

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 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

We are called to follow Jesus. **But following Jesus isn't easy.**

No. It will demand our dedication and our energy. **It will change our whole lives.**

Come, all of you. Come and learn of the Lord Jesus.

Lord, we come, seeking your wisdom and your guidance. AMEN.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We praise you, O God, for water. **We need water to drink, wash, and grow.**

We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for baptism. We praise you, O God, for your Spirit.

We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for water. Washed in love through water and word we say, Amen.

GATHERING SONG *O Word of God Incarnate* (LBW 231)



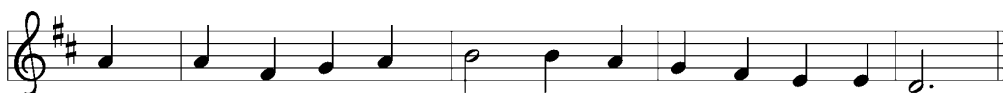
1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
oh, teach your wand - ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

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.**

KYRIE

The Kyrie (pronounced *KEER-ee-ay*) is a prayer for God's mercy to fill the church and the world while acknowledging that mercy comes from the Triune God alone. **The congregation sings the refrain, the song leader (cantor) sings the verses.**

Refrain:

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

V1) For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord (*Refrain*)

V2) That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord (*Refrain*)

V3) For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord (*Refrain*)

V4) For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord (*Refrain*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, **our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

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

SECOND READING: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

A reading from James.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

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

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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

SERMON

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Children of the Heavenly Father (LBW 474)*



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again;

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each prayer petition ends: *Hear us, 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 We Come to the Hungry Feast (ELW 479)



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 *Built on a Rock (LBW 365)*



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
2 Not in our tem - ples made with hands God, the Al - might - y, is
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, built for his own hab - i -
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
dwell - ing; high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear God's Word where he this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Were two or three to seek his face, he in their
Sav - ior con - fess - ing, Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
prom - ise is bring - ing: I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst would show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men

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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

- 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 3 of "The Chosen".
 - Today, 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.

Prayers for those who have lost family and friends, especially the family and friends of Tom Steele and Kurt Lauden.

Prayers for Jordan McGuire, Inger Kirkwood, Kalie Lingl Gietner, Sandy (Gayle Hempel's Daughter), 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.

Prayers for our community, our country and our world.

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