

November 17, 2024
Litany of Thanks

PRELUDE:

“Eternal God”
~ Bill Ingram

Crescendo Bells

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN: “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

LSB 821



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of
scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.
tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the
As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in
Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der



like a might - y flood: “Je - sus out of
for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -
flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both
like a might - y flood: “Je - sus out of



ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood.”
get His prom - ise: “I am with you ev - er - more”?
priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood.”

LITANY OF THANKS:

- L:** From all that dwells below the skies,
P: **Let the Creator's praise arise;**
- L:** Alleluia!
P: **Alleluia!**
- L:** Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
P: **Through every land by every tongue,**
- L:** Alleluia!
P: **Alleluia!**
- L:** All praise to God the Father be,
P: **All praise, eternal Son, to Thee.**
- L:** Whom with the Spirit we adore,
P: **Forever and forever more:**

ALL: Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GOODNESS AND MERCY:

- L:** God Himself is present: Let us now adore Him and with awe appear before Him.
P: **God is in His temple; all within keep silence; humbly kneel in deepest reverence.**
- L:** He alone, on His throne is our God and Savior;
P: **Praise His name forever.**
- L:** Fount of every blessing
P: **Purify my spirit, trusting only in Your merit.**
- L:** Like the holy angels, worshipping before You,
P: **May I ceaselessly adore You..**
- L:** Let Your will ever still rule Your church terrestrial as the hosts celestial.

SONG OF PRAISE: “Is He Worthy?”

Verse 1

Do you feel the world is broken—We do
Do you feel the shadows deepen—We do
But do you know that all the dark
Won't stop the light from getting through—We do
Do you wish that you could see it all made new—We do

Verse 2

Is all creation groaning—It is
Is a new creation coming—It is
Is the glory of the Lord
To be the light within our midst—It is
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this—It is

Chorus 1

Is anyone worthy—Is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy—Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this—He is

Verse 3

Does the Father truly love us—He does
Does the Spirit move among us—He does
And does Jesus our Messiah
Hold forever those He loves—He does
Does our God intend to dwell again with us—He does

Chorus 2

Is anyone worthy—Is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests
To God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy—Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy—Is He worthy
Is He worthy of this—He is

Ending

Is He worthy—Is He worthy
He is—He is

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Psalm 16*

- L:** Protect me, O God,
P: **because I take refuge in you.**
- L:** I said to the Lord, "You are my Lord.
P: **Without you, I have nothing good."**
- L:** Those who lead holy lives on earth
P: **are the noble ones who fill me with joy.**
- L:** Those who quickly chase after other gods multiply their sorrows.
P: **I will not pour out their sacrificial offerings of blood
or use my lips to speak their names.**
- L:** The Lord is my inheritance and my cup.
P: **You are the one who determines my destiny.**
- L:** Your boundary lines mark out pleasant places for me.
P: **Indeed, my inheritance is something beautiful.**
- L:** I will praise the Lord, who advises me.
P: **My conscience warns me at night.**
- L:** I always keep the Lord in front of me.
P: **When he is by my side, I cannot be moved.**
- L:** That is why my heart is glad and my soul rejoices.
P: **My body rests securely**
L: because you do not abandon my soul to the grave
P: **or allow your holy one to decay.**
- L:** You make the path of life known to me.
P: **Complete joy is in your presence.**
- L:** Pleasures are by your side forever.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "*I Will Sing and Give Thanks! Praise the Lord!*" Bethany Choir
~ Noah Freeman

EPISTLE READING: *Hebrews 10:11-25*

Every day each priest performed his religious duty. He offered the same type of sacrifice again and again. Yet, these sacrifices could never take away sins. However, this chief priest made one sacrifice for sins, and this sacrifice lasts forever. Now He holds the honored position—the one next to God the Father on the heavenly throne. Since that time, He has been waiting for His enemies to be made His footstool. With one sacrifice He accomplished the work of setting them apart for God forever.

The Holy Spirit tells us the same thing: “This is the promise that I will make to them after those days, says the Lord: ‘I will put My teachings in their hearts and write them in their minds.’”

Then He adds, “I will no longer hold their sins and their disobedience against them.”

When sins are forgiven, there is no longer any need to sacrifice for sins.

Brothers and sisters, because of the blood of Jesus we can now confidently go into the holy place. Jesus has opened a new and living way for us to go through the curtain. (The curtain is His own body.) We have a superior priest in charge of God’s house. We have been sprinkled with His blood to free us from a guilty conscience, and our bodies have been washed with clean water. So we must continue to come to Him with a sincere heart and strong faith. We must continue to hold firmly to our declaration of faith. The one who made the promise is faithful.

We must also consider how to encourage each other to show love and to do good things. We should not stop gathering together with other believers, as some of you are doing. Instead, we must continue to encourage each other even more as we see the day of the Lord coming.-GW®

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: “Taste and See”

~James Moore

Bethany Choir

HOLY GOSPEL:***Mark 13:1-13***

As Jesus was going out of the temple courtyard, one of His disciples said to Him, “Teacher, look at these huge stones and these beautiful buildings!”

Jesus said to him, “Do you see these large buildings? Not one of these stones will be left on top of another. Each one will be torn down.”

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives facing the temple buildings, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately, “Tell us, when will this happen? What will be the sign when all this will come to an end?”

Jesus answered them, “Be careful not to let anyone deceive you. Many will come using My name. They will say, ‘I am he,’ and they will deceive many people.

“When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, don’t be alarmed! These things must happen, but they don’t mean that the end has come. Nation will fight against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes and famines in various places. These are only the beginning pains of the end.

“Be on your guard! People will hand you over to the Jewish courts and whip you in their synagogues. You will stand in front of governors and kings to testify to them because of Me. But first, the Good News must be spread to all nations. When they take you away to hand you over to the authorities, don’t worry ahead of time about what you will say. Instead, say whatever is given to you to say when the time comes. Indeed, you are not the one who will be speaking, but the Holy Spirit will.

“Brother will hand over brother to death; a father will hand over his child. Children will rebel against their parents and kill them. Everyone will hate you because you are committed to Me. But the person who endures to the end will be saved.-GW®

SERMON HYMN: "In Christ Alone"
Choir only on Stanza 3

1 In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

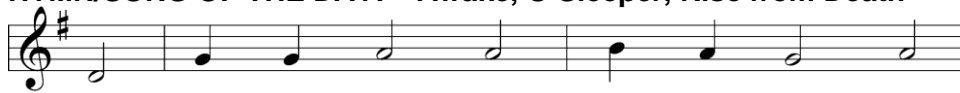
2 In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

3 *There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ*

4 No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

MESSAGE: "The Original Thanksgiving" *Psalm 16*

HYMN/SONG OF THE DAY: "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death" LSB 697



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, And
 2 To us on earth He came to bring From
 3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who
 4 For us Christ lived, for us He died, And



Christ shall give you light; So learn His love, its
 sin and fear re - lease, To give the Spir - it's
 died that He might save; With kind and gen - tle
 con - quered in the strife; A - wake, a - rise, go



length and breadth, Its full - ness, depth, and height.
 u - ni - ty, The ver - y bond of peace.
 hearts for - give As God in Christ for - gave.
 forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *The First Article of The Apostles' Creed and its meaning from Luther's Small Catechism:*

L: We confess with the whole Church on earth that:
 "We believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth."
 When you confess this, what do you confess to believe?

P: **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

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LITANY OF PRAISE:

- L:** God of boundless plenty, with awe and wonder we thank You for the beauty and abundance of our land. We have come here from many places for many reasons, and through Your guidance have become a united people.
- P:** **Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**
- L:** Creator and sustainer of the universe, through Your governance we are free to worship and learn in this nation. Through Your generous provision we are supplied with our daily bread; and by the bounty of Your grace we have received more than we could ever deserve.
- P:** **Praise Him all creatures here below.**
- L:** Help us to respond to Your generosity by sharing with those in need, comforting those who are in pain or mourning, understanding those who taunt or oppose us, praying for those who would harm us and forgiving those who have hurt us.
- P:** **Praise Him above ye heavenly host.**
- L:** Lead us we pray to be a thankful people, who freely speak without reservation of Your abundant love in Jesus and who live lives of thankfulness for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Christ, our Lord.
- P:** **Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **and also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

L: It is right that we always and everywhere give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. By Your appointment the seasons come and go. You bring forth bread from the earth and create the fruit of the vine. You have made us in Your image and given us dominion over the world. Earth has yielded its treasure, and from Your hand we have received blessing upon blessing. So with Your church on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

+ 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."

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, 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 also 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/SONGS:

“God Who Bleeds”

Verse 1

Oh my soul
Who could ever know
How deep my sins go
Oh my soul
All the gold
On the earth could never pay
For the debt that I have made
On my soul

Chorus

Now I see just how great my need
In His hands and in His feet
Lamb of God oh my soul shall sing
Hallelujah to the God who bleeds

Verse 2

Oh what love
Knew I'd never have enough
So He chose to pay in blood
Oh what love
I'm in awe
Every earthly gain is lost
At the wonder of the cross
Oh what love

Bridge

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow down for me
Forever all my praise will be
Glory to the God who bleeds
See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow down for me
Forever all my praise will be
Glory to the God who bleeds

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Hallelujah to the God who bleeds

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness” LSB 563



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “The Seasons of Blessings”

Tune: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

1 Grant us joy, Lord, in our journey, as we live our lives for You.
Grant us peace, Lord, as we prosper, Praising You in all we do.
Make us faithful and forgiving, full of laughter, hope and love.
Help us know the joy of giving as we praise You, Lord above.

2 Teach us trust in times of turmoil, Give us strength in days of stress.
Make us calm, Lord in the knowledge You and You alone can bless.
When in sunshine or in shadow, When in times of joy or strain,
Make us unified in spirit, One with You we will remain.

3 Light our lives with Your reflection, Brilliant splendor from above.
Give us grace in imperfection, Growing brighter in Your love.
Help us cherish one another with a gentleness and grace.
Mirror goodness and compassion, Till we see You face to face.

POSTLUDE

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Crescendo Bell Director...Sara Cerulle

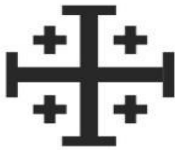
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9:30...Mike Riordan
Preacher...Vicar John Alwood
Artist in Residence...Blake Flattley
Children's Message...Alissa Bregge

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*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,
Glory to the newborn King!"*