



# Gathered Connected Sent

Bethany Lutheran Church | Long Beach, CA

SIXTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 20, 2025

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## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

## **OPENING SONG:**

### **“Sing”**

#### **Verse 1**

We are a broken people  
Not worthy of Your grace  
Humbly we will enter  
The temple of Your praise

#### **Verse 2**

Fall to our knees  
Lay at Your scarred feet  
The Lamb who took our place  
Upon the mercy seat

#### **Pre-Chorus**

And You sing over us  
You sing over us

#### **Chorus**

And we'll sing of Your great mercy  
Sing of Your great grace  
Because of Your great love  
We'll sing aloud Your praise (REPEAT)

#### **Verse 3**

You are the one  
Who's made us hold and set apart  
Claimed as Your people  
We worship You the One True God

#### **Bridge**

As You sing  
As we sing

## **CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(based on Col. 1:3)*

**[L]:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**[P]:** **We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ through the Spirit  
He has given us.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:** *(based on Col. 1:21ff)*

- L:** Once we were separated from God. The sinful things we did, the holy things we left undone, showed us for the people which we are by nature. But Christ has brought us back to God by dying in His body on the cross. He did this so that we could come into God's presence without sin, fault or blame.
- P:** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- L:** God has made you alive with Christ. He forgives all your failures. He did this by erasing the charges that were brought against you. He took the charges away by nailing them to the cross of Jesus. In His name and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins. Amen.

## **FIRST READING: *Colossians 1:21-29***

Once you were separated from God. The evil things you did showed your hostile attitude. But now Christ has brought you back to God by dying in His physical body. He did this so that you could come into God's presence without sin, fault, or blame. This is on the condition that you continue in faith without being moved from the solid foundation of the hope that the Good News contains. You've heard this Good News of which I, Paul, became a servant. It has been spread throughout all creation under heaven.

I am happy to suffer for you now. In my body I am completing whatever remains of Christ's sufferings. I am doing this on behalf of His body, the church. I became a servant of the church when God gave me the work of telling you His entire message. In the past God hid this mystery, but now He has revealed it to His people. God wanted His people throughout the world to know the glorious riches of this mystery—which is Christ living in you, giving you the hope of glory.

We spread the message about Christ as we instruct and teach everyone with all the wisdom there is. We want to present everyone as mature Christian people. I work hard and struggle to do this while His mighty power works in me. -GW®

## **RESPONSIVE SONG: “Glory be to Jesus”**

### **Verse 1**

Glory be to Jesus who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the lifeblood from His sacred veins  
Grace and life eternal in that blood I find  
Blest be His compassion infinitely kind

### **Chorus 1**

We lift our voices singing praise to Your name  
For the mercy that flows from the Lamb who was slain

### **Verse 2**

Blest through endless ages be the precious stream  
Which from endless torment did the world redeem  
Abel's blood for vengeance pleaded to the skies  
But the blood of Jesus for our pardon cries

### **Chorus 2**

We lift our voices singing praise to Your name  
For the mercy that flows from the Lamb  
We lift our voices singing praise to Your name  
For the mercy that flows from the Lamb who was slain

### **Bridge 1**

Praise You I will never cease to praise You  
Praise You I will never cease to praise You

### **Bridge 2**

We'll not be silent we'll shout it aloud  
Letting all the world know of this Love  
We'll not be silent we'll shout it aloud  
Letting all the world know of this Love

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 10:38-42***

As they were traveling along, Jesus went into a village. A woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. She had a sister named Mary. Mary sat at the Lord's feet and listened to Him talk.

But Martha was upset about all the work she had to do. So, she asked, "Lord, don't You care that my sister has left me to do the work all by myself? Tell her to help me."

The Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha! You worry and fuss about a lot of things. There's only one thing you need. Mary has made the right choice, and that one thing will not be taken away from her."-GW®

## **SERMON SONG: "Sweet Comfort"**

### **Verse 1**

Whatever my God ordains is right  
His holy will abides  
I will be still whatever He does  
And follow where He guides

### **Chorus**

Sweet comfort sweet comfort  
Yet shall fill my heart  
Sweet comfort sweet comfort  
Sorrow shall depart

### **Verse 2**

Whatever my God ordains is right  
He makes my feet to stand  
Though sorrow need or death be mine  
He holds me in His hand

### **Bridge**

This bitter cup I take it  
My fainting heart restored  
So here I stand unshaken  
I trust upon the Lord

### **Verse 3**

He is my God though dark my road  
He holds me I shall not fall  
Whatever my God ordains is right  
To Him I leave it all

## **MESSAGE: "*Sinking down Roots*" Col. 1:21-29**

## **SONG OF THE DAY: “Yet not I but Through Christ in Me”**

### **Verse 1**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### **Verse 2**

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### **Verse 3**

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### **Verse 4**

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### **Ending**

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH:** *(based on Col. 1:15)*

**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:

## **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.**

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## **CONSECRATION OF GIFTS:** *(based on Col. 3:17)*

**L**: Receive these our gifts, O Lord, and fund ministry through them that enables us in Word and deed to do all things in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to the Father through Him.

## **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.

## ✠ 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 as 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 am 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:**

### **“Everything”**

#### **Verse 1**

God in my living  
There in my breathing  
God in my waking  
God in my sleeping  
God in my resting  
There in my working  
God in my thinking  
God in my speaking

#### **Chorus**

Be my ev'rything  
Be my ev'rything  
Be my ev'rything  
Be my ev'rything

#### **Verse 2**

God in my hoping  
There in my dreaming  
God in my watching  
God in my waiting  
God in my laughing  
There in my weeping  
God in my hurting  
God in my healing

#### **Bridge**

Christ in me Christ in me  
Christ in me the Hope of Glory  
You are ev'rything

#### **Ending**

You are ev'rything (4X)  
Jesus ev'rything (4X)

## **“The God Who Bleeds”**

### **Verse 1**

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

### **Chorus 1**

Now I see  
Just how great my need  
In His hands and in His feet  
Lamb of God  
Oh my soul shall sing  
All glory 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 1**

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

### **Tag 1**

All glory to the God who bleeds

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING: *(based on Col. 3:2)*

**L:** Keep your mind on things above, not on worldly things. You have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with Him in glory. Amen.

### CLOSING SONG: “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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“Sing”

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“Glory be to Jesus” LSB 433

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"Yet Not I but Through Christ In Me"

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"Everything"

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"God who Bleeds"

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"Be Thou My Vision" WOV 776

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## **SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**

Lector 8:00...Mike Riordan

Liturgist...Pastor John Alwood

Artist in Residence...Blake Flattley

Children's Message...Pastor John Alwood

9:30...Mike Riordan

Preacher...Pastor Kevin Kritzer

Keyboard...Pat Gagan



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