

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024

Bethany Lutheran Church

Welcome Visitors.

Please sign our visitor book. There activity bags available for small children, located by the entrance of sanctuary.



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens shout of God's glory!

There is so much beauty in this earth and in the heavens!

Day by day we are reminded of God's creative love.

Day by day we are blessed with large and small visions of God's glory.

Come, let us praise the God of creation.

Let us sing and shout our praises of thanksgiving and joy to God. Amen

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *Lift High the Cross (ELW 660)*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
 and I was not rebellious,
 I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
 and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
 I did not hide my face
 from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
 therefore I have not been disgraced;
 therefore I have set my face like flint,
 and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
 Let us stand up together.
 Who are my adversaries?
 Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
 who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.

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

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

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering,

and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Will You Come and Follow Me (ELW 798) vs. 1, 2*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"

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Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each prayer petition ends: *O God. Your mercy is great.*

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Special Music "The Goodness of God" offered by Barb Park and Mark Hanson

OFFERING PRAYER

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus (LBW 487) vs. 1, 4*



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, since you are our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, pil - grims here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Fa - ther's bid - ding.
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
then by grace we all may win un - told fruits of his cre - a - tion.
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
Je - sus, un - to you I die, there to live with you on high.
Je - sus, if I faith - ful be, life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978
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DISMISSAL Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God.**

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Worship on Sunday morning is recorded on Facebook from the 9AM service.

Announcements

- **BINGO after Bethany Worship TODAY!**
 - We are looking for some additional help with cleaning the church. The need will be about 2 times a month. Please let one of the council members or Pastor know if you have interest in helping out with this need or have any questions.
 - Thursday, 9 am Bible Study @ the Parsonage. We will be viewing Season 1 Episode 2 of "The Chosen".
 - September 22, W-ELCA meets following Bethany Worship. Stop for a cup of coffee and join us in the Conference Room. Bring your thoughts and ideas for this upcoming year!
 - September 23rd --- Please turn in your Beacon articles.
 - Thank you to Debby Hansen updating of our Narthex bulletin boards. They look organized and fantastic. Thank Pastor Lucy for updating the Sugar Creek Board and the board between the double door entry way.
 - Throughout September and October, we will be watching the first season of The Chosen (a multi-season TV show about the ministry of Jesus) and spend time in discussion after.
 - Sunday, October 6th, Bethany Auction will be held immediately following worship.
 - Donations of new and excellent used items would be appreciated. Items need to be at church by October 5th. Thank you.
 - October 27th – Bethany Baby Care Kits.
 - We will be gathering, the following items, through October 27th: Sizes 6 months to 24 months, t-shirts, gowns, sleepers, receiving blankets, cloth diapers, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts with hoods, socks, dark hand towels, bath-size gentle soap, diapers pins. Thank you.
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- AA meets at 6:30 PM – Tuesday @ East Lemonweir and Thursday @ Bethany.
 - Quilting – 9 am Wednesday @ Bethany. Please join us for fun, friend making and fellowship. No experience is required
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Prayers

Prayers for those who cannot worship with us today, who have lost family and friends, and serve our world, country, and communities.

Prayers for Inger Kirkwood, Kalie Lingl Gietner, Sandy (Gayle Hempel's Daughter), Kurt Lauden, Jon Preston (Nephew in Law of Frank and Judy Zobel), Kathy Haske, Tim & Barb Parker's Nephew serving in Guatemala, Henry & Margarete Hummelbeck, Wyatt, Collette Schultz, Garry Olson, Yvonne Olson, Jacob Sorenson, Elwood Syverson, Dennis Stark, Mickie (Ron/Patty Thompson), Fran Benson, Landon LaBerge, Marilyn Wetley, and others we silently name.

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