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**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

OCTOBER 12, 2025

PRELUDE:

“Fantasia on Old Hundredth”

~Lloyd Larson

Jubilate Handbell Choir

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN:

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

LSB 902



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in
2 Un - seal our lips to sing Your praise In end - less
3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, “O ho - ly,
4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly

true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and
ho - ly Lord Most High!” And in the light of
Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed

light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.
light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.
that blest place We then shall see You face to face.
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through - out e - ter - ni - ty!

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(based on 1 Timothy 1:2)*

L: Good will, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord are yours!

CONFESSION OF GUILT AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

(based on 1 Timothy 1:15 & 1 Timothy 2:6)

L: This is a trustworthy saying, Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am worst.

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

LSB 611



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it
blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,
Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of
to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

L: Rejoice! Jesus Christ sacrificed Himself to free you from your sins. Amen.

PSALMODY: PSALM 49:1-12 *(we read responsively)*

L: Hear this, all ye people;

P: **give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world:**

L: Both low and high,

P: **rich and poor, together.**

L: My mouth shall speak of wisdom;

P: **and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.**

L: I will incline mine ear to a parable:

P: **I will open my dark saying upon the harp.**

L: Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil,

P: **when the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about?**

L: They that trust in their wealth,

P: **and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;**

L: None of them can by any means redeem his brother,

P: **nor give to God a ransom for him:**

L: (For the redemption of their soul is precious,

P: **and it ceaseth for ever:)**

L: That he should still live for ever,

P: **and not see corruption.**

L: For he seeth that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish,

P: **and leave their wealth to others.**

L: Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling places to all generations;

P: **they call their lands after their own names.**

L: Nevertheless man being in honor abideth not:

P: **he is like the beasts that perish...** -KJV®

L: The Holy Scriptures have the power to give you wisdom, for every passage is inspired by God and useful for teaching, correcting, and training God's people.
(based on 1 Timothy 3)

EPISTLE READING: II Timothy 2:1-13

My child, find your source of strength in the kindness of Christ Jesus. You've heard my message, and it's been confirmed by many witnesses. Entrust this message to faithful individuals who will be competent to teach others.

Join me in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. Whoever serves in the military doesn't get mixed up in non-military activities. This pleases his commanding officer. Whoever enters an athletic competition wins the prize only when playing by the rules. A hard-working farmer should have the first share of the crops. Understand what I'm saying. The Lord will help you understand all these things.

Always think about Jesus Christ. He was brought back to life and is a descendant of David. This is the Good News that I tell others. I'm suffering disgrace for spreading this Good News. I have even been put into prison like a criminal. However, God's word is not imprisoned. For that reason, I endure everything for the sake of those who have been chosen so that they, too, may receive salvation from Christ Jesus with glory that lasts forever. This is a statement that can be trusted:

If we have died with Him, we will live with Him.

If we endure, we will rule with Him.

If we disown Him, He will disown us.

If we are unfaithful, He remains faithful
because He cannot be untrue to Himself. -GW®

L: Having heard the Word, you are equipped as a servant of God and prepared to do good in, for and through Him. Amen

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

“Total Praise”

Bethany Choir 8:00 & 9:30

~Richard Smallhead & Keith Christopher

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

8:00 & 9:30

HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 17:1-17*

Jesus told His disciples, “Situations that cause people to lose their faith are certain to arise. But how horrible it will be for the person who causes someone to lose his faith! It would be best for that person to be thrown into the sea with a large stone hung around his neck than for him to cause one of these little ones to lose his faith. So watch yourselves!

“If a believer sins, correct him. If he changes the way he thinks and acts, forgive him. Even if he wrongs you seven times in one day and comes back to you seven times and says that he is sorry, forgive him.”

Then the apostles said to the Lord, “Give us more faith.”

The Lord said, “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Pull yourself up by the roots, and plant yourself in the sea!’ and it would obey you.

“Suppose someone has a servant who is plowing fields or watching sheep. Does he tell his servant when he comes from the field, ‘Have something to eat’? No. Instead, he tells his servant, ‘Get dinner ready for me! After you serve me my dinner, you can eat yours.’ He doesn’t thank the servant for following orders. That’s the way it is with you. When you’ve done everything you’re ordered to do, say, ‘We’re worthless servants. We’ve only done our duty.’ ”

Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee on His way to Jerusalem. As He went into a village, ten men with a skin disease met Him. They stood at a distance and shouted, “Jesus, Teacher, have mercy on us!”

When He saw them, He told them, “Show yourselves to the priests.” As they went, they were made clean. When one of them saw that he was healed, he turned back and praised God in a loud voice. He quickly bowed at Jesus’ feet and thanked Him. (The man was a Samaritan.)

Jesus asked, “Weren’t ten men made clean? Where are the other nine? -GW®



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
 4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -
 5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness
 a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,
 glo - ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro - claim



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our
 And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and
 Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's
 A - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:
 praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:
 ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:
 from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone:



To God all praise and glo - ry!
 To God all praise and glo - ry!
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 To God all praise and glo - ry!

MESSAGE: “Connected, Connect” II Timothy 2:1-13

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

LSB 528

1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He
5 Look un - to Him, ye na - tions; own Your
7 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love Be
great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the
God, ye fall - en race. Look and be saved through
now and ev - er giv'n By saints be - low and
God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.
faith a - lone, Be jus - ti - fied by grace.
saints a - bove, The Church in earth and heav'n.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: (Intro. II Timothy 6:12)

[L]: The apostle has called us to make a good testimony regarding the Christian 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.

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

COLLECT OF THE DAY: (1 Timothy 2:1-3)

- [L]:** “This is good and it pleases God, to make petitions, prayers, intercessions, and give thanks for all, including rulers and those in authority that
[P]: we can have a quiet and peaceful life, always lived in a godly and reverent way.”

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 & 11:00 a.m. worshippers, the service continues on the bottom of 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 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: “Jesus Comes Today with Healing” LSB 620



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
 2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to

door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
 me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.

He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His

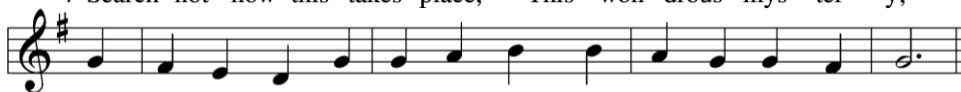
in - vi - ta - tion: “Come and taste the bless - ed feast.”
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

“Your Table I Approach”

LSB 628



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
 2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
 3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
 4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
 A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
 Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
 God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
 That earth and hell combined
 May not about this sacrament
 Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
 To thank You day and night
 For Your true body and true blood,
 O God, my peace and light.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION: *(based on 1 Timothy)*

- [L]:** The Lord will bless you and keep you, make His face to shine upon you, be gracious to you, and give you peace.
- [P]:** **He is the only God; the immortal, invisible and eternal King, to whom belongs worship and glory forever. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

LSB 918

1 Guide me, O Thou great Re-deem-er, Pil-grim through this
2 O-pen now the crys-tal foun-tain Whence the heal-ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, Bid my anx-ious
bar-ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might-y;
stream doth flow; Let the fi-ery, cloud-y pil-lar
fears sub-side; Death of death and hell's de-struction,
Hold me with Thy pow'r-ful hand. Bread of heav-en,
Lead me all my jour-ney through. Strong de-liv-'rer,
Land me safe on Ca-naan's side. Songs of prais-es,
bread of heav-en, Feed me till I want no
strong de-liv-'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
songs of prais-es, I will ev-er give to
more;
shield;
Thee;
Feed me till I want no more.
Be Thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev-er give to Thee.

POSTLUDE:**“Carillon-Sortie”**

Organ

~Henri Mulet

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“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now” LSB 902

Text: *Lutherisch Hand-Büchlein*, Altenburg, 1648; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.

Tune: *Cantionale Germanicum*, Gochsheim, 1628; setting: *Service Book & Hymnal*, 1958. Text & Music: Public domain

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be” LSB 611

Text: William McComb, 1793-1873, alt.

Tune: Richard Redhead, 1820-1901; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941. Text and music: Public domain

“Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good” LSB 819

Text: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1640-90; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812-97, adapt., sts. 1-3, 5; tr. Catherine Winkworth. 1827-78;

adapt. St. 4 Tune: Melchoir Vulpius, c. 1570-1615; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941. Text & music: Public domain

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" LSB 528

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, alt. Tune: Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829.

Text and music: Public domain.

"Jesus Comes Today with Healing" LSB 620

Text: Heinrich Puchta, 1808-58; tr. David W. Rogner, b. 1960

Tune: Johann Löhner, 1645-1705; adapt. Johann Balhausar König, 1691-1758. Setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

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"Your Table I Approach" LSB 628

Text: Gerhard Wolter Molanus, 1633-1722; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828-1915, alt.

Tune: *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, ed. Louis Bourgeois;

Setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941.

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"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" LSB 918

Text: William Williams, 1717-91, abr.; tr. Peter Williams, 1722-96, st. 1, alt.;

tr. William Williams, 1717-91, sts. 2-3.

Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932.

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SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Acolyte 8:00...Benjamin Culley

Lector 8:00...Claude Potter

9:30...Mike Riordan

11:00...Les Friend

Liturgist...Pastor Kevin Kritzer

Preacher...Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies

Organist 8:00 & 9:30...Robert Bottoms

Pianist 11:00...Trinity Alwood

Director of Music and Worship Ministries...Noah Freeman

Accompanist...Kevin Bowers

Children's Message...Kayleigh Lopez



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