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Bethany Lutheran Church | Long Beach, CA

SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 22, 2025

PRELUDE:

Organ

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN: “Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear”

LSB 908

1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants
3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the

Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -
heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or

tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

INVOCATION:

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

P: **Amen.** (*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*)

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. (*Hebrews 10:22*)

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

P: **who made heaven and earth.** (*Psalms 124:8*)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

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

P: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Psalm 32:5)**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

L: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore 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 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: 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. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all...

P: **Amen.**

KYRIE:

L: Lord, have mercy upon us.

P: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

L: Lord, have mercy upon us.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "The God of Abraham Praise"

LSB 798



1 The God of A-br'ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove;
 3 The God of A-br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
 9 The whole tri - um - phant host Give thanks to God on high.

An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
 Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.
 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" They ev - er cry.

Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.
 Hail, A-br'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'n - ly lays:

I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
 And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.
 All might and maj - es - ty are Thine And end - less praise!

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts You Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

P: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 65:1-9*

I was ready to answer those who didn't ask.
I was found by those who weren't looking for me.
I said, "Here I am! Here I am!"
to a nation that didn't worship me.
I stretched out my hands all day long to stubborn people.
They chose to go the wrong direction.
They followed their own plans.
These people constantly and openly provoked me.
They offered sacrifices in gardens
and burnt incense on brick altars.
They sat among the graves and spent their nights in caves.
They ate pork and, in their pots, made broth from unclean foods.
They said, "Stay away! Don't touch me!
I'm holier than you are."
They have become like smoke in my nose,
like a smoldering fire all day long.

"Look! It is written in front of me.

I will not be silent, but I will repay.
I will repay you in full.
I will repay you for your sins
and for the sins of your ancestors," says the Lord.
They burnt incense on the mountains and slandered me on the hills,
so I will be the first to pay them back in full.

This is what the Lord says:

When someone finds juice for new wine in a cluster of grapes,
another person will say,
"Don't destroy it, because there's a blessing in it."
In the same way, I will do this for my servants:
I will not destroy everything.
I will bring with me Jacob's descendant,
one who will inherit my mountains from Judah.
My chosen ones will inherit them.
My servants will live there. -GW®

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: *Galatians 3:23-4:7*

We were kept under control by Moses' laws until this faith came. We were under their control until this faith which was about to come would be revealed.

Before Christ came, Moses' laws served as our guardian. Christ came so that we could receive God's approval by faith. But now that this faith has come, we are no longer under the control of a guardian. You are all God's children by believing in Christ Jesus. Clearly, all of you who were baptized in Christ's name have clothed yourselves with Christ. There are neither Jews nor Greeks, slaves nor free people, males nor females. You are all the same in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants and heirs, as God promised.

Let me explain further. As long as an heir is a child, he is no better off than a slave, even though he owns everything. He is placed under the control of guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. It was the same way with us. When we were children, we were slaves to the principles of this world. But when the right time came, God sent His Son into the world. A woman gave birth to Him, and He came under the control of the laws given to Moses. God sent Him to pay for the freedom of those who were controlled by these laws so that we would be adopted as His children. Because you are God's children, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into us to call out, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer slaves but God's children. Since you are God's children, God has also made you heirs. -GW®

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

8:00 & 9:30

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.

P: **Glory be to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 8:26-39*

They landed in the region of the Gerasenes across from Galilee. When Jesus stepped out on the shore, a certain man from the city met Him. The man was possessed by demons and had not worn clothes for a long time. He would not stay in a house but lived in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he shouted, fell in front of Him, and said in a loud voice, "Why are You bothering me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You not to torture me!" Jesus ordered the evil spirit to come out of the man. (The evil spirit had controlled the man for a long time. People had kept him under guard. He was chained hand and foot. But he would break the chains. Then the demon would force him to go into the desert.)

Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

He answered, "Legion [Six Thousand]." (Many demons had entered him.) The demons begged Jesus not to order them to go into the bottomless pit.

A large herd of pigs was feeding on a mountainside. The demons begged Jesus to let them enter those pigs. So, He let them do this. The demons came out of the man and went into the pigs. Then the herd rushed down the cliff into the lake and drowned.

When those who had taken care of the pigs saw what had happened, they ran away. They reported everything in the city and countryside. The people went to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone out. Dressed and in his right mind, he was sitting at Jesus' feet. The people were frightened. Those who had seen this told the people how Jesus had restored the demon-possessed man to health.

Then all the people from the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave because they were terrified.

Jesus got into a boat and started back. The man from whom the demons had gone out begged Him, "Let me go with You."

But Jesus sent the man away and told him, "Go home to your family, and tell them how much God has done for you." So the man left. He went through the whole city and told people how much Jesus had done for him. -GW®

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

P: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN: “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

LSB 590



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your
3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly
4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I
Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
com - fort me When threat-'ning clouds a - round I see.
come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.
am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

MESSAGE: “Crossed Over” Galatians 3:23-4:7 & Luke 8:26-39

HYMN OF THE DAY: "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

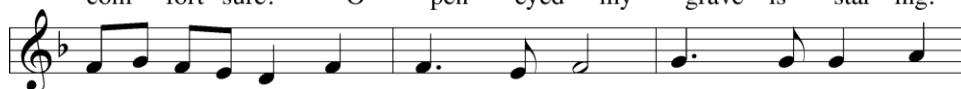
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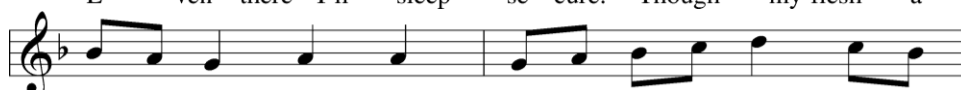
1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized
 5 There is noth - ing worth com-par - ing To this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong-er:
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



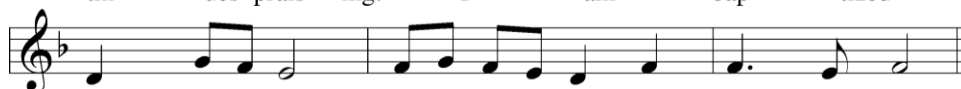
Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
 Je - sus' cleans-ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -
 did re - lease me In a dear for -
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

CONSECRATION OF GIFTS

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: O Lord God, heavenly Father, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people, keep them steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of Your Word, and bestow on Christ's Church Militant Your Saving Peace.

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: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

P: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

P: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

P: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

P: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For our synodical and district presidents, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

P: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For our president, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

P: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

P: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

P: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

P: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

P: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

P: **Lord, have mercy.**

The prayers continue:

L: For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

P: **Alleluia.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

L: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

P: **To You, O Lord.**

L: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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 & 11:00 a.m. worshippers, the service continues on the bottom of page 16 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 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."

PREFACE:

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

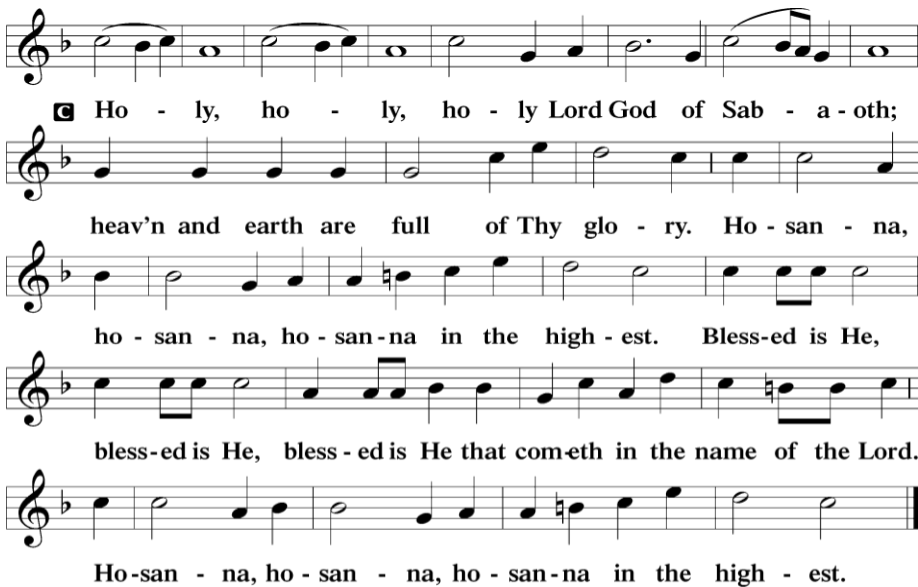
P: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

L: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.”

PAX DOMINI:

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

P: Amen.

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. Today 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 Spirit, Ever Dwelling” “”

LSB 650

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing In the ho - liest
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing As the Church's
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing Through the Church's
realms of light; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing
ver - y life; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing
min - is - try; Quick - 'ning, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,
O'er a world of gloom and night; Ho - ly Spir - it,
Through us in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spir - it,
Set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spir - it,
ev - er rais - ing Those of earth to thrones on high; Liv - ing,
ev - er form - ing In the Church the mind of Christ: You we
ev - er bind - ing Age to age and soul to soul In com -
life - im - part - ing Spir - it, You we praise and mag - ni - fy.
praise with end - less wor - ship For Your gifts and fruits un - priced.
mu - nion nev - er end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.

“Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure”

LSB 533



1 Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal,
 2 Je - sus has come! Now see bonds rent a - sun - der!
 3 Je - sus has come as the might - y Re - deem - er.
 4 Je - sus has come as the King of all glo - ry!



Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be - gin - ning and End;
 Fet - ters of death now dis - solve, dis - ap - pear.
 See now the threat - en - ing strong one dis - armed!
 Heav - en and earth, O de - clare His great pow'r,



God - head, hu - man - i - ty, u - nion su - per - nal,
 See Him burst through with a voice as of thun - der!
 Je - sus breaks down all the walls of death's for - tress,
 Cap - tur - ing hearts with the heav - en - ly sto - ry;



O great Re - deem - er, You come as our friend!
 He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
 Brings forth the pris - 'ners tri - um - phant, un - harmed.
 Wel - come Him now in this fast - fleet - ing hour!



Heav - en and earth, now pro - claim this great won - der:
 Lifts us from shame to the place of His hon - or.
 Sa - tan, you wick - ed one, own now your mas - ter!
 Pon - der His love! Take the crown He has for you!



Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal!
 Je - sus has come! Hear the roll of God's thun - der!
 Je - sus has come! He, the might - y Re - deem - er!
 Je - sus has come! He, the King of all glo - ry!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

L: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
P: **and His mercy endures forever.**

L: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

P: **Amen.**

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS:

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: Bless we the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION:

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

P: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

LSB 643

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,
The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.
The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,
The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.
The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.
His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing
To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

POSTLUDE

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SERVING GOD’S HOUSE TODAY:

Crucifer 9:30...Henry Cerulle

Preacher...Pastor Seth Moorman

Liturgist...Karl Fink

Lector 8:00...Matt Ruiz

Lector 9:30...David Akins

Lector 11:00...Nick Davies

Organist...Robert Bottoms

Children’s Message...Karl Fink

If You're a Visitor, WELCOME! We are so glad you have joined us for worship today. If you would like more information about Bethany and its ministries, please scan the QR code to the right. You will be directed to Bethany's fillable information form.



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.

Bethany Lutheran Church and its Ministries are found at: www.bethanylutheran.org

Bethany Lutheran School information can be found by visiting their website at: www.bethanylutheran.org/school/

Bethany Preschool's website: www.bethanylutheran.org/preschool/

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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.

Sign up to donate to Bethany's Altar Flower Fund, please use this URL: [**https://bit.ly/BLCAltarFlowers**](https://bit.ly/BLCAltarFlowers)



Or scan Bethany's Flower Fund QR code to the right:

Introducing: SERVANT LEADER TEAM: SPIRITUAL LIFE

WHAT IS SLT: SL?

Bethany's restructured constitution revises elder responsibilities into a new model - the Servant Leader Team: Spiritual Life. This team supports ministry staff and congregational worship through spiritual service, training, and theological study.

2

YEARS OF COMMITMENT



VOLUNTEER
BASED / NOT
ELECTED

CHAIR:

APPOINTED
AFTER SPRING
VOTER'S
MEETING

**CO-
CHAIR:**

APPOINTED
(1 PER TEAM)



Gathered



Connected



Sent

Team one:

ACC: ACOLYTE,
CRUCIFER,
COMMUNION

RESPONSIBILITIES

- assist in distribution of Communion (set up altar/table)
- assist in Baptism liturgy (prepare for the baptism)
- support and train acolytes and crucifers
- support worship staff with planning and logistics
- other duties assigned by worship leaders

4

MEETINGS
PER YEAR

75-90

MINUTES OF
TRAINING

ARRIVE

30

MINUTES BEFORE
ASSIGNED SERVICES



UNLIMITED
OPEN SLOTS

Team two:

SOC: STUDY OF
CONFESSIONS

RESPONSIBILITIES

- read and discuss the Lutheran Confessions with pastoral staff
- support doctrinal clarity and theological growth
- be familiar with all Bible study opportunities of the congregation

6

MEETINGS
PER YEAR

75-90

MINUTES
(EACH MEETING)

20

MEMBERS
MAX



APPROVED
1-ON-1 WITH
PASTOR REQUIRED

Team three:

PSM: PRAYER &
SUPPORT OF
MINISTRY
STAFF

RESPONSIBILITIES

- form 2-3 person groups to support a staff member
- commit to prayer, encouragement, and personal connection with assigned staff member
- team grows as staff grows

2

YEARLY TEAM
MEETINGS

2-4

YEARLY MEETINGS
WITH ASSIGNED
STAFF MEMBER

20-30

MEMBERS
NEEDED



APPROVED
APPOINTED BY
SENIOR PASTOR