

OPENING HYMN: "As with Gladness Men of Old"

LSB 397



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;
5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,
And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.
So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.
All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.
There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

P: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

L: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

P: Who made heaven and earth.

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

P: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

L: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and have sinned against You by thought, word and deed.

P: Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast, for joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul; for walls and wars that hide Your mercies vast, and blur our vision of the Kingdom goal.

L: Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

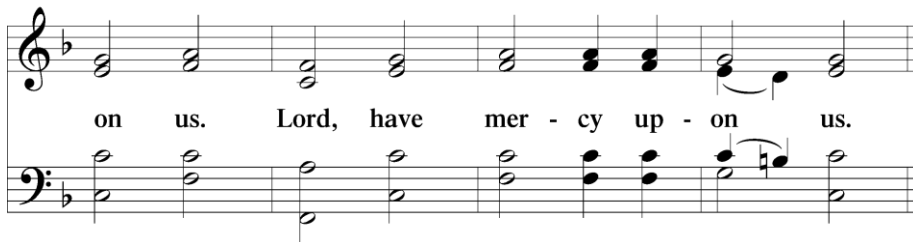
P: O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have Mercy on us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

L: Almighty God, 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 power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord to us all!

KYRIE:



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:

P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good-will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al-mighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

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.**

OLD TESTAMENT: *Genesis 3:9-17*

The LORD God called to the man and asked him, “Where are you?”

He answered, “I heard You in the garden. I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.”

God asked, “Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat fruit from the tree I commanded you not to eat from?”

The man answered, “That woman, the one You gave me, gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

Then the LORD God asked the woman, “What have you done?”

“The snake deceived me, and I ate,” the woman answered.

So the LORD God said to the snake, “Because you have done this,

At that time there was a man in the synagogues who was controlled by an evil spirit. He shouted, "What do you want with us, Jesus from Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

Jesus ordered the spirit, "Keep quiet, and come out of him!" The evil spirit threw the man into convulsions and came out of him with a loud shriek.

Everyone was stunned. They said to each other, "What is this? This is a new teaching that has authority behind it! He gives orders to evil spirits, and they obey him."

The news about him spread quickly throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.—GW®

SERMON HYMN: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" LSB 709

~Stanza 4 will be sung by the Choir only



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; 6 And so through all the length of days
 Thine unction grace bestoweth; Thy goodness faileth never;
 And, oh, what transport of delight Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 From Thy pure chalice floweth! Within Thy house forever!

SERMON: "Cup Runneth Over: The Offering Plate is Too Small"

Text: Genesis 3:9-17

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Hail, O Source of Every Blessing" LSB 409



1 Hail, O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Fa - ther of our
2 Once far off but now in - vit - ed, We ap - proach Your
3 Hail, O all - in - vit - ing Sav - ior! Gen - tiles now their



hu - man race! Gen - tiles now, Your grace pos - sess - ing, In Your
sa - cred throne, In Your cov - e - nant u - nit - ed, Rec - on -
of - f'rings bring, In Your tem - ples seek Your fa - vor, Je - sus



courts ob - tain a place. Grate - ful now, we fall be - fore You,
ciled, re - deemed, made one. Now re - vealed to east - ern sa - ges,
Christ, our Lord and King. May we, bod - y, soul, and spir - it,



In Your Church re - joice to live, See Your glo - ry
See the Star of Mer - cy shine, Mys - t'ry hid in
Live de - vot - ed to Your praise, Glo - rious realms of



and a - dore You, Thank - ful for the grace You give.
for - mer a - ges, Mys - t'ry great of love di - vine.
bliss in - her - it, Grate - ful an - thems ev - er raise.

OFFERING: *The Offering Box is located in the center aisle. If you so desire, Text Giving is now available by texting GIVE to 562-210-0463. For On-line Giving information, contact Maraley at mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org or call 562-421-4711, ext. 21. Thank you!*

SONG OF THANKSGIVING & CONSECRATION OF THE 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.

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

LSB 783



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its trea - sure store;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

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

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 page 14 with Special 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 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, center cups in each tray are alcohol free.
The wafers next to the Christ candle 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 HYMNS:

“Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”

LSB 622



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for
 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious
 6 Lord, I be - lieve what You have said; Help me when
 7 Grant that we wor - thi - ly re - ceive Your sup - per,



our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y
 Word be - liev - ing That Your true bod - y
 doubts as - sail me. Re - mem - ber that I
 Lord, our Sav - ior, And, tru - ly griev - ing



and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion
 and Your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.
 am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.
 for our sins, May prove by our be - hav - ior



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to
 This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, All things are
 Your sup - per in this vale of tears Re - fresh - es
 That we are thank - ful for Your grace And day by



You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
 pos - si - ble with You, For You are Lord Al - might - y.
 me and stills my fears And is my price - less trea - sure.
 day may run our race, In ho - li - ness in - creas - ing.

“You Are the Way; through You Alone”

LSB 526



1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can
2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True
3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has
wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -
claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their
us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.
form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.
trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.
life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

LSB 923



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward
△ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

POSTLUDE:

"Carillon"
~Charles Callahan

Organ

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Accompanist...Kevin Bowers Children's Sermon... Alissa Brege
Liturgist...Pastor Kevin Kritzer 8:00 am Preacher... Pastor Mark Siegert
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