



**FOURTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

JUNE 21, 2026

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**Bethany Lutheran Church** *Long Beach & Cypress, CA*

## **As We Gather**

*“This epistle is really the chief part of the New Testament, and is truly the purest gospel. It is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word, by heart, but also that he should occupy himself with it every day, as the daily bread of the soul. We can never read it or ponder over it too much; for the more we deal with it, the more precious it becomes and the better it tastes.” Martin Luther Luther’s Works vol. 35:365*

### **PRELUDE**

### **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  
And we all bow down  
And we all bow down  
And we all bow down  
And we all bow down  
And we all bow down  
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:

- L:** Grace and peace to you from God our Father, from the Lord Jesus Christ and from the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from both. (*Romans 1:7*)
- P:** **Amen.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

- L:** All of you who were baptized into Christ Jesus have been united with Him in His death and resurrection (*Romans 6:3*)
- P:** **That we might live a new life.** (*Romans 6:4*)

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

- L:** Let us confess our sins to God, for all of us have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (*Romans 3:23*)
- P:** **I confess Lord, that I am no better than anyone else. No one really understands You as they should. No one truly seeks You in a way that is pure. At some point, all of us have turned away from You, Lord. No one constantly does the right thing. In fact, oftentimes when I have done the right thing, It has been with a hidden agenda, rather than from a pure heart.**
- L:** I confess Lord, that my talk has been foul, my speech has contained cursing and bitterness; I've opened my mouth and polluted the air.
- P:** **I have sought revenge, tried to get even, and have been quick to defend myself or my cause to get my way - regardless of who is hurt in the process.**
- L:** Heartbreak and ruin have littered the lives of many as a result of my actions.
- P:** **For the sake of Jesus Christ, who was delivered over to death for my sins and raised to life for my justification, forgive me and restore me. Amen.** (*Romans 3:10-17 & 4:25*)
- L:** God has demonstrated His love for you in this: while yet a sinner, Christ died for you! Now that you have been set right with God by the sacrificial death of Christ, there is no longer a question of being at odds with God in any way. If you were restored to friendship with God by the death of His Son while you were His enemy, you will certainly be delivered from eternal punishment by His life. (*Romans 5:6...*)

## SONG OF PRAISE: “Christ My Victory”

### Verse 1

Though the terrors of the night  
Overwhelm my will to fight  
And I long for all this suffering to end  
When the arrows fly my way  
Blocking out the light of day  
There is One who shields me with His mighty hand

### Chorus

Christ my victory  
Over ev'ry enemy  
Standing over me  
In the wake of Calvary  
I will fix my eyes  
On the One who reigns (forever)

### Verse 2

Though the powers of this world  
Come to tear me from your hold  
They will never claim the power that is Yours  
You have broken every lie  
That has come to take my life  
For you've crushed the devil's head under your feet

### Bridge

With a Word the war is over  
Though the devil will not rest  
I will stand upon the Word of God  
For your promise is my confidence

### Tag

Forever

## PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- L**: In mercy, God, send us Your Spirit that we might offer You ourselves as living sacrifices, Holy and pleasing to You.
- P**: **Transform us by the Spirit's presence, that we no longer conform to the pattern of this world, but are renewed into Your image, O Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen. (Romans 12)**

## **PSALM 91:1-4; 9-12**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.  
I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.  
He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you will find refuge;  
His faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—  
no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.  
On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. —ESV®

## **SECOND READING: *Romans 6:12-23***

Therefore, never let sin rule your physical body so that you obey its desires. Never offer any part of your body to sin's power. No part of your body should ever be used to do any ungodly thing. Instead, offer yourselves to God as people who have come back from death and are now alive. Offer all the parts of your body to God. Use them to do everything that God approves of. Certainly, sin shouldn't have power over you because you're not controlled by God's laws, but by God's favor.

Then what is the implication? Should we sin because we are not controlled by God's laws but by God's favor? That's unthinkable! Don't you know that if you offer to be someone's slave, you must obey that master? Either your master is sin, or your master is obedience. Letting sin be your master leads to death. Letting obedience be your master leads to God's approval. You were slaves to sin. But I thank God that you have become wholeheartedly obedient to the teachings which you were given. Freed from sin, you were made slaves who do what God approves of.

I'm speaking in a human way because of the weakness of your corrupt nature. Clearly, you once offered all the parts of your body as slaves to sexual perversion and disobedience. This led you to live disobedient lives. Now, in the same way, offer all the parts of your body as slaves that do what God approves of. This leads you to live holy lives. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from doing what God approves of.

What did you gain by doing those things? You're ashamed of what you used to do because it ended in death. Now you have been freed from sin and have become God's slaves. This results in a holy life and, finally, in everlasting life. The payment for sin is death, but the gift that God freely gives is everlasting life found in Christ Jesus our Lord. —GW®

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 10:24-33***

“A student is not better than his teacher. Nor is a slave better than his owner. It is enough for a student to become like his teacher and a slave like his owner. If they have called the owner of the house Beelzebul, they will certainly call the family members the same name. So don’t be afraid of them. Nothing has been covered that will not be exposed. Whatever is secret will be made known. Tell in the daylight what I say to you in the dark. Shout from the housetops what you hear whispered. Don’t be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Instead, fear the one who can destroy both body and soul in hell.

“Aren’t two sparrows sold for a penny? Not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father’s permission. Every hair on your head has been counted. Don’t be afraid! You are worth more than many sparrows.

“So, I will acknowledge in front of my Father in heaven that person who acknowledges me in front of others. But I will tell my Father in heaven that I don’t know the person who tells others that he doesn’t know me. —GW®

## **SERMON SONG: “His Mercy is More”**

### **Verse 1**

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

### **Verse 2**

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

### **Verse 3**

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

### **Chorus**

Praise the Lord His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness new every morn  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

## **MESSAGE: *Romans 6:12-23***

## **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

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE 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 Andria at [arosas@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:arosas@bethanylutheran.org) or call 562-421-4711, ext. 21. Thank you!*

**CONSECRATING THE GIFTS**

- L:** We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
- P:** We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You; we bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

## PRAYERS 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.

### ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

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 Lutheran Service Book. 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."*

*For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are **alcohol free**.  
The wafers on the wooden stool 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.*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## **DISTRIBUTION SONGS: “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 (REPEAT)  
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

## **“All Creatures of Our God and King”**

### **Verse 1**

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Oh praise Him, Alleluia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
Oh praise Him Oh praise Him  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

### **Verse 2**

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
Oh praise Him, Alleluia  
Praise praise the Father praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit Three-in-One  
Oh praise Him Oh praise Him  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

**Verse 3**

All the redeemed washed by His blood  
Come and rejoice in His great love  
Oh praise Him, Alleluia  
Christ has defeated every sin  
Cast all your burdens now on Him  
Oh praise Him Oh praise Him  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

**Verse 4**

He shall return in pow'r to reign  
Heaven and earth will join to say  
Oh praise Him, Alleluia  
Then who shall fall on bended knee  
All creatures of our God and King  
Oh praise Him Oh praise Him  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER****ANNOUNCEMENTS****BENEDICTION:**

**L**: May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity. So that with one heart and one mouth you may give God glory as you follow the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Romans 15:5-6*)

**CLOSING SONG: “Nothing but the Blood of Jesus”****Verse 1**

What can wash away my sin—Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again—Nothing but the blood of Jesus

**Chorus**

O precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

**Verse 2**

For my pardon this I see—Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
For my cleansing this my plea—Nothing but the blood of Jesus

### Verse 3

Nothing can for sin atone—Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Naught of good that I have done—Nothing but the blood of Jesus

### Verse 4

This is all my hope and peace—Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
This is all my righteousness—Nothing but the blood of Jesus

## POSTLUDE



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"Nothing but the Blood"  
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**SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**

Lector 8:00...Elsie Rivera  
Liturgist...Karl Fink  
Artist in Residence...Blake Flattley  
Children's Message...Karl Fink

Lector 9:30...Neal & Barbara Hasty  
Preacher...Pastor Seth Moorman  
Keyboard...Pat Gagan  
Sound...Felix Rivera



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



*~ in celebration of Jon and Mara's 28<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary today~*

*From the Widmann Boys*



**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.



**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.



**CALENDAR REMINDER:**

**Common Table will NOT take place on the Cypress Campus**

**this Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. We will resume mid-week worship on July 1<sup>st</sup>.**



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

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## **TO BETHANY'S FLOWER FUND!**

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 \$85.**
- **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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