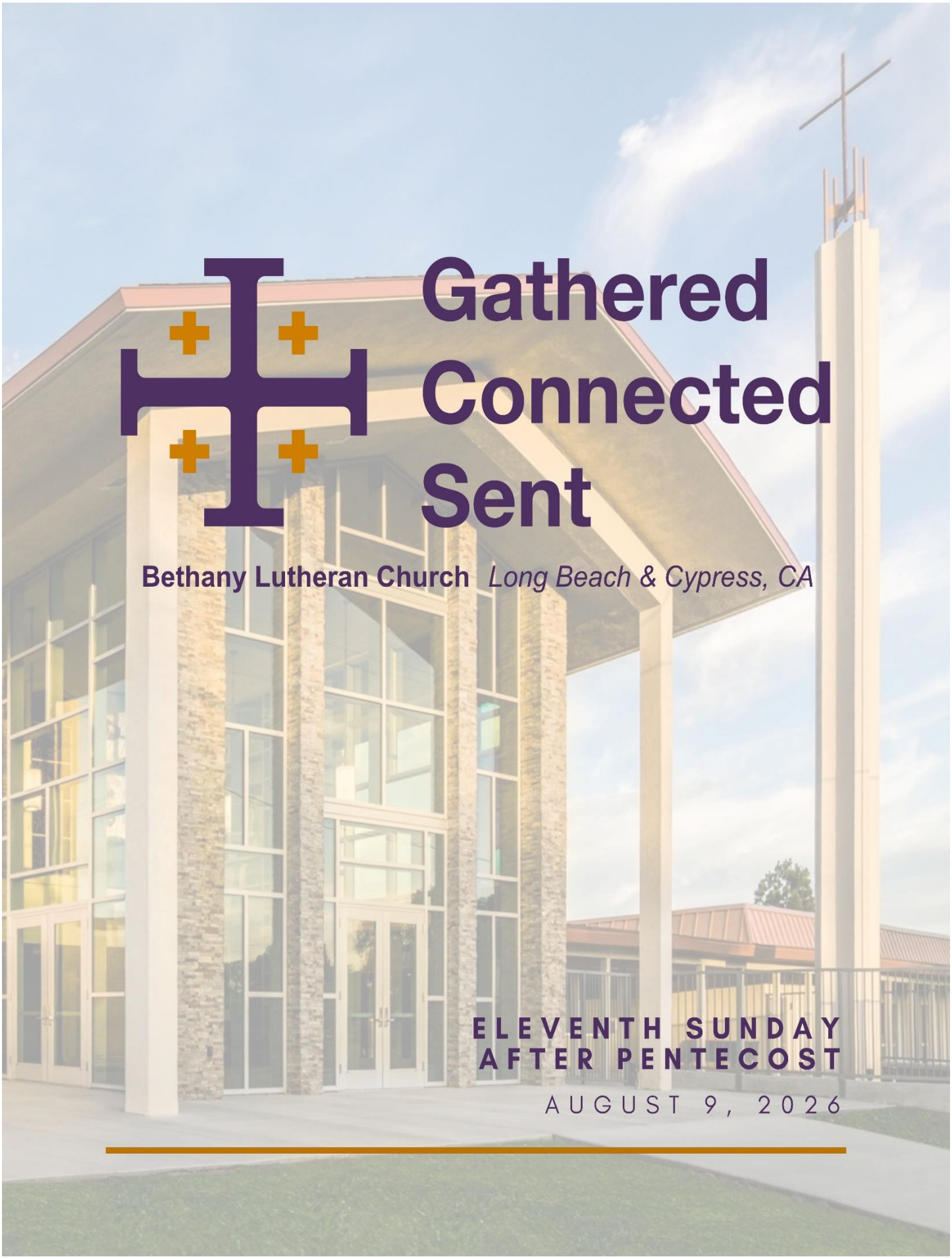

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 2026

As We Gather

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PRELUDE: **"Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir, P. 183"** Organ

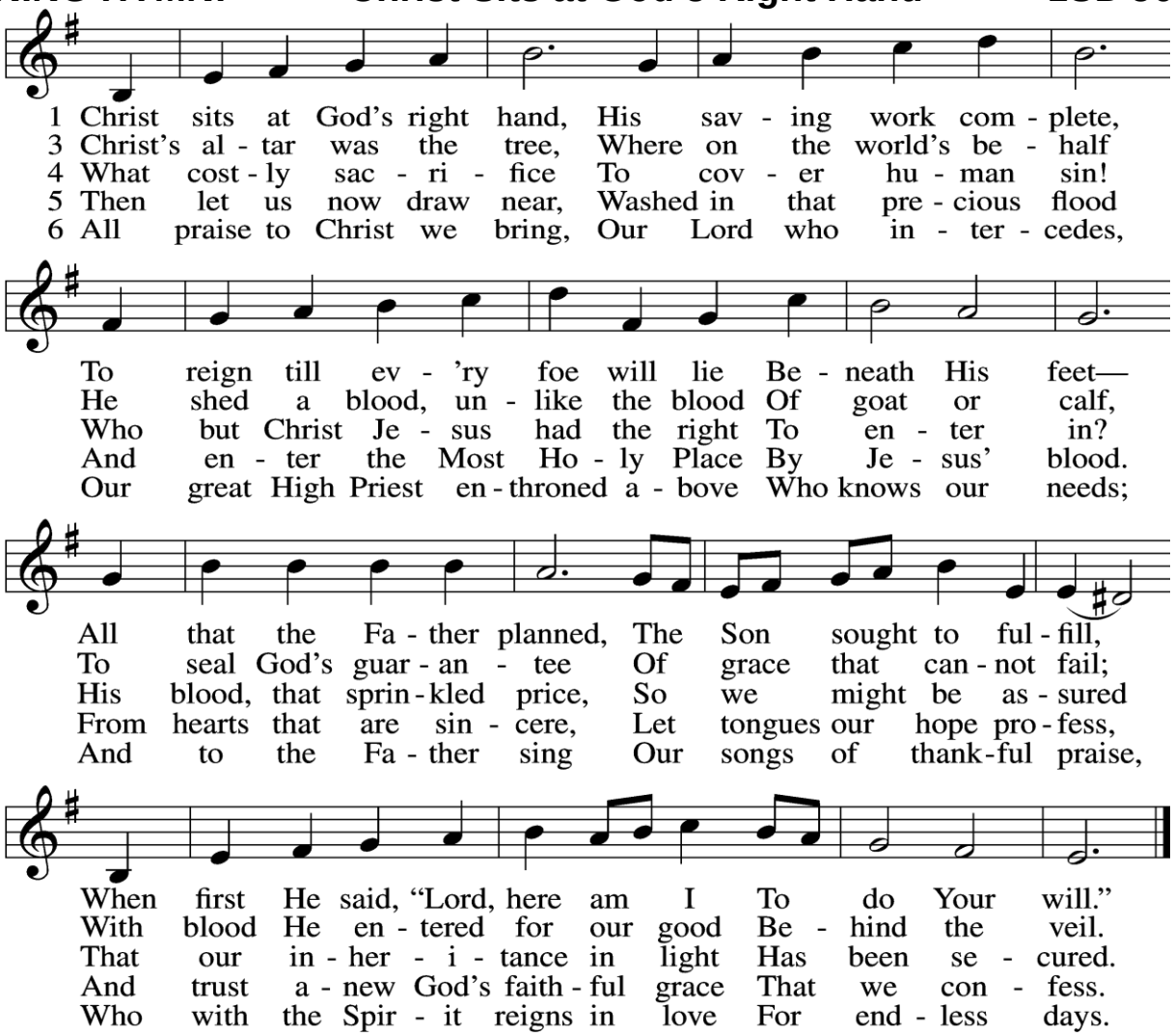
~Johann Pachelbel

Prelude on "Old Hundredth"

~ Healey Willan

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: **"Christ Sits at God's Right Hand"** LSB 564



INVOCATION:

L: Grace and peace to you from God our Father, from the Lord Jesus Christ and from the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from both. *(Romans 1:7)*

P: **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Jesus Christ, through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead. *(Romans 1:4)*

P: **We are among those who have been called to belong to Him.** *(Romans 1:6)*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

L: When Adam sinned, sin entered the entire human race.

P: **Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned, including me.** *(Romans 5:12)*

L: The Law of God is good. The trouble is with me!

P: **I am bound in sin. I don't even fully understand myself. There are times in which I really want to do what is good and right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do the very thing I despise. I am a hypocrite. I know perfectly well that what I do is at times wrong, and my guilty conscience shows that I agree that the law is good. But I can't help myself. So far as my sinful nature is concerned, I am rotten to the core. No matter which way I turn, I can't make myself do right. So many have been the times that I have wanted to do right, but I couldn't. I wanted to do good, but didn't. So often when I have tried not to do wrong, I have done so anyway. What a miserable person I am! Lord, free me from the life that is dominated by sin, and rescue me from death. For the sake of Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.** *(Romans 7:18-19&25)*

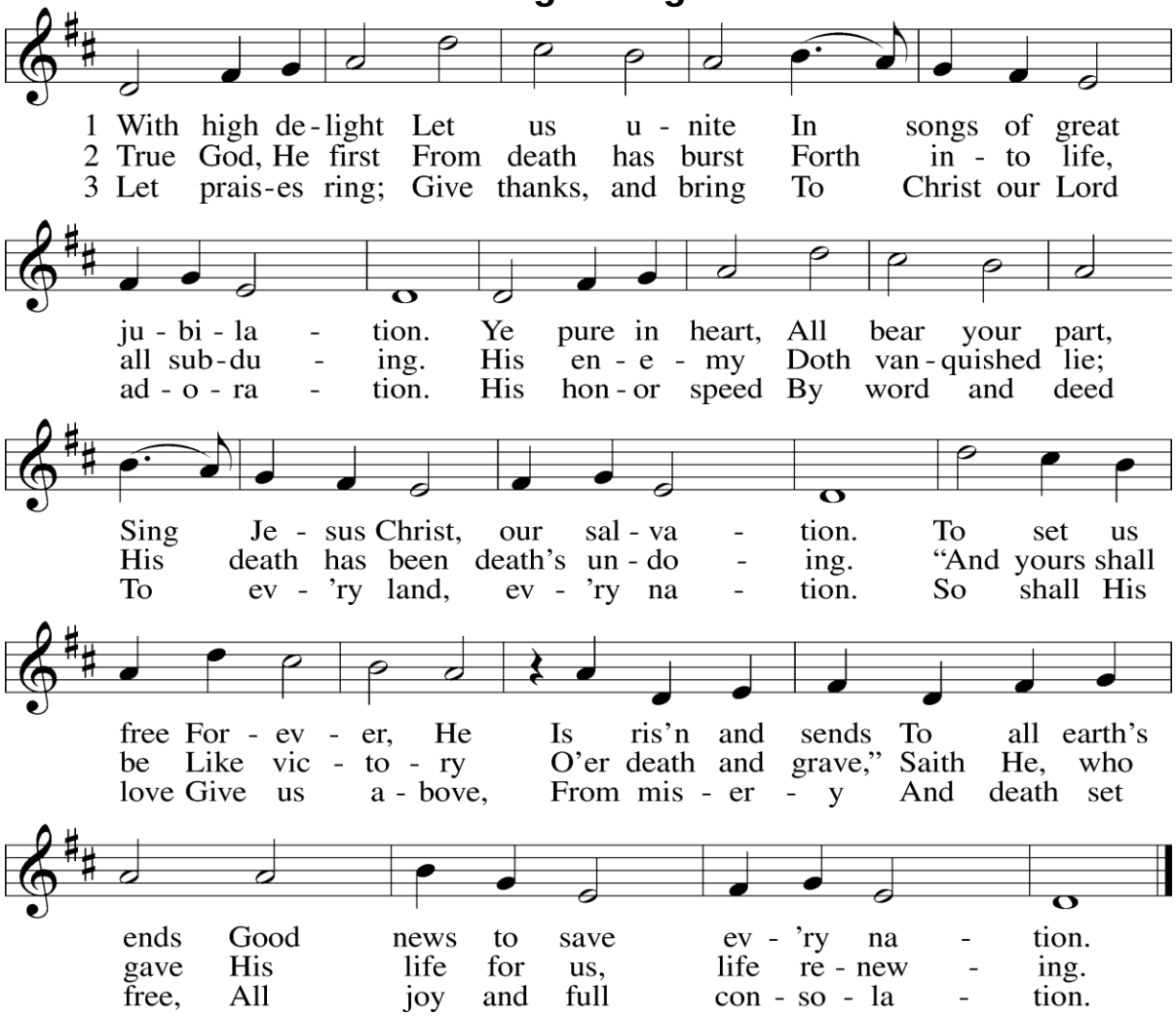
L: I am here to announce that there is no condemnation for you who are Christ's own people. God didn't deal with the problem of sin as something remote or unimportant. In His Son, Jesus, He personally took on the human condition and set it right once and for all. Now God has taken up residence in your life, go in peace and serve the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: Oh, the depth of the riches of Your wisdom and knowledge, O God.

P: **From You and through You and to You are all things. To You be glory forever!** *(Romans 11:33 & 36)*

RESPONSIVE HYMN: “With High Delight Let Us Unite” LSB 483



FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger
who announces the good news, “All is well.”
He brings the good news,
announces salvation,
and tells Zion that its God rules as king.
Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices
and shout together joyfully.
When the LORD brings Zion back,
they will see it with their own eyes.
Break out into shouts of joy, ruins of Jerusalem.
The LORD will comfort his people.
He will reclaim Jerusalem.
The LORD will show his holy power to all the nations.
All the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God. —GW®

SECOND READING: *Romans 10:5-17*

Moses writes about receiving God's approval by following his laws. He says, "The person who obeys these laws will live because he obeys them." However, Scripture says about God's approval which is based on faith, "Don't ask yourself who will go up to heaven," (that is, to bring Christ down). "Don't ask who will go down into the depths," (that is, to bring Christ back from the dead). However, what else does it say? "This message is near you. It's in your mouth and in your heart." This is the message of faith that we spread. If you declare that Jesus is Lord, and believe that God brought him back to life, you will be saved. By believing you receive God's approval, and by declaring your faith you are saved. Scripture says, "Whoever believes in him will not be ashamed."

There is no difference between Jews and Greeks. They all have the same Lord, who gives his riches to everyone who calls on him. So then, "Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

But how can people call on him if they have not believed in him? How can they believe in him if they have not heard his message? How can they hear if no one tells the Good News? How can people tell the Good News if no one sends them? As Scripture says, "How beautiful are the feet of the messengers who announce the Good News." But not everyone has believed the Good News.

Isaiah asks, "Lord, who has believed our message?" So faith comes from hearing the message, and the message that is heard is what Christ spoke. —GW®

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

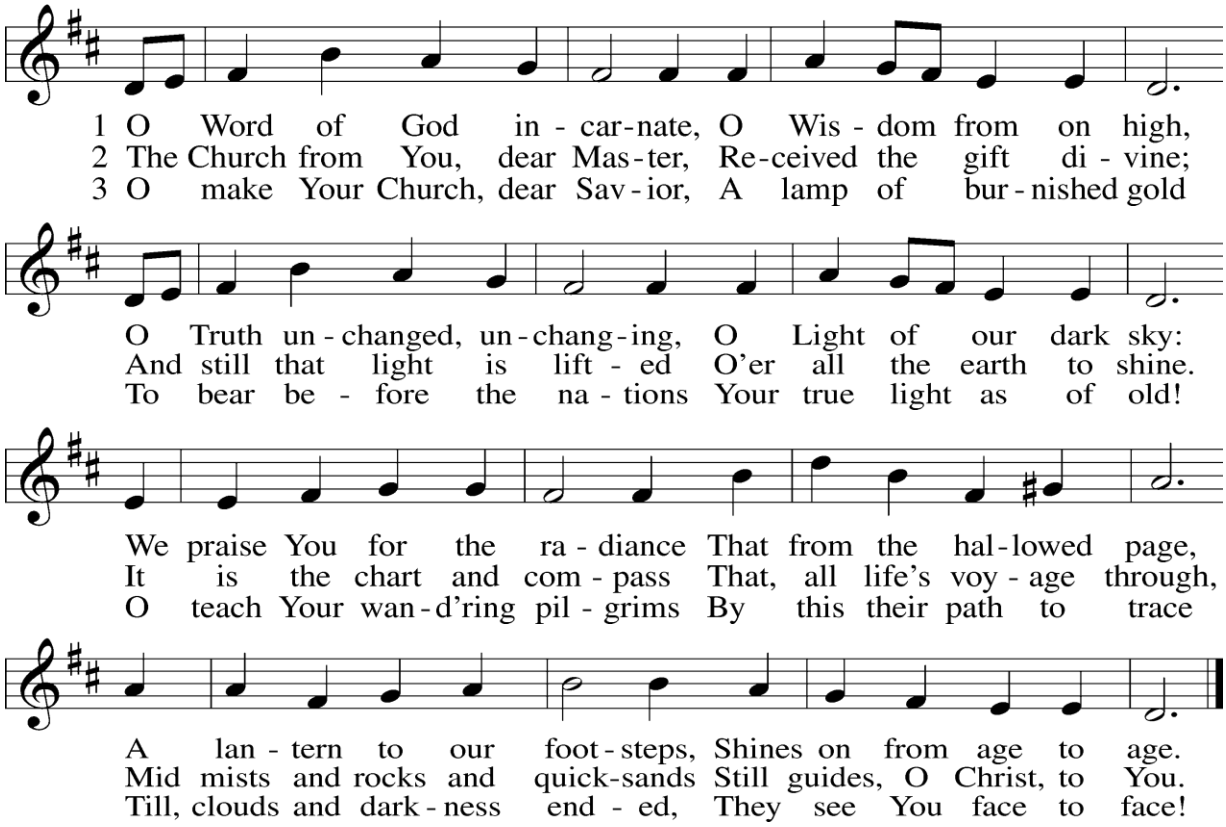
HOLY GOSPEL: *John 12:1-8*

Six days before Passover, Jesus arrived in Bethany. Lazarus, whom Jesus had brought back to life, lived there. Dinner was prepared for Jesus in Bethany. Martha served the dinner, and Lazarus was one of the people eating with Jesus.

Mary took a bottle of very expensive perfume made from pure nard and poured it on Jesus' feet. Then she dried his feet with her hair. The fragrance of the perfume filled the house.

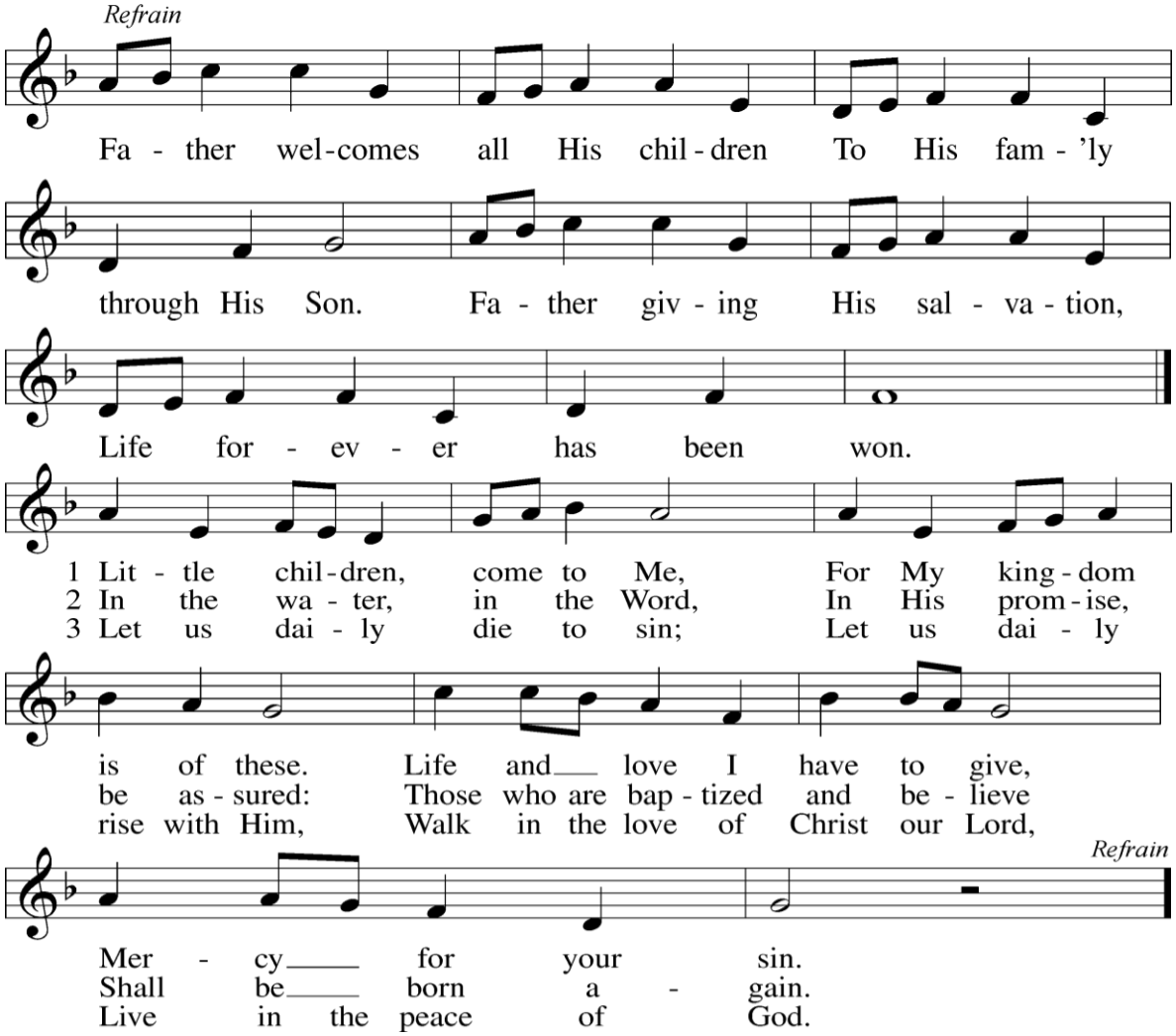
One of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was going to betray him, asked, "Why wasn't this perfume sold for a high price and the money given to the poor?" (Judas didn't say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief. He was in charge of the moneybag and carried the contributions.) Jesus said to Judas, "Leave her alone! She has done this to prepare me for the day I will be placed in a tomb. You will always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me with you." —GW®

SERMON HYMN: **“O Word of God Incarnate”** LSB 523



MESSAGE: ***Romans 10:5-17***

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Father Welcomes” LSB 605



CONFESSION OF FAITH: 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 Andria at arosas@bethanylutheran.org or call 562-421-4711, ext. 21. Thank you!*

CONSECRATING THE GIFTS:

L: Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;

P: Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.

L: Tokens of love and pledges they shall be

P: that our whole life is offered to Your will.

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.

****** At our 8:00 a.m. service, we will continue on page 10 with Announcements.***
****** At our 9:30 a.m. service, we continue 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.

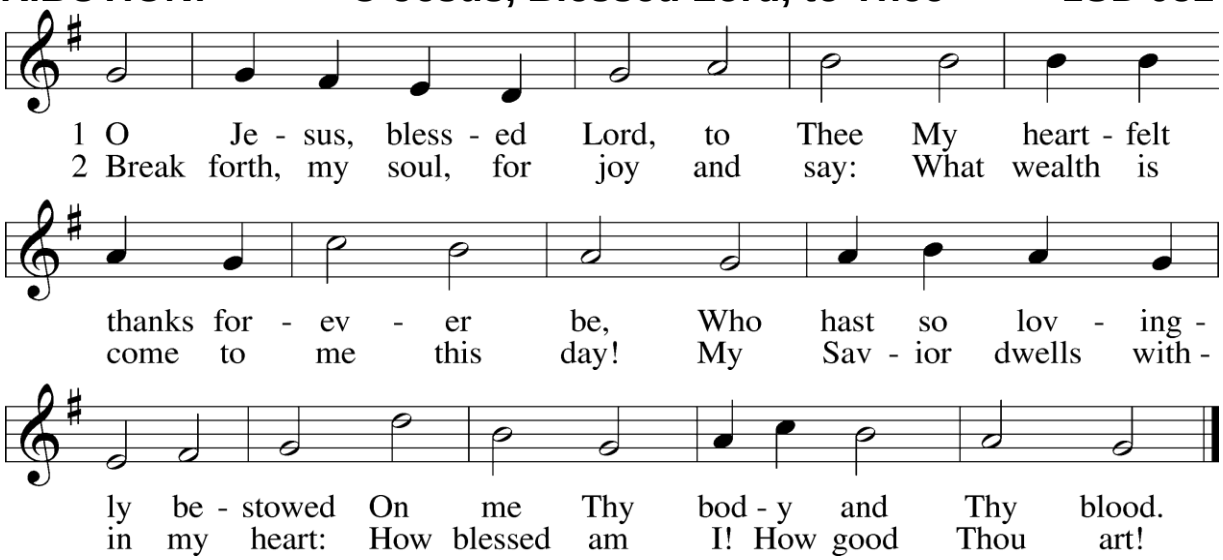
To prepare for communion you can find prayer prompts on the front page of the Lutheran Service Book. Or simply pray: "Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation, You invite me to come to You; to eat and drink Your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacred meal. Forgive 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."

*For those communing, who so desire, center cups in each tray are **alcohol free.***
*For those with dietary restrictions, the wafers next to the Christ candle are **gluten free;***

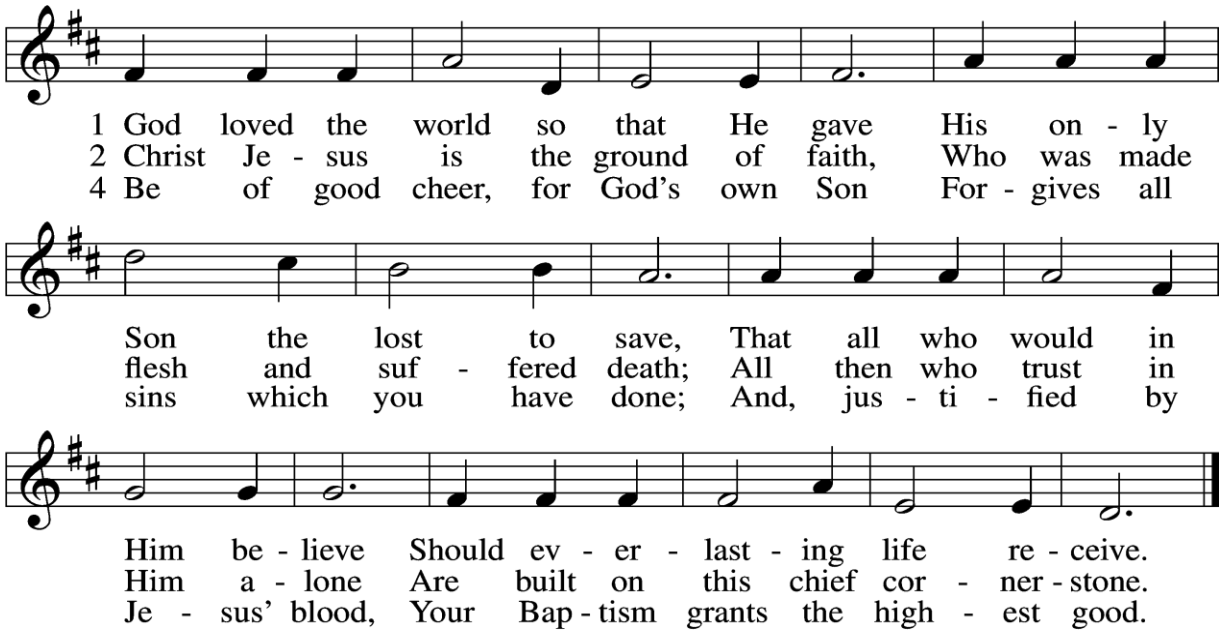
We will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION: “O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee” LSB 632



“God Loved the World So That He Gave” LSB 571



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

HOLY BAPTISM:

<u>9:30</u> ✢ ***JADE & OWEN HUNGERFORD*** ✢

Elder: Through Baptism, God has made **Jade and Owen** members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that together we may present the forgiveness of God in Christ to our world.

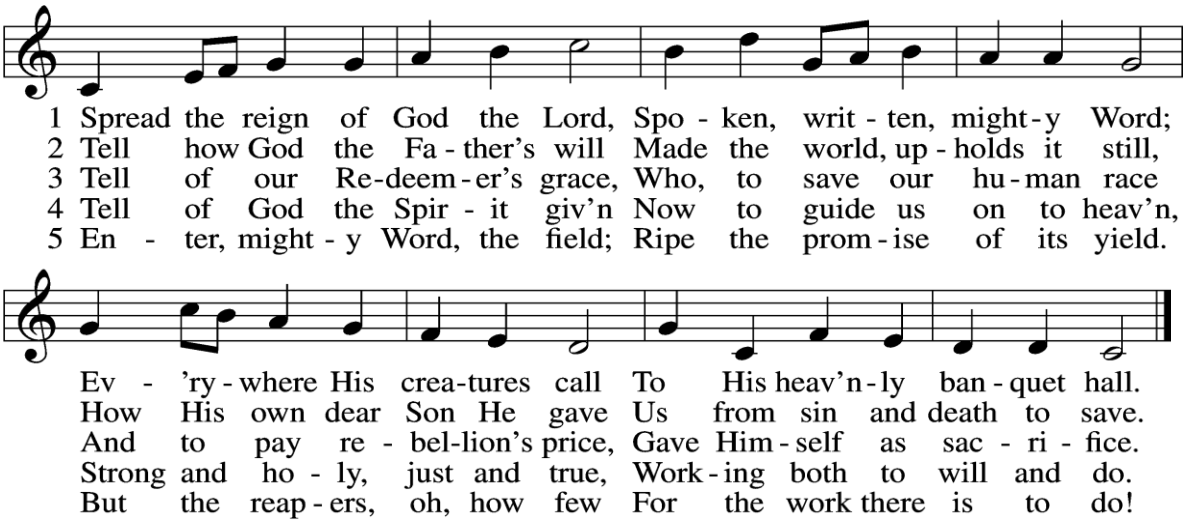
People: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION:

L: Our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. So let us be clothed with Christ and forgetting about satisfying the sinful self. *(Romans 13:11&14)*

CLOSING HYMN: "Spread the Reign of God the Lord" LSB 830



POSTLUDE: "Sortie, Opus 3" Organ

~ Charles Tournemire

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SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Acolyte 9:30…Oliver Koehlinger
Lector 8:00…Greg Goebel 9:30…Elsie Rivera
Liturgist…Pastor Seth Moorman Preacher...Pastor Mark Siegert
Organist…Robert Bottoms Children's Message…Pastor Seth Moorman
Sound/Production…Felix Rivera & Jon Widmann

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

~ In thanksgiving for Ryan Fink's Ordination into the Pastoral Ministry at Crean Lutheran High School yesterday, August 8 ~

~by Karl and Mary Fink

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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.

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Parents of Young Children: We are so glad you and your children are here! Children are a joyful part of worship—after all, God created them with curiosity, energy, and yes, a few wiggles. Please don't feel pressure to keep them perfectly still in God's house. Their presence is truly a gift to our church family.

Worship is where we learn, together, how to listen and speak to God alongside our brothers and sisters in faith. You are welcome to quietly explain parts of the service and what our worship leaders are doing—children learn how to worship by watching and imitating you.

If it would be helpful, "worship bags" are available in the Narthex with items designed to support children and families during worship. Childcare is also available in our Nursery for children from birth through age five. Our caring and qualified staff look forward to welcoming your little one into a safe and loving environment.

Bethany's Nursery is located across the courtyard. Please feel free to ask an usher if you need directions—we're happy to help.

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