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Bethany Lutheran Church | Long Beach, CA

SEVENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 27, 2025

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**PRELUDE:**

“Fantasia in G major, BWV 572”  
~J. S. Bach

Organ

**WELCOME****OPENING HYMN: “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”**

LSB 909



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of  
3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faith - ful All the gifts they  
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; Come with all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
ask to gain; What they gain from You, for - ev - er  
to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's  
Hear Your peo - ple as they pray; And Your full - est  
With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter  
Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and



help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.  
one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(based on Col. 1:2)*

**L:** Good will and peace from God our Father are yours!

**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 2:6-15***

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.

Be careful not to let anyone rob you of this faith through a shallow and misleading philosophy. Such a person follows human traditions and the world's way of doing things rather than following Christ.

All of God lives in Christ's body, and God has made you complete in Christ. Christ is in charge of every ruler and authority. In Him you were also circumcised. It was not a circumcision performed by human hands. But it was a removal of the corrupt nature in the circumcision performed by Christ. This happened when you were placed in the tomb with Christ through baptism. In baptism you were also brought back to life with Christ through faith in the power of God, who brought Him back to life.

You were once dead because of your failures and your uncircumcised corrupt nature. But God made you alive with Christ when He forgave all our failures. He did this by erasing the charges that were brought against us by the written laws God had established. He took the charges away by nailing them to the cross. He stripped the rulers and authorities of their power and made a public spectacle of them as He celebrated His victory in Christ. -GW®

## HYMN OF PRAISE: "Praise the Almighty"

LSB 797



1 Praise the Al-might-y, my soul, a-dore Him!  
 3 Bless-ed, oh, bless-ed are they for-ev-er  
 5 Praise, all you peo-ple, the name so ho-ly

Yes, I will laud Him un-til death; With songs and  
 Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal-  
 Of Him who does such won-drous things! All that has

an-thems I come be-fore Him As long as  
 va-tion can noth-ing sev-er, And who in  
 be-ing, to praise Him sole-ly, With hap-py

He al-lows me breath. From Him my life and  
 hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in  
 heart its a-men sings. Chil-dren of God, with

all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho-ly name.  
 Him, our Lord Will aid and coun-sel now af-ford.  
 an-gel host Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost!

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

8:00 & 9:30

## HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 11:1-13*

Once Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He stopped praying, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray as John taught his disciples."

Jesus told them, "When you pray, say this:

Father,  
 let Your name be kept holy.

Let Your kingdom come.  
 Give us our bread day by day.  
 Forgive us as we forgive everyone else.  
 Don't allow us to be tempted."


Jesus said to His disciples, "Suppose one of you has a friend. Suppose you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, let me borrow three loaves of bread. A friend of mine on a trip has dropped in on me, and I don't have anything to serve him.' Your friend might answer you from inside his house, 'Don't bother me! The door is already locked, and my children are in bed. I can't get up to give you anything.' I can guarantee that although he doesn't want to get up to give you anything, he will get up and give you whatever you need because he is your friend and because you were so bold.

"So I tell you to ask, and you will receive. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened for you. Everyone who asks will receive. The one who searches will find, and for the person who knocks, the door will be opened.

"If your child asks you, his father, for a fish, would you give him a snake instead? Or if your child asks you for an egg, would you give him a scorpion? Even though you're evil, you know how to give good gifts to your children. So how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?" -GW®

## SERMON HYMN: "In Holy Conversation"

LSB 772



1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion We speak to God in prayer,  
 2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions Be - gin in child-like ways;  
 3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, In si - lence or by word,

And at His in - vi - ta - tion Our deep-est thoughts we share.  
 We bring our sup - pli - ca - tions And words of thanks and praise.  
 In ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion Through Je - sus, we are heard.

We come, His will o - bey - ing, As chil - dren bring - ing needs;  
 With care our Fa - ther lis - tens To ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,  
 So let us pray se - cure - ly, Ex - press - ing hopes and fears

And to sup - port our pray - ing, His Spir - it in - ter - ced - es.  
 Then an - swers our pe - ti - tions In ways He knows are best.  
 With con - fi - dence that sure - ly Our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

**MESSAGE: “Sinking down Roots” Col. 2:6-15**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “Father Most Holy”**

LSB 504



1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer-ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our  
2 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en, Good-ness un -  
3 Mak - er of all things, all Thy crea-tures praise Thee; All for Thy  
4 Lord God Al - might - y, un - to Thee be glo - ry, One in three



Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,  
bound - ed, ver - y God of heav - en, Light of the an - gels,  
wor - ship were and are cre - at - ed; Now, as we al - so  
per - sons, o - ver all ex - alt - ed! Glo - ry we of - fer,



ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, Light nev - er wan - ing;  
joy of those for - sak - en, Hope of all liv - ing,  
wor - ship Thee de - vout - ly, Hear Thou our voic - es.  
praise Thee and a - dore Thee, Now and for - ev - er.

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

**[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](mailto: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 page 10 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."*

## **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: "Hear Us, Father, When We Pray"

LSB 773

1 Hear us, Fa - ther, when we pray, Through Your Son and  
 2 When we know not what to say, And our wound - ed  
 3 Je - sus, ad - vo - cate on high, Sac - ri - ficed on  
 4 By Your Spir - it now at - tend To our prayers and

in Your Spir - it. By Your Spir - it's Word con - vey  
 souls are plead - ing, May Your Spir - it, night and day,  
 Cal - v'ry's al - tar, Through Your priest - ly blood we cry:  
 sup - pli - ca - tions, As like in - cense they as - cend

All that we through Christ in - her - it,  
 Groan with - in us in - ter - ced - ing;  
 Hear our prayers, though they may fal - ter;  
 To Your heav'n - ly hab - i - ta - tions.

That as bap - tized heirs we may Tru - ly pray.  
 By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.  
 Place them on Your Fa - ther's throne As Your own.  
 May their fra - grance waft a - bove, God of love.

# "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"

LSB 632

1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt  
 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is

thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -  
 come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -

ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.  
 in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

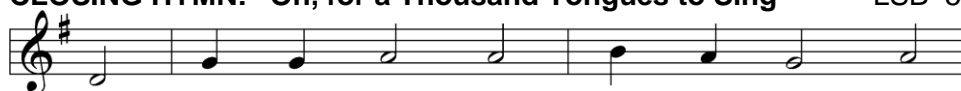
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### BLESSING: *(based on Col. 2:7)*

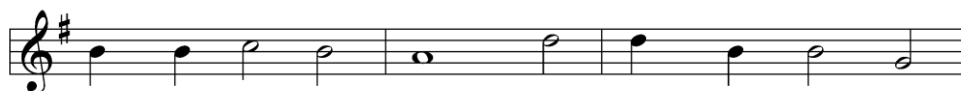
**[L]:** You received Christ Jesus the Lord, so continue to live as Christ's people. Sink your roots in Him and build on Him. Be strengthened by the faith that you were taught, and overflow with thanksgiving.

### CLOSING HYMN: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

LSB 528



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My  
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He  
5 Look un - to Him, ye na - tions; own Your  
6 See all your sins on Je - sus laid; The  
7 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love Be



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my  
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the  
God, ye fall - en race. Look and be saved through  
Lamb of God was slain. His soul was once an  
now and ev - er giv'n By saints be - low and



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!  
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.  
faith a - lone, Be jus - ti - fied by grace.  
of - f'ring made For ev - 'ry soul of man.  
saints a - bove, The Church in earth and heav'n.

### POSTLUDE:

"Symphony No. 1, Opus 14: VI. 'Final'"  
~Louis Vierne

Organ

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“Praise the Almighty” LSB 797

Text: Johann Dnaiel Herrnschmidt, 1675-1723; tr. Alfred E. R. Brauer, 1866-1949, alt.

Tune: *New-vermehrte Christliche Seelenharpf*, Ansbach, 1665; setting: *Christian Worship*, 1993

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“Hear Us, Father, When We Pray” LSB 773

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## **SERVING GOD’S HOUSE TODAY:**

Crucifer 9:30...Henry Cerulle

Lector 8:00...Katie Musick

9:30...Nola Seaman

11:00...Ashlyn Bowman

Liturgist...Karl Fink

Preacher...Vicar Ryan Fink

Organist...Robert Bottoms

Children’s Message...Alissa Brege



**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 45 years of Marriage for Dick & Carole Adams  
on July 24<sup>th</sup> ~*

*~by Richard Adams*



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

*~ In celebration of Roy and Patty Detwiler  
as they celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on July 28<sup>th</sup> ~*

*~by Roy Detwiler*



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