

WELCOME TO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

National Lutheran School's Week

January 21, 2024

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 having 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:

"Prière Op. 37, No. 3"
~Joseph Jongen

Organ

PRESENTATION

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" LSB 395



1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
 2 Come, heav'n-ly Bride-groom, Light di-vine, And deep with-in
 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



own truth and light, A-glow with grace and mer-cy!
 our hearts now shine; There light a flame un-dy-ing!
 from God a-bove A ray of pur-est plea-sure.
 not yet be-gun Was this old earth's foun-da-tion!



Of Ja-cob's race, King Da-vid's son, Our Lord and mas-s
 In Your one bod-y let us be As liv-ing branch-
 Your Word and Spir-it, flesh and blood Re-fresh our souls
 Your Son has ran-somed us in love To live in Him



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on-ly!
 es of a tree, Your life our lives sup-ply-ing.
 with heav'n-ly food. You are our dear-est trea-sure!
 here and a-bove: This is Your great sal-va-tion.



Low-ly, ho-ly! Great and glo-rious, All vic-to-rious,
 Now, though dai-ly Earth's deep sad-ness May per-plex us
 Let Your mer-cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
 Al-le-lu-ia! Christ the liv-ing, To us giv-ing



Rich in bless-ing! Rule and might o'er all pos-sess-ing!
 And dis-tress us, Yet with heav'n-ly joy You bless us.
 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!

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Almighty God of mercy and generosity, Your goodness far exceeds what we deserve or even desire. You bless Your servants with abundant gifts of the Spirit;

P: **Grant us the grace to use them always to Your honor and glory, through Jesus Christ + Your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

L: God of all grace, our maker and redeemer, we confess unto you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed.

P: **Forgive us Lord, for selfish thanks and praise, for words that speak at variance with deeds; Forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways unmindful of a broken brother's needs.**

L: We flee to You for forgiveness, for You Lord are infinite in mercy

P: **On account of Christ, cleanse us of all our sin; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may receive eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.**

L: Our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. Grant this Lord unto us all. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" LSB 395



5 O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all
6 What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love



with mu - sic crowned, Our voic - es glad - ly blend - ing!
is first and last, The end and the be - gin - ning!

For Christ goes with us all the way— To - day, to - mor -
 He will one day, oh, glo - rious grace, Trans - port us to
 row, ev - 'ry day! His love is nev - er end - ing!
 that hap - py place Be - yond all tears and sin - ning!
 Sing out! Ring out! Ju - bi - la - tion! Ex - ul - ta - tion!
 A - men! A - men! Come, Lord Je - sus! Crown of glad - ness!
 Tell the sto - ry! Great is He, the King of Glo - ry!
 We are yearn - ing For the day of Your re - turn - ing!

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 3:1-7

The snake was more clever than all the wild animals the LORD God had made. He asked the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must never eat the fruit of any tree in the garden?’”

The woman answered the snake, “We’re allowed to eat the fruit from any tree in the garden except the tree in the middle of the garden. God said, ‘You must never eat it or touch it. If you do, you will die!’ ”

“You certainly won’t die!” the snake told the woman. “God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened. You’ll be like God, knowing good and evil.”

The woman saw that the tree had fruit that was good to eat, nice to look at, and desirable for making someone wise. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Then their eyes were opened, and they both realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made clothes for themselves. – GW ©

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

“Praise the Lord”

~Mark Patterson

Trinity Choir 8:00

“I Am the Vine”

~Allen Pote

Troubadour Choir 9:30

EPISTLE: *Ephesians 2:1-5*

You were once dead because of your failures and sins. You followed the ways of this present world and its spiritual ruler. This ruler continues to work in people who refuse to obey God. All of us once lived among these people, and followed the desires of our corrupt nature. We did what our corrupt desires and thoughts wanted us to do. So, because of our nature, we deserved God’s anger just like everyone else.

But God is rich in mercy because of His great love for us. We were dead because of our failures, but He made us alive together with Christ. (It is God’s kindness that saved you.)
– GW ®

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

GOSPEL: *Mark 1:14-20*

After John had been put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee and told people the Good News of God. He said, “The time has come, and God’s kingdom is near. Change the way you think and act, and believe the Good News.”

As He was going along the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and his brother Andrew. They were throwing a net into the sea because they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, “Come, follow me! I will teach you how to catch people instead of fish.” They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

As Jesus went on a little farther, He saw James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They were in a boat preparing their nets to go fishing. He immediately called them, and they left their father Zebedee and the hired men in the boat and followed Jesus. – GW ®

SERMON HYMN: "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" LSB 711



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

MESSAGE: "Cup Runneth Over: Does it really?"

Text: Genesis 3:1-7

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" LSB 782



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
 2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion
 3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior
 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
 Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that
 Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of
 Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
 end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.
 ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & CONSECRATION OF GIFTS:

L: Lord, we pray that we, Your people who Your gifts unnumbered claim, through the sharing of Your blessings may bring glory to Your name. Amen.

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:

L: Dear Lord Jesus, as a child You grew in wisdom and stature with God and others. Yet, You are the fountain of all wisdom and the source of abiding knowledge. By Your Holy Spirit enlighten those who teach and those who learn, especially here at Bethany and our sister Lutheran Schools throughout the nation and around the world. May they know the Truth, You are the truth, and trust in You all the days of their lives that they may faithfully serve You from generation to generation. Lord in Your mercy.

P: Hear our Prayer.

L: Other petitions will end... "Lord in Your mercy."

P: Hear our prayer.

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 in quiet prayer. You can find prayer prompts on the front page of the burgundy hymnal for both before and after the reception of Holy 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 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**.*

DISTRIBUTION:

“Jesus Comes Today with Healing” LSB 620



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
 2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
 me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

Piano Improvisation:

Robert Bottoms, Noah Freeman

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

BENEDICTION:

L: In Christ, you are who God desires you to be. In Christ, you are where God desires you to be. Surely goodness and mercy will pursue you all the days of your life, for you are the beloved of God in Jesus Christ. In Him our giving and generous Father fills our cup of blessing until it overflows. Go in that peace and promise.

P: Amen.

CLOSING 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.

POSTLUDE: *Improvisation on "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern"*

Organ

~Robert Bottoms

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SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Acolyte 8:00...

Acolyte 9:30... Reenie Long

Lector 8:00... Old Testament- Liam Colello

Epistle-Jeffrey Craft

Gospel-Greg Goebel

Organist... Robert Bottoms

Accompanist...Kevin Bowers

Liturgist...Pastor Kevin Kritzer

Crucifer 8:00...

Crucifer 9:30... Alice Kienitz

Lector 9:30... Old Testament-Adam Vega

Epistle-Sophia Carlson

Gospel- Shannon Morgensen

Choir Director... Noah Freeman

Children's Sermon... Pat Gagan

Preacher... Pastor Kyle Blake