



February 2, 2025

PRELUDE:

“Morning Joy”

Jubilate Handbell Choir 8 & 9:30

~Karen Lakey Buckwalter

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: “Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”

LSB 868



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun Thy dai - ly  
3 All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept And hast re -  
5 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest this day All I de -  
△ 6 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



stage of du - ty run; Shake off dull sloth and  
freshed me while I slept; Grant, Lord, when I from  
sign or do or say That all my pow'rs with  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise To pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.  
all their might In Thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.  
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(based on I Corinthians 1:2)*

**L:** You who call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ have been sanctified in Christ and called to be holy.

**P:** Amen.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:** *(based on I Corinthians 8:6 and 6:11)*

**L:** No one should seek their own good, but the good of others,

**P:** Yet Lord, I confess that I have not loved You with my whole heart; and I have not loved my neighbors as myself. In my thoughts, words and deeds I have often sought my own “good” regardless of the harm it has done others. I am by nature sinfully turned in on myself and unclean. I deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, forgive me my sins, give me a heart like Your own and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**L:** You have been washed, sanctified and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God! So as a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**P:** Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE: "Praise the Almighty"**

LSB 797



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!  
3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er  
△ 5 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and  
Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -  
Of Him who does such won - drous things! All that has



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as  
va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in  
be - ing, to praise Him sole - ly, With hap - py



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and  
hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in  
heart its a - men sings. Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.  
Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.  
an - gel host Praise 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!

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:      *Jeremiah 1:4-10***

The word of the Lord came to me, saying,

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
before you were born I set you apart;  
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

“Alas, Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord.

Then the Lord reached out His hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put My words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”— GW®

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:      “Quickening Spirit”      Jubilate Handbell Choir 8 & 9:30**  
    ~Phoebe T.T. Yeung

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:    *I Corinthians 12:31b-13:13***

Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

And yet I will show you the most excellent way.

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.— GW®

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**            **"Worthy to be Praised"**  
  ~*Bryon J. Smith*

Bethany Choir 8:00 & 9:30

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 4:31-44***

Then He went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath He taught the people. They were amazed at His teaching, because His words had authority.

In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an impure spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, "Go away! What do You want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"

"Be quiet!" Jesus said sternly. "Come out of him!" Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him.

All the people were amazed and said to each other, "What words these are! With authority and power He gives orders to impure spirits and they come out!" And the news about Him spread throughout the surrounding area.

Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. So He bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying His hands on each one, He healed them. Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But He rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew He was the Messiah.

At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for Him and when they came to where He was, they tried to keep Him from leaving them. But He said, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." And He kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.— GW®

SERMON HYMN: "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

LSB 395



1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's  
 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  
 5 O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all



own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
 from God a - bove A ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
 not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!  
 with mu - sic crowned, Our voic - es glad - ly blend - ing!



Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -  
 Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls  
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him  
 For Christ goes with us all the way— To - day, to - mor -



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!  
 with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!  
 here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.  
 row, ev - 'ry day! His love is nev - er end - ing!



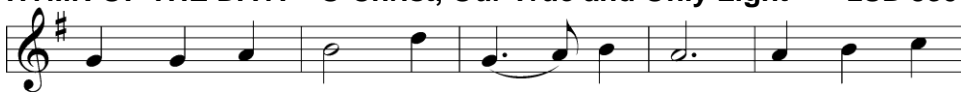
Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,  
 Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing  
 Sing out! Ring out! Ju - bi - la - tion! Ex - ul - ta - tion!



Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
 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!  
 Tell the sto - ry! Great is He, the King of Glo - ry!

**SERMON: "This is Love" I Corinthians 12:31b-13:13**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "O Christ, Our True and Only Light" LSB 839**



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en  
2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now  
3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may  
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the  
5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now  
lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose  
find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science  
wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who  
won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.  
in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.  
sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.  
walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,  
You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:**

**L**: There is on God the Father, from whom all things came; and there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom we live. (*I Cor. 8:6*) We join Christians around the world confessing our faith in this one true God in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

## **THE 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.**

**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](mailto:mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org) or call 562-421-4711, ext. 21. Thank you!*

## **PRAYER OF THANKS**

## **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.**



## ✠ Holy Communion ✠

***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 and 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: (1 Corinthians 10:16)**

**L**: God's Word assures us that:

**P**: **The cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks is a participation in the blood of Christ. The bread that we break is a participation in the body of Christ.**

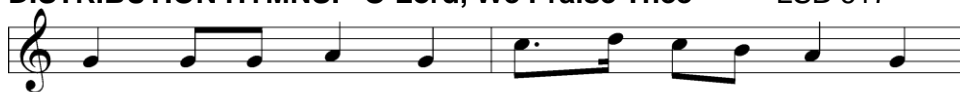
**L**: For on the night in which He was betrayed, Our Lord Jesus Christ, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way 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: "O Lord, We Praise Thee" LSB 617



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

# “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.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER: *(based on I Corinthians 11:26)*

- L:** Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- P:** **Therefore, keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage we pray Lord, that on the day of Your coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in Your kingdom that has no end.**

## THE BLESSING

### CLOSING HYMN: "On What Has Now Been Sown"

LSB 921



- 1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;  
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou  
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -  
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!  
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.  
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

## POSTLUDE

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**SERVING GOD’S HOUSE TODAY:**

Crucifer 9:30...Henry Cerulle	Lector 9:30...David Akins
Lector 8:00...Elsie Rivera	Liturgist 9:30...Karl Fink
Liturgist 8:00..Pastor Kevin Kritzer	Children’s Message...Ashley Groves
Preacher...Pastor Kyle Blake	Accompanist...Kevin Bowers
Director of Music & Worship Arts...Noah Freeman	Sound...Felix Rivera, Jon Widmann
Organist...Robert Bottoms	

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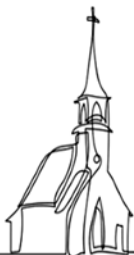


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Average Sunday morning in-person worship attendance Sept – Dec 2024 – 396 per week

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# IMPORTANT SUNDAY WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE UPDATES!

Starting Sunday, February 2nd, our multi-site congregation will temporarily be a singular site for our Sunday schedule. While Bethany's Holy Cross campus is undergoing transformation for future mission and ministry, our Sunday morning schedule will be completely on the main campus of Bethany.

## **SERVICE SCHEDULE:**

8 am  
9:30 am  
11 am - **NEW!**

## **COMMUNION SCHEDULE:**

1st Sunday: all services  
2nd Sunday: 9:30 am only  
3rd Sunday: all services  
4th Sunday: 9:30 am only

## **BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE:**

9:30 am - Lessons of the Day\* in the  
Multi-purpose Room  
(#215 at the top of the south side  
staircase off of the school courtyard /  
Freedom Square)

10:45 am - Women's and Men's studies\*

\* 9:30 am bible study will be led by ministry staff and  
10:45 am will be led by congregational members

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Please visit our websites to find out more about our Church, School and Preschool. Get weekly updates by signing up for the **Bethany Bullet**—our weekly capsule of worship highlights and campus-wide information.

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## **DONATE TO BETHANY'S FLOWER FUND!**

Flowers are used to decorate the altar every Sunday, for special seasons such as Christmas and Easter, as well as other important dates during the church calendar. You are able to make two types of donations to the Altar Flower Fund: a general donation and a special request with recognition.



- **A SPECIAL REQUEST WITH RECOGNITION\*** is a special type of Altar Flower donation. This request will be printed in the bulletin. For example, it could be given in memory of a person who has gone before us, for a wedding anniversary, baptismal birthday or a birthday celebration, etc. **This recognition has a suggested donation of \$75.**
- **A GENERAL DONATION TO THE ALTAR FLOWER FUND** enables Bethany to have flowers in worship and for our shut-in and hospitalized members to receive flowers from our flower ministry team, even when no one has ordered flowers for specific purposes on Sunday. **This General Donation is for any amount you wish to give.**

\*If you are making a **Special Request with Recognition**, please use this form to let us know of your donation **for a specific Sunday date** and what the significance of that donation is towards. **IMPORTANT:** Please complete this form at least **2 weeks prior** to that date, so that information regarding your donation can be printed in the Sunday bulletin for the date requested.

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