

**PRELUDE: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"** Jubilate Bell Choir  
~Lee J. Afdahl

**WELCOME**

**ENTRANCE HYMN: "Sing with All the Saints in Glory"**  
*Alt. tune: Hymn to Joy*

LSB 671



1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur - rec - tion song!



Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, To the for - mer days be - long.



All a - round the clouds are brea - king; Soon the storms of time shall cease;



In God's like-ness we a - wa - ken, Know-ing ev - er - last - ing peace.

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.

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!

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

- L:** Saints, see the cloud of witnesses surround us;  
**P:** **Their lives of faith encourage and astound us.**
- L:** Hear how the Master praised their faith so fervent:  
**P:** **Well done, My servant!**
- L:** Jesus, You, You alone, deserve all glory! Our lives unfold, embraced within Your Story;  
**P:** **Past, present, future—You, the same forever—**
- All:** **You fail us never!**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

- L:** Holy God, in baptism You make sinners to be saints and declare those guilty before the law to be holy before You.
- P:** **Yet Holy Lord we, Your redeemed people, sealed with Your Spirit, given a new identity as the holy children of God through Your only Son, confess that we have not constantly lived a holy life**
- L:** and that we are by nature a fallen and broken people who have sinned against You, O Holy Lord.
- P:** **Like saints gone before us who now rest from their labors and gather around Your throne, we too come for refuge to Your infinite mercy and grace, for we have sinned against You O Lord. We have not loved You with our whole heart nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Yet, in love, You have given Your only Son to die for us. Now for His sake, forgive us all our sin. By Your Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of You and Your will and true obedience to Your word, that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**
- L:** Rejoice! For the sake of Jesus Christ you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who belong to God! For He, who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light, has called me here to declare that your sins are forgiven in His name, the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**L**: Almighty God, You have knit Your people together in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

**P**: **Give to Your church on earth Your light and Your peace; and grant us Your Spirit that we might follow Your blessed saints who rest from their labors—as we too live lives of faithfulness and joyful service, until with them we receive the crown of life and also hear those words,**

**L**: “Well done, good and faithful servant.” Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING:      *Revelations 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®

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC: “Softly and Tenderly”**  
~Matthew Culloton

Bethany Choir

**EPISTLE READING: 1 John 3:1-3**

Consider this: The Father has given us His love. He loves us so much that we are actually called God’s dear children. And that’s what we are. For this reason the world doesn’t recognize us, and it didn’t recognize Him either. Dear friends, now we are God’s children. What we will be isn’t completely clear yet. We do know that when Christ appears we will be like Him because we will see Him as He is. So all people who have this confidence in Christ keep themselves pure, as Christ is pure. -GW®

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

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: "For All the Saints"

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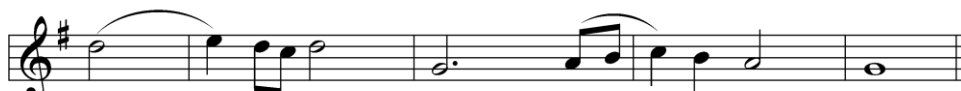
1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!



Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old And  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
win with them the victor's crown of gold!  
all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.



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!

MESSAGE: "His 'Я' Us!" 1 John 3:1-2

# HYMN OF THE DAY: "For All the Saints"

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5 And when the fight is fierce, the war-fare long,  
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



Steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, And  
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,



hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.  
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!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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## CONSECRATION OF GIFTS:

**L:** Almighty Lord who has given us every good and perfect gift

**P:** Use these our gifts to fund and support ministry so that all who hunger and thirst for righteousness may be filled. Amen.

## CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

**C:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: *there will be a brief moment of silence between petitions*

- L:** Lord Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve, direct us to follow Your servant way so that all may know and experience Your Love.
- L:** God of great compassion, bless those who struggle with poverty, lack of employment or housing; comfort those who mourn and are having difficulty in making hard decisions; protect those who face persecution for Your name's sake, and manifest Your presence with those who are lonely.
- L:** Lord of the nations, You raise up leaders to govern that good may be praised and evil punished. Give a spirit of wisdom and clear vision to those who cast ballots and those who are elected to positions of leadership among us.
- L:** These and all other things that are heavy on our hearts and minds we bind together in the prayer that Jesus 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 top of page 12.*

*\*\*\* 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."*

## THE WORDS 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 HYMNS:



# “Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB 507



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



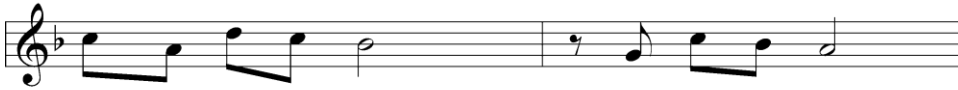
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

“What is This Bread”

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1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from the	dead:	This	bread	we	break,
Je - sus	shed	for	mine;	The	cup	of
live	and	He	should	die	Un -	der
Word	and	prom -	ise	clear,	In	mouth
giv - en	and	set	free!	I	do	be -
				lieve		



This	life	we	take,	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	His	em -	brace	Of	life	and	love	un -	til	I
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	You	not	for -	sak -	en
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru -	ly	pres -	ent	in	this
That	I	re -	ceive	His	ver -	y	bod -	y	and	His



lease.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**                    **“Welcome”**  
  ~Jeffrey Blersch

Bethany Choir

**BELOVED CHILDREN OF GOD:**

**L**:     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 also thank You Heavenly Father for others whose names we never knew but who too showed the world the meaning of life in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

**✠ Roll Call of Bethany’s Dearly Departed Saints ✠**

*Those transferred to the Church Triumphant this past year.*



***Carolyn Rowell***  
**December 14, 2023**



***Shirley Stejskal***  
**January 9, 2024**



***Toby Kovaleff***  
**January 10, 2024**



**Jill Moorman**  
February 23, 2024



**Dottie Stratman**  
April 2, 2024



**Mary Ann Mlynar**  
April 5, 2024



**Siegfried Gergens**  
April 11, 2024



**Frederick Rish**  
April 12, 2024



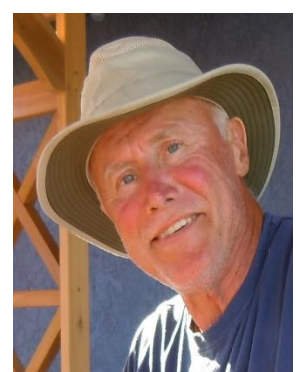
**Larry Crabtree**  
June 26, 2024



**Elizabeth Ruhl**  
June 27, 2024



**Kim Imes**  
September 8, 2024



**Ron Miner**  
October 11, 2024

## BENEDICTION:

**L:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN: "Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses" LSB 667



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,  
5 Lord, give us faith to walk where You are send - ing,



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;  
On paths un - marked, eyes blind as to their end - ing;



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 -  
Not know - ing where we go, but that You



gal - lows, God's name to hal - low.  
mar - tyred; Our lives we bar - tered."  
dur - ing, Our hope se - cur - ing.  
lead us— With grace pre - cede us.

## POSTLUDE

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Lector 8:00...Ruth Lopez	9:30...Sheri & Tom Esswein
Liturgist...Pastor Kyle Blake	Preacher...Pastor Kevin Kritzer
Director of Music & Worship Arts...Noah Freeman	
Accompanist...Kevin Bowers	Children’s Message...Samantha Root

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

*~In remembrance of Florence Bunnett~*

*~by her husband Rev. Robert Bunnett; you are remembered with joy and love and deeply missed~*



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

*~Celebrating 20 years of marriage~*

*~Bob and Carol Petrillo*



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

*~In celebration of Charles and Dorothy Meyer's birthdays~*

*~by James Meyer, Amy Jenkins, Scarlet and Forrest Meyer*



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