
JOY
IN THE
MAKING

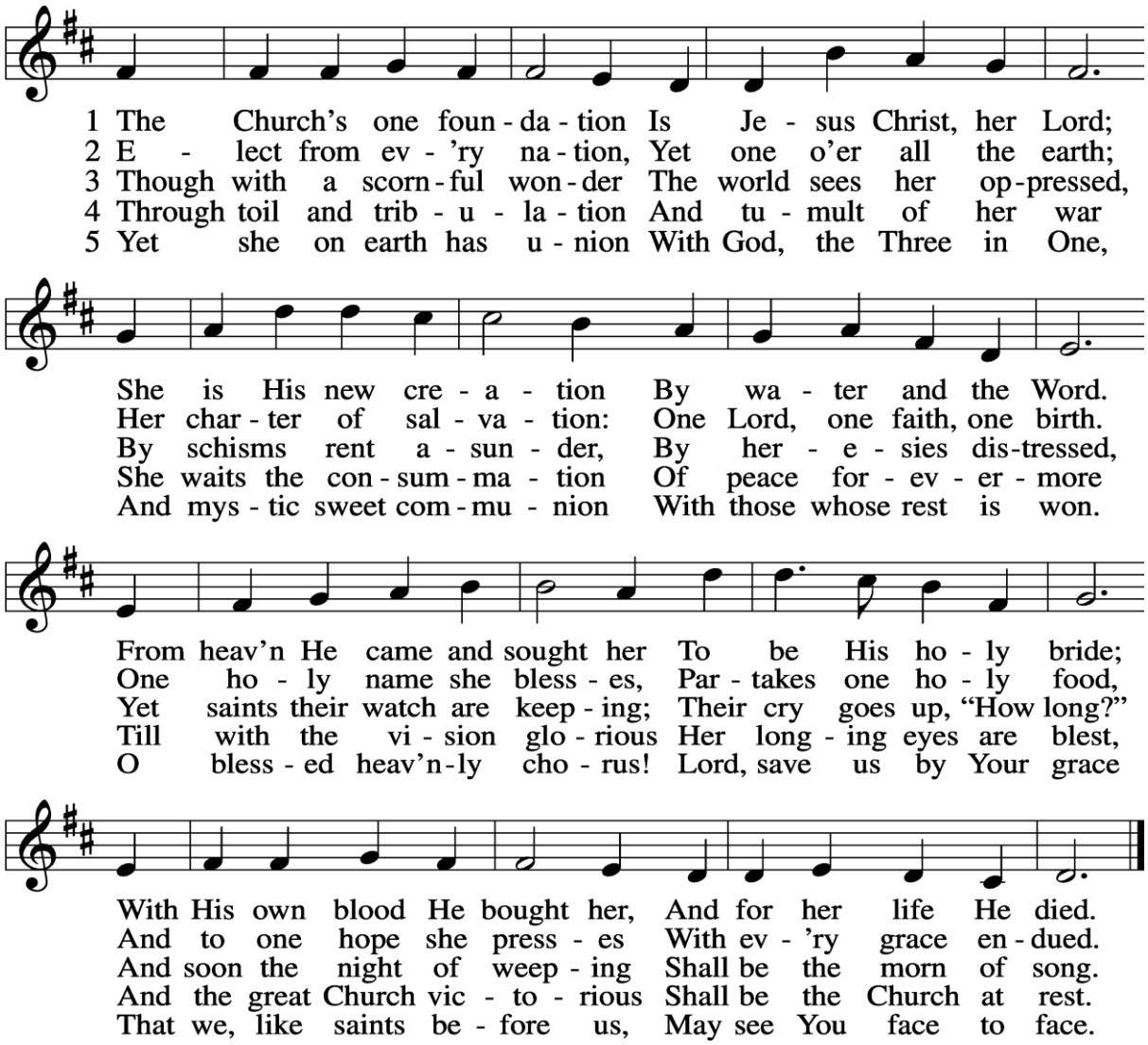
Bethany Lutheran Church, Long Beach

October 11, 2026 Pentecost 20

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: "The Church's One Foundation" LSB 644



INVOCATION:

L: Good will and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ are yours! *(Philippians 1:2)*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: God will richly fill your every need in a glorious way through Christ Jesus.
P: **Glory belongs to our God and Father forever. Amen.** *(Philippians 4:20)*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

L: Dear Lord,

P: **You have called us to do nothing out of selfish ambition, to have the interests of others as forefront in our thoughts, and to in humility think of others as being better than ourselves.**

L: Yet, we confess Lord, that we are by nature selfish; and we regularly think more about ourselves than we ought, and less of others than we should.

P: **Dear Lord Jesus, You humbled Yourself and put our needs ahead of Your own, for Your sake forgive us our sin, send us Your Spirit, and move us to have an attitude like unto Your own. Amen.**

L: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ humbled Himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. For His sake God forgives us all our sins and bestows on us His Holy Spirit. May the Lord who has begun His good work in us bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE: "Lord, I Need You"

Verse 1
Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus 1
Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Verse 2
Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Bridge
So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay *(continued on next page)*

Chorus 2
Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: Dear Lord, may our love keep on growing, that we may be able to determine what is best and be pure and blameless until the day of Christ.

P: Jesus Christ, fill our lives with everything that God's approval produces that we may bring glory and praise to God. *(based on Philippians 1:9 &10)*

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 25:6-9*

On this mountain the Lord of Armies will prepare for all people
a feast with the best foods,
a banquet with aged wines,
with the best foods and the finest wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the veil of grief covering all people
and the mask covering all nations.
He will swallow up death forever.
The Almighty Lord will wipe away tears from every face,
and he will remove the disgrace of his people from the whole earth.
The Lord has spoken.
On that day his people will say,
"This is our God; we have waited for him, and now he will save us.
This is the Lord; we have waited for him.
Let us rejoice and be glad because he will save us." —GW®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

Troubadour Choir 8:00 am
Trinity Choir 9:30 am

SECOND READING: *Philippians 3:4b-14*

If anyone else thinks that he can trust in something physical, I can claim even more. I was circumcised on the eighth day. I'm a descendant of Israel. I'm from the tribe of Benjamin. I'm a pure-blooded Hebrew. When it comes to following Jewish laws, I was a Pharisee. When it comes to being enthusiastic, I was a persecutor of the church. When it comes to winning God's approval by obeying Jewish laws, I was perfect.

These things that I once considered valuable, I now consider worthless for Christ. It's far more than that! I consider everything else worthless because I'm much better off knowing

Christ Jesus my Lord. It's because of him that I think of everything as worthless. I threw it all away in order to gain Christ and to have a relationship with him. This means that I didn't receive God's approval by obeying his laws. The opposite is true! I have God's approval through faith in Christ. This is the approval that comes from God and is based on faith that knows Christ. Faith knows the power that his coming back to life gives and what it means to share his suffering. In this way I'm becoming like him in his death, with the confidence that I'll come back to life from the dead.

It's not that I've already reached the goal or have already completed the course. But I run to win that which Jesus Christ has already won for me. Brothers and sisters, I can't consider myself a winner yet. This is what I do: I don't look back, I lengthen my stride, and I run straight toward the goal to win the prize that God's heavenly call offers in Christ Jesus. —GW®

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 22:1-14*

Again Jesus used stories as illustrations when he spoke to them. He said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who planned a wedding for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the wedding, but they refused to come. He sent other servants to tell the people who had been invited, 'I've prepared dinner. My bulls and fattened calves have been butchered. Everything is ready. Come to the wedding!'

"But they paid no attention and went away. Some went to work in their own fields, and others went to their businesses. The rest grabbed the king's servants, mistreated them, and then killed them.

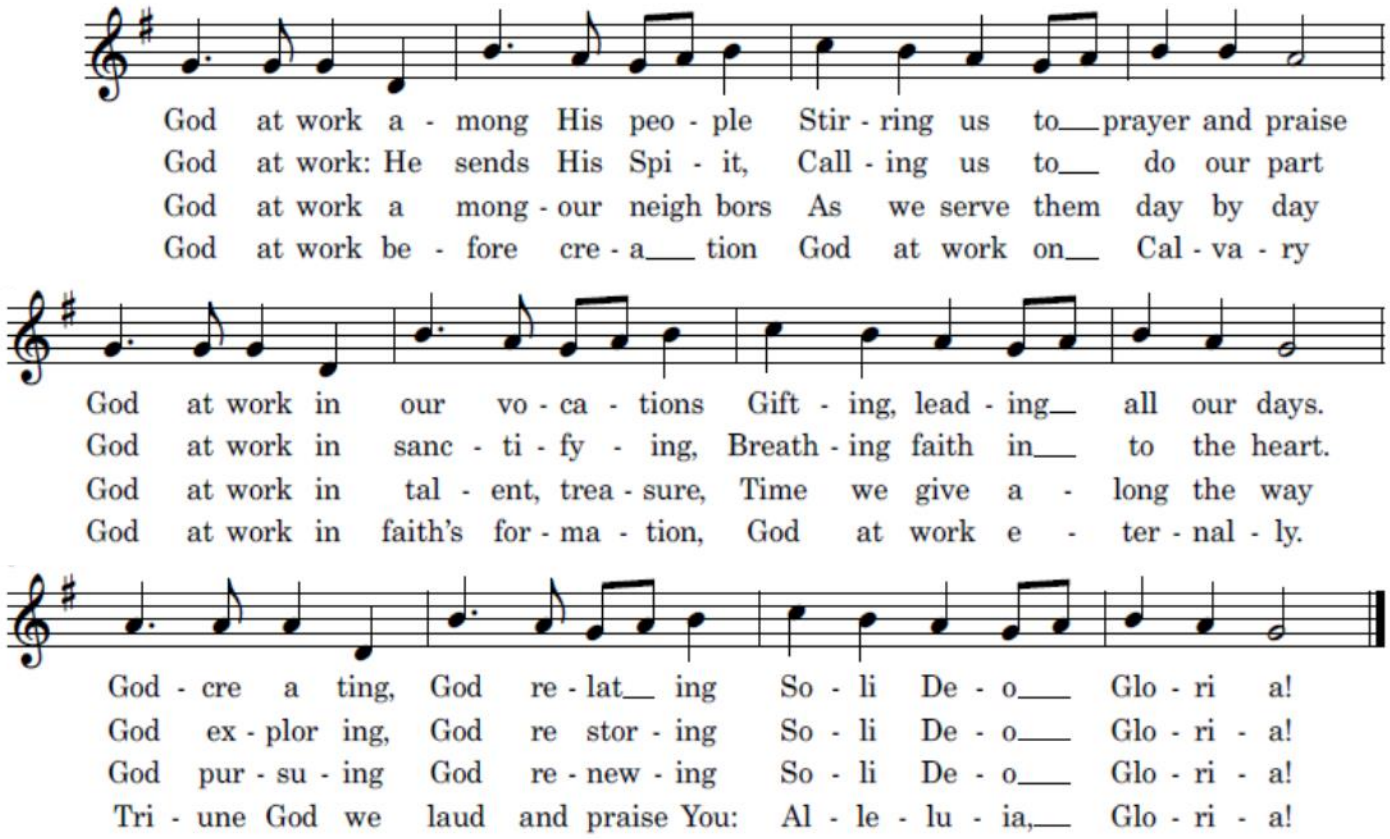
"The king became angry. He sent his soldiers, killed those murderers, and burned their city.

"Then the king said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited don't deserve the honor. Go where the roads leave the city. Invite everyone you find to the wedding.' The servants went into the streets and brought in all the good people and all the evil people they found. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"When the king came to see the guests, he saw a person who was not dressed in the wedding clothes provided for the guests. He said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without proper wedding clothes?'

"The man had nothing to say. Then the king told his servants, 'Tie his hands and feet, and throw him outside into the darkness. People will cry and be in extreme pain there.' "Therefore, many are invited, but few of those are chosen to stay."—GW®

SERMON HYMN: "God at Work"



MESSAGE: ***"Joy in the Making: God's works surround you"*** *Philippians 3:4b-14*

SONG OF THE DAY: "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

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

L: Philippians 2, which some have called the hymn of the church, is one of its earliest confessions. We share this confession as we boldly declare that:

P: Jesus is God and equal with God, he did not take advantage of this equality. Instead, he emptied himself by taking on the form of a servant, by becoming human, yet without sin. He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, death on a cross. This is why God has given Him and exceptional honor, the name honored above all other names. So that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven and on earth and in the world below will kneel and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. *(Based on Philippians 2:7-11)*

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 or call 562-421-4711, ext. 21. Thank you!*

CONSECRATING THE GIFTS:

L: Your gifts are a soothing aroma, a sacrifice that God accepts and with which He is pleased. *(Based on Philippians 4:18b)*

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.

****** At our 8:00 a.m. service, we will continue on page 10 with Announcements.***

****** At our 9:30 a.m. service, we continue with the Celebration of Holy Communion:***

✢ Service of 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 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, center cups in each tray are **alcohol free.***
*For those with dietary restrictions, the wafers next to the Christ candle are **gluten free**;*

We will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we 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: "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

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

Verse 1
Jesus Savior pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea
Unknown waves before me roll
Hiding rocks and treach'rous shoal
Chart and compass come from Thee
Jesus Savior pilot me

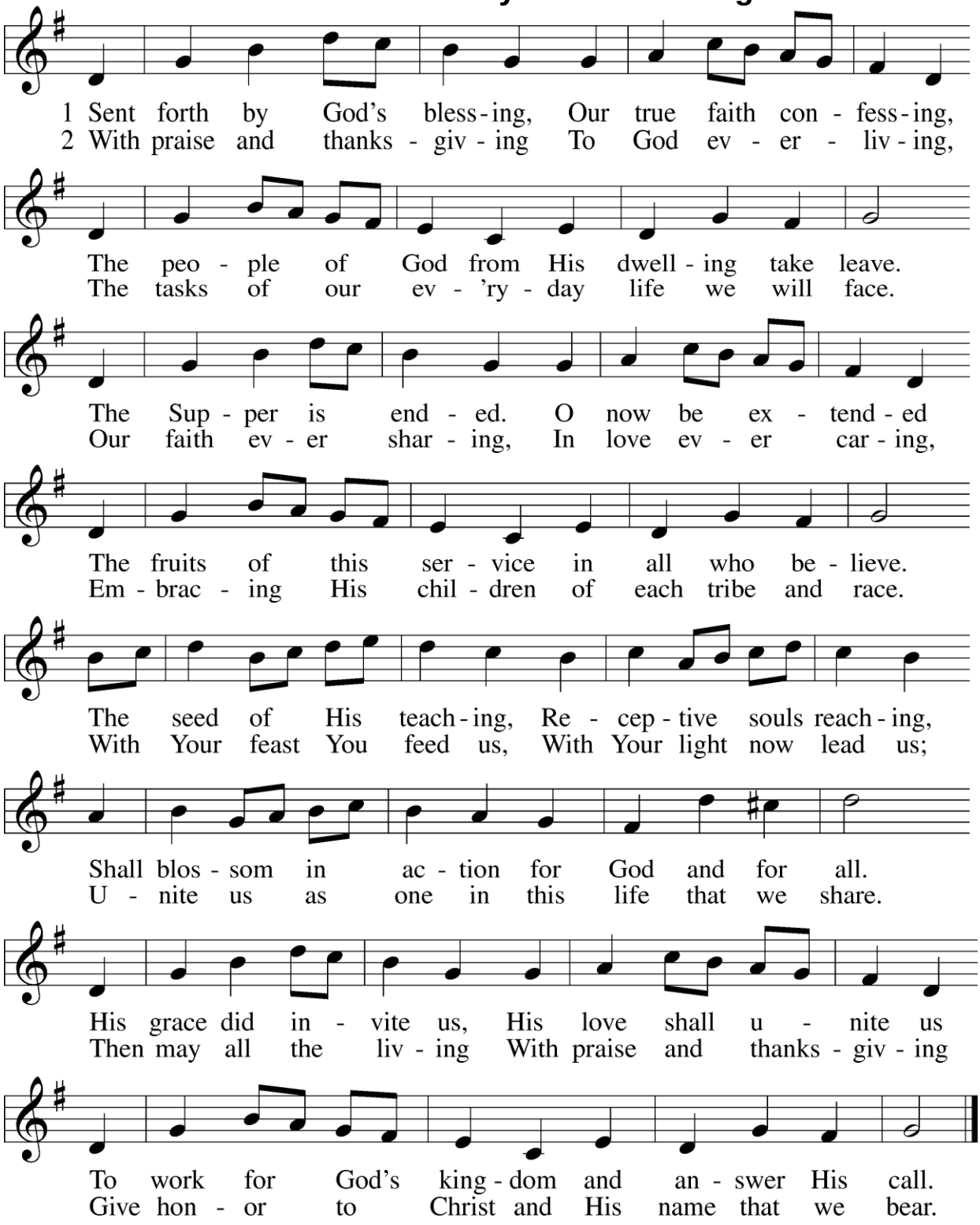
Verse 2
As a mother stills her child
Thou canst hush the ocean wild
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will
When Thou say'st to them be still
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea
Jesus Savior pilot me

Verse 3
When at last I near the shore
And the fearful breakers roar
'Twixt me and the peaceful rest
Then while leaning on Thy breast
May I hear Thee say to me
Fear not I will pilot Thee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" LSB 643



POSTLUDE

✢ ✢ ✢

COPYRIGHTS & STREAMING PERMISSIONS:

Permission to reprint, podcast, and / or stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license #A-706149. All rights reserved.

Permission to podcast, and / or stream the music in this service obtained from www.cph.org with license #000012696. All rights reserved.

Permission to reprint, podcast, and / or stream the music in this service obtained from www.ccli.com with license #20537224. All rights reserved.

Liturgy (or the appropriate portion thereof) from *Lutheran Service Book* ©2006 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission. LSBHymnLicense.net License #000012696

"The Church's One Foundation" LSB 644
Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900, alt. Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-76. Text and music: Public domain

"Lord, I Need You"
CCLI Song # 5925687 Christy Nockels | Daniel Carson | Jesse Reeves | Kristian Stanfill | Matt Maher
© 2011 sixsteps Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) Sweater Weather Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) Valley Of Songs Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License No. 396555

"God At Work" *Gotteswerk*
Stzs. 1, 5, 6, 7
Text and Tune: ©2014 Carol R.S. McDaniel. Used by permission.

"Yet Not I but Through Christ In Me"
CCLI Song# 7121852 Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Rich Thompson ©2018 CityAlight Music; Farren Love and War Publishing; Integrity's Alleluia! Music. For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License # 396555

"My Help, My God"
CCLI Song # 7041360; Sandra McCracken ©2015 Drink Your Tea Music. (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing, LLC.) For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License # 396555

"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"
CCLI Song #120958; Edward Hopper, John Edgar Gould Words: Public Domain; Music: Public Domain For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License #396555

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" LSB 643
Text: Omer E. Westendorf, 1916-1997, alt. Copyright © 1964 World Library Publications. Tune: Welsh, *THE ASH GROVE*; setting: Leland B. Sateren, b. 1913. Tune: Public domain; setting: ©1978 Augsburg Fortress Publishing. All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONELICENSE #A-706149.

✢ ✢ ✢

SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Crucifer 8:00…Henry Cerulle
Lector 8:00…Tom & Sheri Esswein 9:30…Diana Orr
Liturgist…Pastor Kevin Kritzer Preacher...Pastor Seth Moorman
Director of Music Ministry & Worship Arts…Noah Freeman Accompanist…Kevin Bowers
Artist in Residence…Blake Flattley
Children's Message…Alissa Brege Sound…Felix Rivera

✢ ✢ ✢

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.