: O God of the pilgrim's way, we give thanks for those in generations past who have been examples for us of Your love at work in the world. As we pause and give You thanks for these, Your servants, who have been transferred to the Church Triumphant this year, we praise You because we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses. Yet, even as we name these who have gone before us, we thank You Heavenly Father for others whose names we never knew or have forgotten, who too showed us the meaning of life in Christ.

+ *Roll Call of Bethany's Dearly Departed Saints* +

Those transferred to the church triumphant this past year.



Florence Bunnett
November 2, 2022



Doug Hensley
November 12, 2022



James Ashton
January 6, 2023



Eugene Melvin
January 19, 2023



Evy Rucks
February 19, 2023



Janna Woodward
March 17, 2023



Jeana Gekas
April 25, 2023



Cristo Rey Sedillo
April 28, 2023



Larry Dixon
May 5, 2023



Chuck Peurrung
May 18, 2023



Kathleen Newman
May 21, 2023



Deena Buckley
June 20, 2023



Ted Pearson
June 22, 2023



Jay Hagey
July 28, 2023



Grace Hennings
October 3, 2023



Edison Enwia
October 21, 2023

Verse 2:

**Oh, what glory, far exceeding All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it; There on high our welcome waits.
Every humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the eternal gates.**

Verse 3:

**Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth's closing thunders, Saints shall stand before the throne!**

POSTLUDE

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SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Children's Sermon... Alissa Brege

Lector 8:00... Nola Seaman

Accompanist... Kevin Bowers

Artist in Residence... Blake Flattley

Liturgist... Pastor Kyle Blake

Lectors 9:30... Sheri and Tom Esswein

Trumpet... Jacob Lange, Mara Widmann

Director of Music & Worship Arts... Noah Freeman

Preacher... Senior Pastor Kevin L. Kritzer

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