

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 9, 2025

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### OPENING SONG: “Free to Worship”

#### Verse 1

We have gathered to sing these songs  
Wretched sinners and desperate frauds  
Fully covered in Jesus’ blood  
Free to worship the Three In One  
Free to worship the Three In One

#### Chorus

Holy is the Lord  
Holy is the Lord Almighty  
Holy is the Lord our mighty God

#### Verse 2

We have gathered to sing these songs  
Sons and daughters of every tongue  
Bound together in Jesus blood  
Free to worship the Three In One  
Free to worship the Three In One

#### Bridge

The curtain was torn through  
We stand before You  
And mercy is all you speak

### INVOCATION:

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

**P:** Amen.

**L:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**P:** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

- L:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- P:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- L:** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- P:** **Amen.**

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

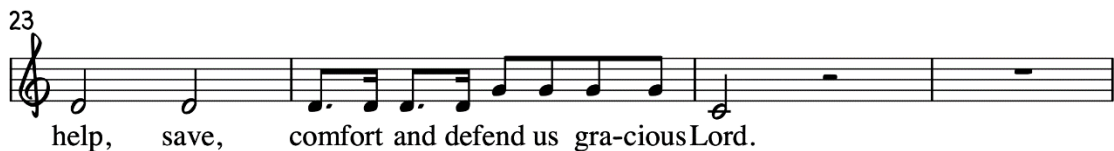
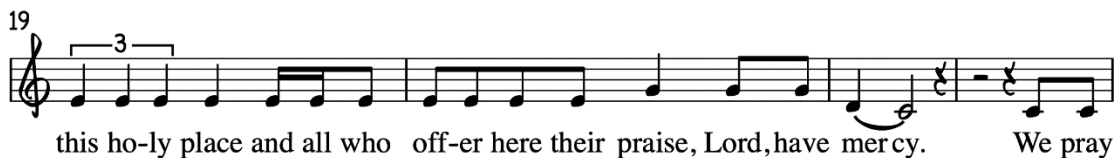
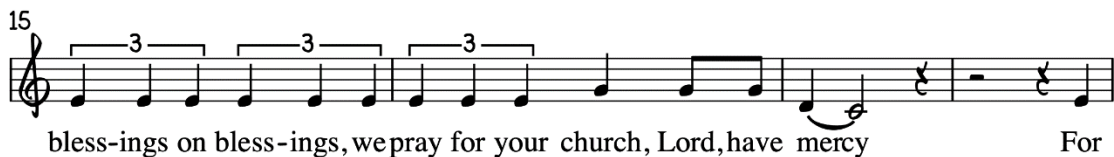
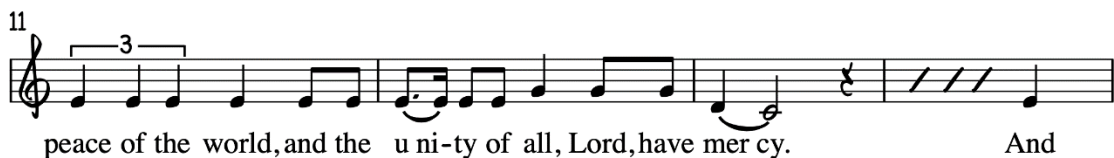
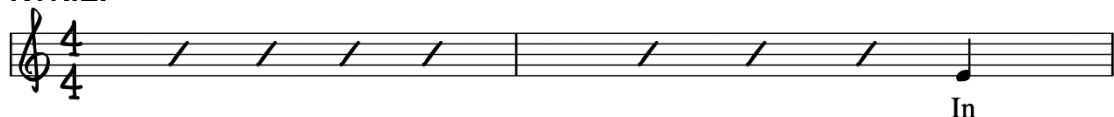
### INTROIT:

*Psalm 92:12–15; Read responsively*

- L:** It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.
- P:** **The righteous flourish like the palm tree  
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**
- L:** They are planted in the house of the LORD;  
they flourish in the courts of our God.
- P:** **They still bear fruit in old age;  
they are ever full of sap and green,**
- L:** to declare that the LORD is upright;  
He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.
- P:** **It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

# KYRIE:



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## **OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Exodus 3:1-15***

Moses was taking care of the sheep of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. As he led the sheep to the far side of the desert, he came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

The Messenger of the Lord appeared to him there as flames of fire coming out of a bush. Moses looked, and although the bush was on fire, it was not burning up. So he thought, "Why isn't this bush burning up? I must go over there and see this strange sight."

When the Lord saw that Moses had come over to see it, God called to him from the bush, "Moses, Moses!"

Moses answered, "Here I am!"

God said, "Don't come any closer! Take off your sandals because this place where you are standing is holy ground. I am the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God.

The Lord said, "I have seen the misery of my people in Egypt, and I have heard them crying out because of the slave drivers. I know how much they're suffering. I have come to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and to bring them from that land to a good land with plenty of room for everyone. It is a land flowing with milk and honey where the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites live. I have heard the cry of the people of Israel. I have seen how the Egyptians are oppressing them. Now, go! I am sending you to Pharaoh so that you can bring my people Israel out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the people of Israel out of Egypt?"

God answered, "I will be with you. And this will be the proof that I sent you: When you bring the people out of Egypt, all of you will worship God on this mountain."

Then Moses replied to God, "Suppose I go to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' What should I tell them?"

God answered Moses, "I Am Who I Am. This is what you must say to the people of Israel: 'I Am has sent me to you.' "

Again, God said to Moses, "This is what you must say to the people of Israel: The Lord God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name forever. This is my title throughout every generation. -GW®

## **EPISTLE READING: *II Thessalonians 2:1-8 & 13***

Brothers and sisters, we have this request to make of you about our Lord Jesus Christ's coming and our gathering to meet him. Don't get upset right away or alarmed when someone claims that we said through some spirit, conversation, or letter that the day of the Lord has already come. Don't let anyone deceive you about this in any way. That day cannot come unless a revolt takes place first, and the man of sin, the man of destruction, is revealed. He opposes every so-called god or anything that is worshiped and places himself above them, sitting in God's temple and claiming to be God.

Don't you remember that I told you about these things when I was still with you? You know what it is that now holds him back, so that he will be revealed when his time comes. The mystery of this sin is already at work. But it cannot work effectively until the person now holding it back gets out of the way. Then the man of sin will be revealed and the Lord Jesus will destroy him by what he says. When the Lord Jesus comes, his appearance will put an end to this man.

We always have to thank God for you, brothers and sisters. You are loved by the Lord and we thank God that in the beginning he chose you to be saved through a life of spiritual devotion and faith in the truth. -GW®

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

8:00 & 9:30

## **HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 20:27-40***

Some Sadducees, who say that people will never come back to life, came to Jesus. They asked him, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us, 'If a married man dies and has no children, his brother should marry his widow and have children for his brother.' There were seven brothers. The first got married and died without having children. Then the second brother married the widow, and so did the third. In the same way all seven brothers married the widow, died, and left no children. Finally, the woman died. Now, when the dead come back to life, whose wife will she be? The seven brothers had married her."

Jesus said to them, "In this world people get married. But people who are considered worthy to come back to life and live in the next world will neither marry nor die anymore. They are the same as the angels. They are God's children who have come back to life.

"Even Moses showed in the passage about the bush that the dead come back to life. He says that the Lord is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He's not the God of the dead but of the living. In God's sight all people are living."

Some experts in Moses' Teachings responded, "Teacher, that was well said." From that time on, no one dared to ask him another question. -GW®

## **SERMON SONG: “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

## **SERMON: “At Work”**

### **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: THE APOSTLES' CREED

**P:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian 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 Maralee at [mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org) or call 562-421-4711, ext. 21. Thank you!*

## PRAYER OF THANKS

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**PREFACE: 9:30 only**

*8:00 & 11:00 go to p. 12 Lord's Prayer*

**L:** The Lord be with you.

**P:** **And also with you.**

**L:** Lift up your hearts.

**P:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**L:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**L:** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**P:** **Amen.**

## SANCTUS:

1  
God of glo-ry, You are strong and might - ty. We sing

5  
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, is the Lord.

9  
Sav - ing One\_ we praise You for this gift of love. Of the

13  
Bo - dy and Your mo - st pre - cious blood.

17  
Grant that we\_ may ta - ste and see\_ True

21  
grace found in Christ's blood and bo - dy. Ho -

25  
sa - na\_ to the one\_ who comes\_ in the

29  
name the, ho - ly name\_ of the Lord.

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

**L:** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**P:** **Amen.**

**L:** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **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 15 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."*

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD:

**L:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI:

**L:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**P:** And also with you.

*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 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:**

### **“Abide with Me”**

LSB 878

- 1     Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.  
      The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
      When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
      Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- 2     I need Thy presence ev’ry passing hour;  
      What but Thy grace can foil the tempter’s power?  
      Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?  
      Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
- 6     Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
      Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
      Heav’n’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee;  
      In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

### **“My Help, My God”**

#### **Verse 1**

Why are you so full of heaviness  
Why are you disquieted within  
Oh my soul oh my soul  
As the deer longs for the water brooks  
So my soul it longs and thirsts for You  
Oh my God oh my God

#### **Chorus**

Put your trust in God I will yet give thanks to Him  
Put your trust in God I will yet give thanks to Him  
Put your trust in God I will yet give thanks to Him  
My Help my God

**Verse 2**

Deep goes unto deep like ocean waves  
All Your floods and rapids on me break  
Oh my soul oh my soul  
I will say unto my God my strength  
How is it You have forgotten me  
Oh how long oh how long

**Verse 3**

Yahweh grants His kindness in the day  
Through the night His song it is that stays  
Oh my soul oh my soul

**Ending**

My help my God  
My help my God

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

*9:30 only*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****BENEDICTION:**

- L**: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- P**: **Amen.**

## **CLOSING SONG: "Christ is Risen"**

### **Verse 1**

Let no one caught in sin remain  
Inside the lie of inward shame  
But fix our eyes upon the cross  
And run to Him who showed great love  
And bled for us  
Freely You've bled for us

### **Chorus**

Christ is risen from the dead  
Trampling over death by death  
Come awake come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave  
Christ is risen from the dead  
We are one with Him again  
Come awake come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave

### **Verse 2**

Beneath the weight of all our sin  
You bowed to none but heaven's will  
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown  
No burden great can hold You down  
In strength You reign  
Forever let Your church proclaim

### **Bridge**

O death where is your sting  
O hell where is your victory  
O church come stand in the light  
The glory of God has defeated the night  
Singing O death where is your sting  
O hell where is your victory  
O church come stand in the light  
Our God is not dead He's alive He's alive

## **POSTLUDE**



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

Acolyte 8:00...Ben Culley

Acolyte 9:30...Alice Kienitz

Lector 8:00...Claude Potter

Preacher...Pastor Kevin Kritzer

Keyboard...Pat Gagan

9:30...John & Josette Utke

Crucifer 9:30...Reenie Long

11:00...Les Friend

Artist in Residence...Blake Flattley

Children's Message...Kayleigh Lopez



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## **Bethany Lutheran's 54th Annual Christmas Concerts: "O Holy Night":**

On Sunday, December 14, a 54-year community Christmas tradition will take place at Bethany Lutheran, as it has since 1969. The public is invited to attend one of two Christmas concerts, "O Holy Night," at 3:00 pm or 7:00 p.m.

This concert is a FREE TICKETED EVENT, and seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. A freewill offering will be received to benefit Bethany Lutheran Music Ministry and Music Scholarship Fund. Tickets are available beginning Wednesday, November 12.

Noah Freeman, Director of Music and Worship Arts, will lead this year's concerts and has selected a variety of sacred choral and orchestral music. The Bethany Choir, Jubilate Handbell Choir, Crescendo Handbell Choir, and the Trinity & Troubadour Choirs will present anthems by Jeffrey Blerch, Greg Gilpin, David von Kampen, Jay Rouse, Taylor Scott Davis, Daniel Kantor, John Ferguson, and Brett Stewart - all of which share the message of how all of humanity changed on that one, o holy night.

Our concert organist, Robert Bottoms, and our piano accompanist, Kevin Bowers will be featured in the program.

For tickets and more information, visit Bethany Lutheran's Music Ministry website at:

**[www.BethanyLutheranMusicMinistry.org/christmas](http://www.BethanyLutheranMusicMinistry.org/christmas)**

*Fall on your knees, oh hear the angels' voices. O NIGHT DIVINE!*



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[www.bethanylutheran.org/school/](http://www.bethanylutheran.org/school/)

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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.

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