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Bethany Lutheran Church | Long Beach, CA

FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 13, 2025

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING SONG/HYMN: “Living Hope”

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

CALL TO WORSHIP:

[L]: Good will and peace from God our Father are yours! (Col. 1:2)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: *(based on Col. 1)*

- L:** God has rescued us from the power of darkness and has brought us into the kingdom of His Son, whom He loves.
- P:** **Yet, Lord we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We are tempted to return to the shadows and thus we have failed to love You with our whole heart and we have failed to love our neighbor as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, who paid the price to set us free, come to us again in mercy and grace, forgive our sins and send us Your Spirit that we might walk in Your ways and delight in Your will. 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 the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. Amen.

FIRST READING: *Colossians 1:1-14*

From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will, and from our brother Timothy.
To God's holy and faithful people, our brothers and sisters who are united with Christ in the city of Colossae.

Good will and peace from God our Father are yours!

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in our prayers for you. We thank God because we have heard about your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God's people. You have these because of the hope which is kept safe for you in heaven. Some time ago you heard about this hope in the Good News which is the message of truth. This Good News is present with you now. It is producing results and spreading all over the world as it did among you from the first day you heard it. At that time, you came to know what God's kindness truly means. You learned about this Good News from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant. He is taking your place here as a trustworthy deacon for Christ and has told us about the love that the Spirit has given you.

For this reason, we have not stopped praying for you since the day we heard about you. We ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through every kind of spiritual wisdom and insight. We ask this so that you will live the kind of lives that prove you belong to the Lord. Then you will want to please Him in every way as you grow in producing every kind of good work by this knowledge about God. We ask Him to strengthen you by His glorious might with all the power you need to patiently endure everything with joy. You will also thank the Father, who has made you able to share the light, which is what God's people inherit.

God has rescued us from the power of darkness and has brought us into the kingdom of His Son, whom He loves. His Son paid the price to free us, which means that our sins are forgiven. -GW®

RESPONSIVE SONG: “Ignite”

Verse 1

Lord you call us
To be people of peace
To reconcile
And to redeem
Lord we're willing
But we are weak
Give us strength to serve—All we meet

Pre-Chorus 1

To the weak and the poor made known
May your love through us be shown

Chorus 1

Spirit of God ignite our hearts
To burn bright for yours
Let us be the light to all
All the dark

Verse 2

Lord you call us
To be people of love
Living sacrifice
To your glory of Lord
Transform us
By the blood of your Son
Bringing justice and mercy
Walking with you God

Pre-Chorus 2

To the weak and the poor made known
May your love through us be shown

Chorus 2

Spirit of God ignite our hearts
To burn bright for yours
Let us be the light to all
All the dark

Bridge

Ignite in us pure holiness
Cleanse us from all selfishness
Lead us in paths of righteousness
To the work You prepared in advance for us

Chorus 3

Spirit of God ignite our hearts
To burn bright for yours
Let us be the light to all
All the dark

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

8:00 & 9:30

HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 10:25-37*

Then an expert in Moses' Teachings stood up to test Jesus. He asked, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus answered him, "What is written in Moses' Teachings? What do you read there?"

He answered, " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as you love yourself.' "

Jesus told him, "You're right! Do this, and life will be yours."

But the man wanted to justify his question. So he asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied, "A man went from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way robbers stripped him, beat him, and left him for dead.

"By chance, a priest was traveling along that road. When he saw the man, he went around him and continued on his way. Then a Levite came to that place. When he saw the man, he, too, went around him and continued on his way.

"But a Samaritan, as he was traveling along, came across the man. When the Samaritan saw him, he felt sorry for the man, went to him, and cleaned and bandaged his wounds. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day the Samaritan took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. He told the innkeeper, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than that, I'll pay you on my return trip.'

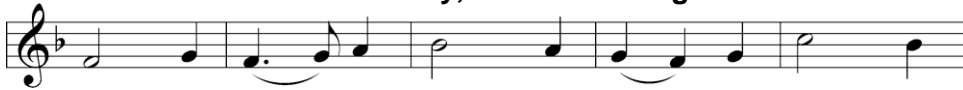
"Of these three men, who do you think was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by robbers?"

The expert said, "The one who was kind enough to help him."

Jesus told him, "Go and imitate his example!" -GW®

SERMON HYMN: "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

LSB 851



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



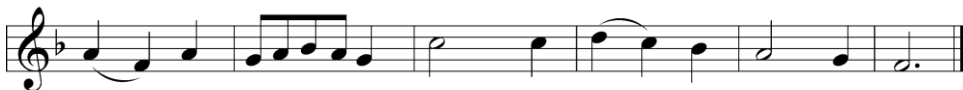
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you?"
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

MESSAGE: “*Sinking down Roots*” Col. 1:1-14

SONG OF THE DAY: “He Will Hold Me Fast”

Verse 1

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Verse 2

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

Verse 3

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *(Col. 1:15-18)*

L: Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. He created all things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible. He is the head of the church which is His body and with the church on earth and in heaven we confess the faith once and for all delivered to the saints:

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.**

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 Maralee at mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org or call 562-421-4711, ext. 21. Thank you!*

CONSECRATION OF GIFTS: *(based on Col. 3:16)*

L: Bless these our gifts Lord;
P: Through them, fund ministry that causes Your Word to dwell richly in us.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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 bottom of page 11 with Announcements.**

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

+ Service of 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."

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**.*

At 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: 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: “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

“You Are the Way; through You Alone”

LSB 526

1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can
2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True
3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant

we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has
wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -
claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their
us that way to know, That truth to keep, that

God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.
form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.
trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.
life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING: (Col. 2:7)

L: You received Christ Jesus the Lord, so continue to live as Christ's people. Sink your roots in Him and build on Him. Be strengthened by the faith that you were taught, and overflow with thanksgiving.

CLOSING HYMN: “O Sing to the Lord”

LSB 808



1 O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the
2 For God is the Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the
3 So dance for our God And blow all the trum-pets. So dance for our
4 O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spir - it. O shout to our
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is

Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the Lord, O
Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the Lord! And
God And blow all the trum-pets. So dance for our God And
God, Who gave us the Spir - it. O shout to our God, Who
Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A -

sing God a new song. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
God has done won-ders. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
blow all the trum - pets. And sing to our God, And sing to our God.
gave us the Spir - it. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
men! Al - le - lu - ia! O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

POSTLUDE



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“Living Hope”

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“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us LSB 851

Text: Eliza C. Alderson, 1818-89, alt. Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-87.

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“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

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"You Are the Way; through You Alone" LSB 526

Text: George W. Doane, 1799-1859, alt. Tune: *The CL Psalmes of David*, Edinburgh, 1615; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941.

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"O Sing to the Lord" LSB 808

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Tune: Brazilian; setting: Karl Scjrader. b/ 1942.

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SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Acolyte...

Crucifer 9:30 ...Logan Noble

Lector 8:00...Ruth Lopez

9:30...Vance Frederick

11:00...Les Friend

Liturgist...Karl Fink

Preacher...Pastor Seth Moorman

Director of Music & Worship Arts...Noah Freeman

Artist in Residence...Blake Flattley

Children's Message...Kayleigh Lopez



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.



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

*~In celebration of the birthdays of our mothers,
Carolyn Friend and Veronica Scott,
and our grandson Zachery James Friend ~*

~by Pam and Les Friend



Please visit our websites to find out more about our Church, School and Preschool. Get weekly updates by signing up for the **Bethany Broadcast**—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>



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.

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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



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



APPOINTED BY
SENIOR PASTOR