

February 9, 2025

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: “United in Christ”

Verse 1

People of the Lord come now and sing
Every nation and tongue to Christ our King
With empty hands His gifts receive

Verse 2

Whether young or old you're a child of God
Whether rich or poor no matter what you got
He gathers all at the foot of the cross

Chorus

His body broken makes this body whole
His resurrection it assures us all
No darkness nor doubting nor pain in this life
Could keep us from being united in Christ

Verse 3

Sinners and saints you have a place
With the Spirit's gifts proclaim His grace
There's nothing too small
To be used by the Living God

Bridge

We are the body Christ is the head
Sealed with the promise through blood He shed
We are the body Christ is the head
His grace the heartbeat our confidence
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CALL TO WORSHIP: *(based on I Corinthians 1:3)*

L: Grace and peace to you from God our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Spirit who proceeds from them.

P: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: *(based on I Cor 15:22 and 6:11)*

L: In Adam all have died. Only in Christ will all be made alive. Therefore, Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking 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 upon 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: You have been washed, sanctified and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God! To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

P: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: *Isaiah 6:1-8*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
the whole earth is full of His glory.”

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” – GW®

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: *1 Corinthians 14:12-20*

So it is with you. Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that build up the church.

For this reason the one who speaks in a tongue should pray that they may interpret what they say. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding. Otherwise when you are praising God in the Spirit, how can someone else, who is now put in the position of an inquirer, say “Amen” to your thanksgiving, since they do not know what you are saying? You are giving thanks well enough, but no one else is edified.

I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. But in the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue.

Brothers and sisters, stop thinking like children. In regard to evil be infants, but in your thinking be adults. – GW®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: “Forgive One Another”
~Bible Talk for Kids

Kindergarten-2nd Grade 9:30 am

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 5:1-11*

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed Him. — GW®

SERMON SONG: “Come Thou Fount”

Verse 1

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.

Verse 2

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

Verse 3

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Verse 4

Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

SERMON: “Body-Building” 1 Corinthians 14:12-20

SONG OF THE DAY: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Verse 1

Holy holy holy Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity

Verse 2

Holy holy holy Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye made blind by sin
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power in love and purity

Bridge

And we all bow down
And we all bow down
And we all bow down
And we all bow down
And we all bow down
And we all bow down
And we all bow down

Verse 3

Holy holy holy Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy Merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity

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PRAYER OF THANKS:

L: Dear Lord, You are the source of all true knowledge and we praise You for the gift of education. We pray Lord that through Your Word You would enlighten the minds and sanctify the hearts of all who teach and learn at the schools of Bethany Lutheran Church. Send Your Spirit to teachers and students, administrators and parents alike moving us all to focus on You the author of our faith and every good gift. Amen.

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

L: No one can say Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit. (*1 Cor. 12:3*) Called, sealed and enabled by the Spirit we join Christians around the world confessing our faith in the Lord Jesus through the words of the Nicene Creed:

CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED: (**catholic means the universal Christian Church*)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy *catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

L: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

P: **hear our prayer.**

- L:** May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P:** **hear our prayer.**
- L:** Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P:** **hear our prayer.**
- L:** Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P:** **hear our prayer.**
- L:** Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P:** **hear our prayer.**
- L:** Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P:** **hear our prayer.**
- L:** And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P:** **hear our prayer.**
- L:** We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- P:** **Amen.**

***** For our 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. worshippers, the service continues on the bottom of page 12 with Announcements.**

***** For our 9:30 a.m. worshippers, the service continues with the Celebration of Holy Communion:**

✠ 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 an 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**.*

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 SONGS: "We Are Your Body"

Verse 1

Lord teach us to be Your body
Working together as one
So the world may know
By the love we show
That we are Yours
We are Yours
We are Your body

Verse 2

Lord teach us to be a temple
For Your Spirit so holy and pure
By the gifts we've received
We will be made complete
Built into
A house for You
We are Your temple

Verse 3

Prepare us to be Your bride
Watching for Your return
Let us be dressed
In Your righteousness
Faithfully
We'll wait for You
We are Your bride

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”**Verse 1**

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has brought us nigh to God

Verse 2

Let us love the Lord who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He presents our souls to God

Verse 3

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord our strong salvation
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown

He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
Soon will bring us home to God

Verse 4

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
Has secured our way to God

Verse 5

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING:

L: Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be people of courage; be strong. Do everything in love!

CLOSING HYMN: “Be Thou My Vision”

Verse 1

Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Verse 2

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Verse 3

High King of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my Vision O Ruler of all

Ending

Be Thou my Vision

POSTLUDE

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“United in Christ”

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“Come Thou Fount”

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"Be Thou My Vision" WOV 776

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SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Acolyte 8:00...Connor Clevon

Crucifer 9:30...Logan Noble

Lector 9:30...Shannon Morgensen

Liturgist...Pastor Seth Moorman

Artist in Residence...Blake Flattley

Children's Message...Kayleigh Lopez

Crucifer 8:00...Penelope Clevon

Lector 8:00...John Holmquist

11:00...Nick Davies

Preacher...Vicar John Alwood

Keyboard...Kevin Bowers

Sound...Felix Rivera, Jon Widmann

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July 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023 Offerings \$674,884

Church and School income vs. expense July 1, 2024 – Dec. 31, 2024: \$134,082

Church and School income vs. expense July 1, 2023 – Dec. 31, 2024: \$107,392

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