

MAKE A JOYFUL

NOISE

BETHANY LUTHERAN

TO THE

LORD

PSALM 98:4
2025-2026

January 25, 2026—Celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week

PRELUDE:

“Exultate Deo”

Jubilate Handbell Choir

~by Jeff Fedon

WELCOME

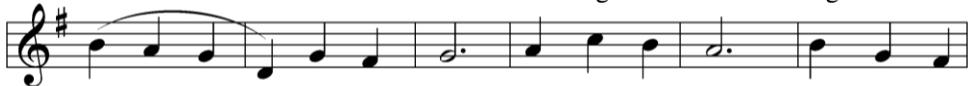
OPENING HYMN:

“Earth and All Stars”

LSB 817



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets! Sing to the
3 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals! Sing to the
5 Class - rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes! Sing to the



Lord a new song! Oh, vic - to - ry! Loud shout - ing
Lord a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming
Lord a new song! Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing



ar - my! Sing to the Lord a new song!
cel - los! Sing to the Lord a new song!
peo - ple! Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain



He has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too will praise Him with a new song!

CALL TO WORSHIP: (based on Psalm 98)

L: Make a Joyful Noise to the LORD all the earth.

P: **Worship the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.**

L: Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His;

P: **We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.**

L: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

P: **The name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

L: For He is good and His love endures forever;

P: **His faithfulness to all generations.**

SONG OF PRAISE: “King of Kings”

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

- L**: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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 Jesus, and saying: God, be merciful to me a sinner.
- P**: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- L**: Almighty God, You have gathered us into Your 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 You Son Jesus Christ, though Whom we have received Your gracious forgiveness and been given the identity that belongs to all Your children. Amen.

THE LITANY:

L: Make us to know Your ways, O LORD:

P: **teach us Your paths.**

L: As we learn and as we lead,

P: **teach us Your paths.**

L: As we listen and as we speak,

P: **teach us Your paths.**

L: As we receive and as we give

P: **teach us Your paths.**

L: In all we think, do and say,

P: **teach us Your paths.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: *Psalm 98:1-4 (we read responsively)*

L: Oh sing to the LORD a new song,

P: **for He has done marvelous things!**

L: His right hand and His holy arm

P: **have worked salvation for Him.**

L: The LORD has made known His salvation;

P: **He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

L: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness

P: **to the house of Israel.**

L: All the ends of the earth have seen

P: **the salvation of our God.**

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

P: **break forth into joyous song and sing praises! – ESV®**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

“How Great is Our God”

Troubadour Choir 8:00 am

~ Chris Tomlin

“Holy Forever”

Trinity Choir 9:30 am

~Chris Tomlin

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: **Romans 10:14-18**

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.

But I ask, “Didn’t they hear that message?” Certainly they did! “The voice of the messengers has gone out into the whole world and their words to the ends of the earth.” – GW®

MINSITRY OF MUSIC: “I’ve Got the Joy” Bethany K-2nd Grade 9:30 am
~ George W. Cooke

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE 8:00 & 9:30 am

GOSPEL READING: *John 3:5-8*

Jesus said, “I can guarantee this truth: No one can enter God’s kingdom without being born of water and the Spirit. Flesh and blood give birth to flesh and blood, but the Spirit gives birth to things that are spiritual. Don’t be surprised when I tell you that all of you must be born from above. The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you don’t know where the wind comes from or where it’s going. That’s the way it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” – GW®

SERMON HYMN: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” LSB 790

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -
a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with
health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His
tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY: “Here in the Water”

Verse 1

This is the beginning of a life made new
This is where forever begins with You
I remember the day
When You gave me your name
This is the beginning of a life made new

Verse 2

This is the beginning of a life made new
This is where forever begins with You
You put the old in the grave
With the sin and the shame
This is the beginning of a life made new

Chorus 1

The Jordan song goes on and on
My morning dawns
Here in the water
Evil depart from my new heart
New mercies start
Here in the water

Verse 3

This is the beginning of a life made new
This is where forever begins with You
Baptized into death
I share Your breath
This is the beginning of a life made new

Chorus 2

The Jordan song goes on and on
My morning dawns
Here in the water
Evil depart from my new heart
New mercies start
Here in the water

Bridge

I have received
I still believe
Your word to me
Here in the water
Delivered me
And set me free
Your word to me, Here in the water

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CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED *(from Luther's Small Catechism)*

L: With all those who follow the Master Teacher we confess that:

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

L: What does this mean?

P: **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

L: And we believe

P: **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.**

L: What does this mean?

P: **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,**

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

L: And we believe

P: **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.**

L: What does this mean?

P: **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

PRAYER:

L: For the gift of Your Word, for those who lead and those who learn, for all who love and all who serve, for the schools of the church and every place Your Word is taught, we give You thanks and praise O Lord; and we lift up our hearts to You and pray as Christ our Lord has taught us and promises to hear us.

PRAYER 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.

***** For our 8:00 a.m. worshippers, the service continues on the top of page 11 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 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 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: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

LSB 686

- 1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.
- 4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

“When in Our Music God is Glorified”

LSB 796



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied
3 So has the Church, in lit - ur - gy and song,
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!



And ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
In faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!



It is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
Borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue:
And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:



Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING:

L: Let us Bless the Lord

P: **Thanks be to God**

L: The Lord Almighty direct our days and our deeds, defend us from all evil and lead us to everlasting life.

P: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG: “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...

POSTLUDE



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"King of Kings"

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SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Acolyte 8:00...Oliver Koehlinger	Crucifer 8:00...Abby Rosas
Acolyte 9:30...Audrey Kienitz	Crucifer 9:30...Dean Rosas
Lector 8:00...Lily Craft	Lector 9:30...Shannon Morgensen
Liturgist...Karl Fink	Preacher...Pastor Kevin Kritzer
Director of Music & Worship Arts...Noah Freeman	Organ/Accompanist...Kevin Bowers
Artist in Residence...Blake Flattley	
Children's Message...Jonathan Dose	Production...Felix Rivera, Jon Widmann



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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.



CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE:

The Call Committee for Associate Pastor of Connect Ministry (Senior Pastor in transition) has been receiving responses from several interested pastoral candidates. At this time, the committee is narrowing down the list of candidates, and will soon be scheduling interviews. We are so thankful during this call process for your continued prayers, asking for the Holy Spirit's leading, for our committee and each pastoral candidate.



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