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Bethany Lutheran Church | Long Beach, CA

SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 18, 2026

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Verse 1

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity

Verse 2

Holy, holy, holy Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye made blind by sin
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power in love and purity

Bridge

And we all bow down...

Verse 3

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy Merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP:

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

P: **Amen.**

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

P: **who made heaven and earth.**

L: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

P: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

L: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

P: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

L: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: **Amen.**

KYRIE:

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

P: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

P: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

P: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

P: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

P: **Amen.**

THIS IS THE FEAST:

Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- L:** Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- P:** Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: *Isaiah 49:1-7*

Listen to me, you islands.
Pay attention, you people far away.
Before I was born, the LORD chose me.
While I was in my mother's womb, He recorded my name.
He made my tongue like a sharp sword
and hid me in the palm of His hand.
He made me like a sharpened arrow
and hid me in His quiver.

He said to me,
"You are my servant Israel.
I will display my glory through you."
But I said,
"I have worked hard for nothing.
I have used my strength, but I didn't accomplish anything.
Yet, certainly my case is in the LORD's hands,
and my reward is with my God."

The LORD formed me in the womb to be His servant
in order to bring Jacob back to Him
and gather Israel to Him.
(The LORD honors me,
and my God has become my strength.)

Now, the LORD says,

"You are not just my servant
who restores the tribes of Jacob
and brings back those in Israel whom I have preserved.
I have also made you a light for the nations
so that you would save people all over the world."

The LORD is the defender of Israel, its Holy One.
This is what the LORD says to the despised one, to the one scorned by the nation, to the slave of rulers:

Kings will see you and stand.
Princes will see you and bow.
The LORD is faithful.
The Holy One of Israel has chosen you. – GW®

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and from Sosthenes, our brother in the Christian faith.

To God's church that was made holy by Christ Jesus and called to be God's holy people in the city of Corinth and to people everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Good will and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ are yours!

I always thank God for you because Christ Jesus has shown you God's good will. Through Christ Jesus you have become rich in every way—in speech and knowledge of every kind. Our message about Christ has been verified among you. Therefore, you don't lack any gift as you wait eagerly for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will continue to give you strength until the end so that no one can accuse you of anything on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God faithfully keeps His promises. He called you to be partners with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. – GW®

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

8:00 & 9:30 am

GOSPEL: John 1:29-42a

John saw Jesus coming toward him the next day and said, "Look! This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one I spoke about when I said, 'A man who comes after me was before me because He existed before I did.' I didn't know who He was. However, I came to baptize with water to show Him to the people of Israel."

John said, "I saw the Spirit come down as a dove from heaven and stay on Him. I didn't know who He was. But God, who sent me to baptize with water, had told me, 'When you see the Spirit come down and stay on someone, you'll know that person is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen this and have declared that this is the Son of God."

The next day John was standing with two of his disciples. John saw Jesus walk by. John said, "Look! This is the Lamb of God." When the two disciples heard John say this, they followed Jesus.

Jesus turned around and saw them following Him. He asked them, "What are you looking for?"

They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which means "teacher"), "where are You staying?"

Jesus told them, "Come, and you will see." So they went to see where He was staying and spent the rest of that day with Him. It was about ten o'clock in the morning.

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two disciples who heard John and followed Jesus. Andrew at once found his brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means "Christ"). Andrew brought Simon to Jesus.

Jesus looked at Simon and said, "You are Simon, son of John. Your name will be Cephas" (which means "Peter"). – GW®

SERMON SONG: "Come As You Are"

Verse 1

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal...

Chorus

(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart
Come as you are

Verse 2

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

Bridge

Come as you are; Fall in His arms
Come as you are

Verse 3

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal...

Ending

Come as you are...

MESSAGE: “All in All: All You Need” 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

SONG OF THE DAY: “Overflow”

Verse 1

When the wine ran dry in Cana
You filled to overflow
When 5000 needed feeding
You multiplied the loaves

Verse 2

When the night had come to nothing
And all they had were empty nets
You filled the boat to bursting
You fill my emptiness

Pre-Chorus 1

When I can't see past; All I lack

Chorus 1

You're more than I hoped for
You're Overflow
Abundance incarnate
In flesh and bone
I wanted healing You did me one better
I prayed for a moment You gave me forever

Verse 3

When You were sold for silver
And hung between two thieves
You took the cup of suffering
Poured out your life for me

Pre-Chorus 2

When I can't see past; All I lack

Chorus 2

You're more than I hoped for
You're Overflow
Abundance incarnate
In flesh and bone
I wanted healing You did me one better
I prayed for a moment
You gave me forever and ever and ever...

Bridge 1

Surely goodness and mercy will chase me
And I'll live in the house of my Savior
Forever and ever and ever and ever amen

Bridge 2

Surely goodness and mercy will chase me
And I'll live in the house of my Savior
Forever and ever and ever and ever amen

Bridge 3

Surely goodness and mercy will chase me
And I'll live in the house of my Savior
Forever and ever and ever and ever amen

Bridge 4

Surely goodness and mercy will chase me
And I'll live in the house of my Savior
Forever and ever and ever and ever amen

Chorus 3

You're more than I hoped for
You're Overflow
Abundance incarnate
In flesh and bone
I wanted healing you did me one better
I prayed for a moment you gave me forever
And ever and ever
You gave me forever and ever and ever...

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE:

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, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS:

God of glory, You are strong and mighty.
We sing holy, holy, holy, is the Lord.
Saving One—we praise You for this gift of love.
Of the Body and Your most precious blood.
Grant that we, may taste and see—
True grace found in Christ's blood and body.
Hosana, to the One who comes
In the name, the holy name of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

L: Blessed are 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.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.*

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

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 ✠ 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 ✠ 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 & 11:00 a.m. services 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: “Is He Worthy”

Verse 1

Do you feel the world is broken—We do
Do you feel the shadows deepen—We do
But do you know that all the dark
Won't stop the light from getting through—We do
Do you wish that you could see it all made new—We do

Verse 2

Is all creation groaning—It is
Is a new creation coming—It is
Is the glory of the Lord
To be the light within our midst—It is
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this—It is

Chorus 1

Is anyone worthy—Is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy—Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this—He is

Verse 3

Does the Father truly love us—He does
Does the Spirit move among us—He does
And does Jesus our Messiah
Hold forever those He loves—He does
Does our God intend to dwell again with us—He does

Chorus 2

Is anyone worthy—Is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests
To God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy—Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy—Is He worthy *(continued on next page)*

Is He worthy of this—He is

Ending

Is He worthy—Is He worthy
He is—He is

“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

Verse 1

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

Verse 2

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Verse 3

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:

L: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

P: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION:

L: Let us bless the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

P: **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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“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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- **A Special Request with Recognition*** is a special type of Altar Flower donation. This request will be printed in the bulletin.

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