



October 17th and 18th, 2020

Service of Holy Communion

Please see the communion statement in the back of this bulletin

Bethany Lutheran Church
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Living Out the Faith

AS WE GATHER

As the Lord speaks to us in His Word, He calls the righteous to live by faith and always gives reason why His people can do so through His continual presence, power, and providence. The Readings today urge us, in various ways, to live by faith in our confession and conviction. In Isaiah, He with great conviction reminds through the prophet, "I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides Me there is no God." In the Epistle, Paul assures the Thessalonians, "He has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction." Finally, in today's Gospel, Christ urges us to live by faith and as stewards of all He has provided, to "render . . . to God the things that are God's." Moved by His Spirit out of gratefulness for the salvation earned for us by Christ Jesus, we then give God our willing obedience, dedicated service, and the glory due His name as we in confession and conviction live by faith in and through Him.

†PREPARATION†

BEFORE YOU, LORD, WE BOW

[966 vs 1]



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove
And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks
we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!

INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

People Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

Pastor Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

People For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

BEFORE YOU, LORD, WE BOW

[966 vs 2-3]



2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,



From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -



bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.

Pastor For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

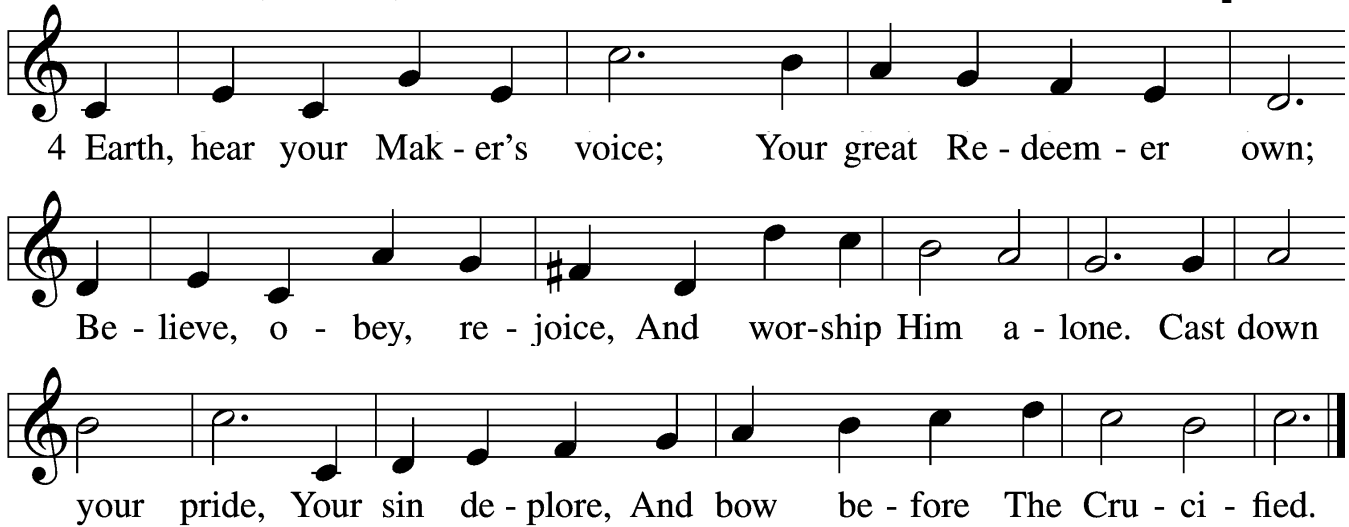
People Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Pastor Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

People Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

BEFORE YOU, LORD, WE BOW

[966 vs 4]



4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

People according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Pastor Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

People For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Pastor As we come and bow before the Lord to confess our sins, we admit that we have bowed down to other gods of this world and gods of our own choosing.

People We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.

Pastor We have failed to rely on You in all times. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, and against others in what we have done and left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart

People and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.

Pastor Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

People let the field exult, and everything in it!

Pastor Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

People before the Lord, for He comes,

Pastor for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in His faithfulness.

People Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

BEFORE YOU, LORD, WE BOW

[966 vs 5]



5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land



From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo - rious band, A count -



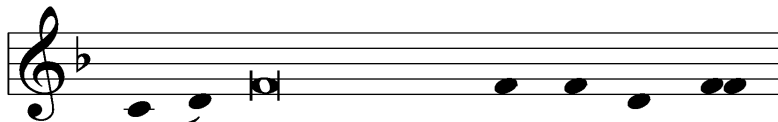
less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

Pastor Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, God is a merciful and loving Father, of whom "there is no other, besides Him there is no God." He has chosen you in the Gospel, which has come not only in word but with full conviction in power and in the Holy Spirit. Jesus died on the cross to redeem You. Through Him, in His stead, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

†WORD†

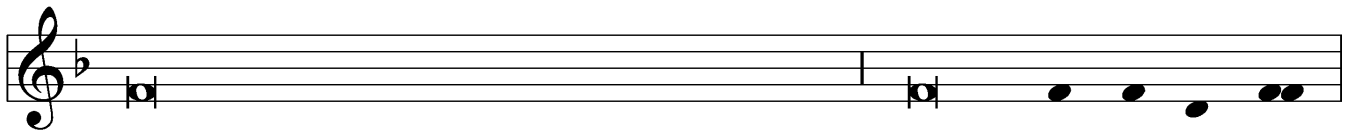
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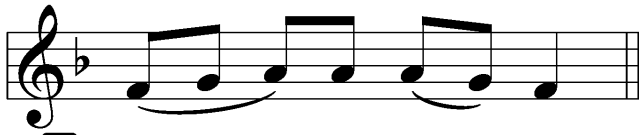
A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



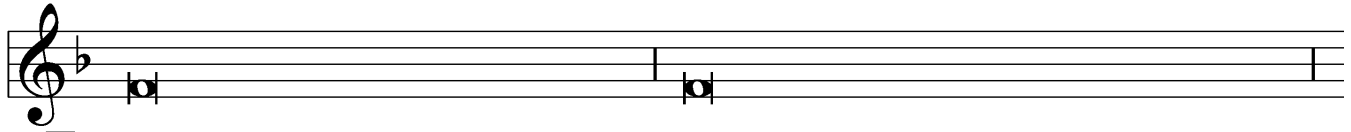
C Lord, have mer - cy.



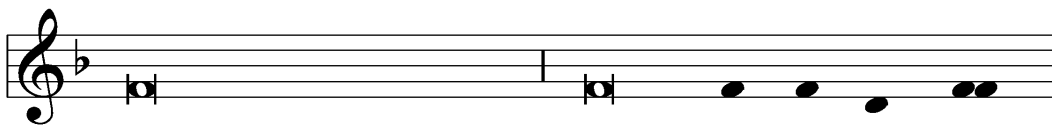
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



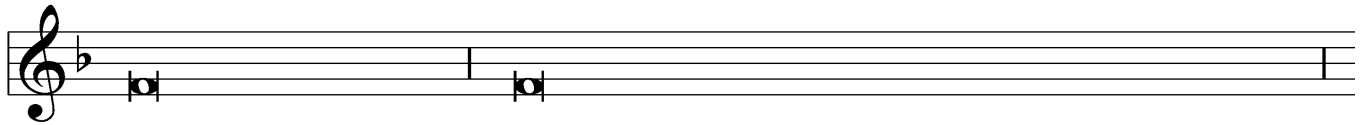
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



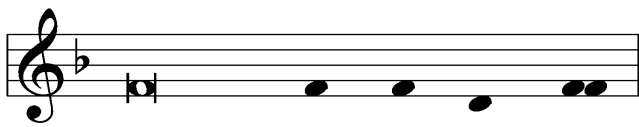
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



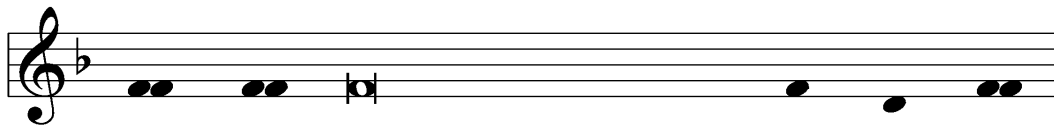
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

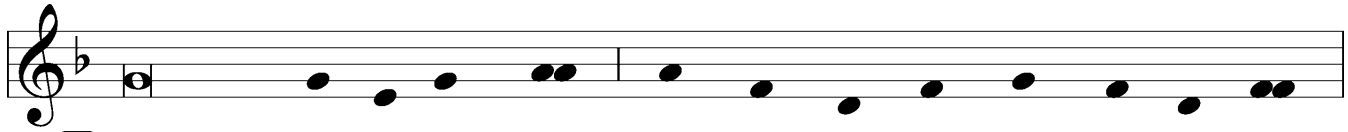


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

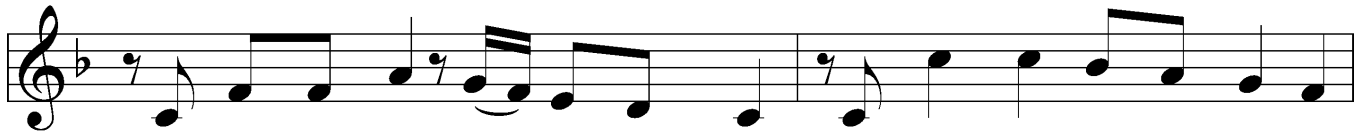
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



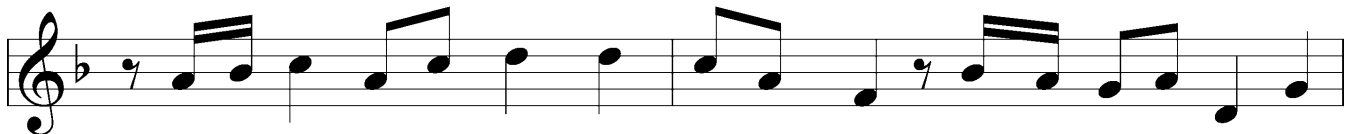
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,



You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Pastor Let us pray...O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 45:1–7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: ²“I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, ⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your

work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 22:15–22

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter

People Glory to You, O Lord.

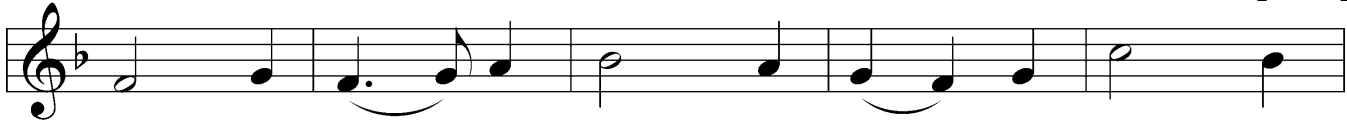
¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

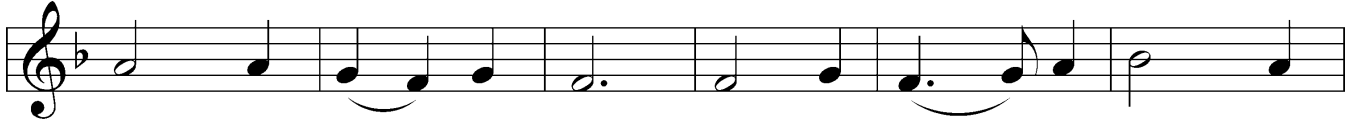
People Praise to You, O Christ.

LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BOUGHT US

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1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
 4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
 free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
 hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



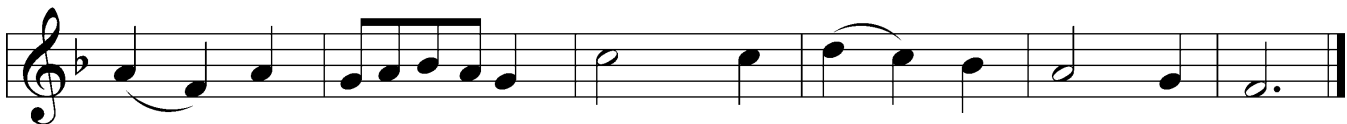
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
 Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

SERMON

NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor (Petitions conclude with: Lord, in Your mercy,)
People hear our prayer.

†SACRAMENT†

PREFACE

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

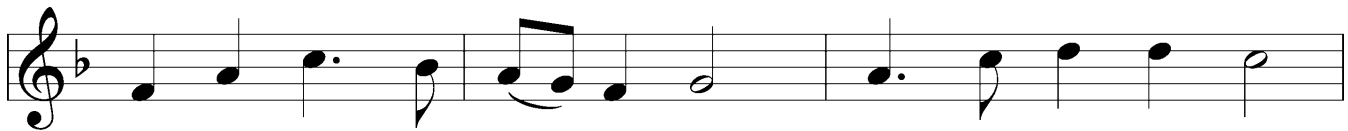
Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



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



Heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

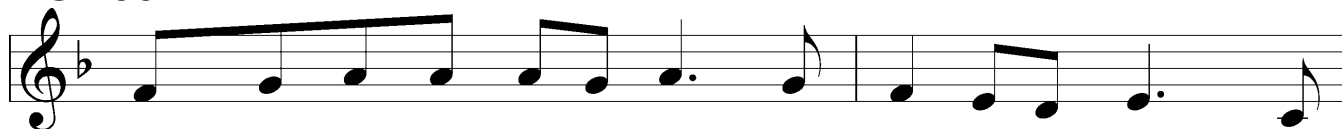
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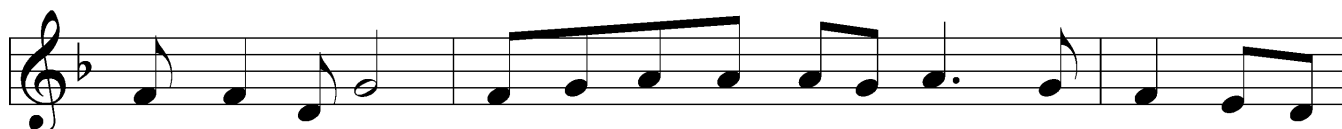
Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People Amen.

AGNUS DEI



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

BENEDICTION

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

People Amen.

O JESUS, KING MOST WONDERFUL

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1 O Je - sus, King most won - der - ful!
2 When once You vis - it dark - ened hearts,
3 O Je - sus, light of all be - low,
4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess Your name,
5 Oh, may our tongues for - ev - er bless,



O Con - quer - or re - nowned! O Source of peace in -
Then truth be - gins to shine, Then earth - ly van - i -
The fount of life and fire, Sur - pass - ing all the
For - ev - er You a - dore, And, seek - ing You, it -
May we love You a - lone And ev - er in our



ef - fa - ble, In whom all joys are found:
ty de - parts, Then kin - dles love di - vine.
joys we know, All that we can de - sire:
self in - flame To seek You more and more!
lives ex - press The im - age of Your own!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION PRAYER

Pastor Let us pray...O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called us to be Christians and granted us the remission of sins. Make us ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins, and grant us grateful hearts that we may give thanks to You, O Father, to Your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

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BETHANY MISSION STATEMENT
BETHANY'S PURPOSE
AS A LOVING & CARING CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION IS TO:
+ GLORIFY THE TRIUNE GOD
+ STRENGTHEN THE SAVED
+ OFFER THE HAND OF CHRIST TO ALL

SIT OR STAND? – For those caring for young children or who have difficulty standing for the Prayers or other parts of the service, please know that you are most welcome to sit as you find need or comfort.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH – The September/October charity is Good News Jail and Prison Ministry.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS - All Thrivent members at Bethany please remember to direct your "Thrivent Choice Dollars" to Bethany Lutheran Church if you have not already done so. Thrivent cards on the shelf near Pastors office will help guide you. If you are unsure if you have funds available to direct just call 1-800-847-4836 to check. Any questions please see Lynn Luebke, Dave Prange, or Mary Madden and they would help you also. Thanks to those who have already directed their dollars. These dollars help fund programs, events and missions for Bethany.

THANK YOU!! - I want to thank all the people that helped in the kitchen demolition last Saturday, October 10th. What I thought would be a long full day turned out to be 2-3 hours of hard work. I want to thank Ray & Shirley Ottman, David Hasler, Andy, Austin & Noah Fibiger, Todd & Luke Matte, Karl Kaeppler, Ken Thompson, Steve Marotz, Ben, Cooper, Griffin, & Garrett Marotz, and Lee Gumm. Without your help we could not have gotten this done in such a quick manner. Now the "old" is out and the "new" is starting to be brought in. We'll keep everyone updated on our progress as we move forward. Thanks again to all.
Bob Wuerzberger

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS – Make sure to check your email as the latest meeting minutes were send as well as important information regarding communion preparation. If you do not receive the emails, your information is in the Altar Guild mailbox in the communication room.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Any information for the November Newsletter should be to Gina by Monday, October 19. Thank you!

MITTEN BASKET – We are again collecting hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, blankets, etc. for those in need in Sheboygan County. These items can be handmade or store bought. Donations can be brought to church and put into the basket in the lower narthex through the month of October. Thank you for your support!



LIVE OUT LOVE ONLINE AUCTION – There is still time to register for the Love INC online auction fundraiser. Visit loveincsheboygancounty.org for information and to register. The event starts October 21 so register now!! Call Love INC at 920-783-6701 with any questions.

LOVE INC NEEDS – There are a few gap ministries at Love INC that are in need of a few items.

- **Sew Caring Ministry Needs:** Bath Towels – NEW, standard size, lightweight (No oversized towels, please)
- **Bedding & Linens Ministry Needs:** NEW pillows
- **Furniture Ministry Needs:** Small dressers, Kitchen tables and chairs – seating for 4 ideal size

Items can be dropped off at Love INC (807 Forest Ave., Sheboygan Falls) Monday - Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm or Friday 8:30am-12pm. Smaller items can also be dropped off at church in the gray Love INC tote near the book nook (outside elevator lift). If you have a larger item but need help transporting it, you can contact the church office or call Love INC at 920-783-6701.

OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE

Monthly amount needed to meet budget	\$17,034.59
Budget Offerings (September)	\$11,852.00
Charity of the month (September)	\$125.00
Other (September)	\$5,465.00

Weekly Attendance: Saturday, October 10...21
Sunday, October 11...61

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS SATURDAY OCTOBER 17

Elder: Jason Mengel
Ushers: #7 – Fibiger
Acolyte: Ryan Mengel
Altar Guild: Liz & Ken Buesing
Bulletin Folder: Sue Prange

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS SUNDAY OCTOBER 18

Elder: Brian Faucher
Ushers: #8 - Matte
Acolyte: Maggie Faucher
Scripture Reader: Steve Hazen
Door Locker: Ryan Brooks

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE NEXT SATURDAY OCTOBER 24

Elder: Andy Fibiger
Ushers: #1 – B. Marotz, Schnettler, Hazen
Acolyte: Madison Fibiger
Altar Guild: Marilyn Kirchenwitz, Lynn Luebke
Bulletin Folder: Sue Prange

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 25

Elder: David Hasler
Ushers: #3–Luecke, Thompson, Rademacher, Kuehlman
Acolyte: Winston Hasler
Scripture Reader: Todd Matte
Door Locker: Steve Marotz

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH, FELLOWSHIP & PRAISE THIS WEEK

Wed	10-21	3:15 pm	Confirmation 5-8 grade
Thu	10-22	7:30 pm	Zoom Bible Study
Sat	10-24	4:00 pm	Worship
Sun	10-25	8:45 am	Bible Study & Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Statement:

Holy Communion was begun and commanded by Jesus Himself – 1 Corinthians 11:23-25. In, with and under the bread and wine, the Lord offers His Body to strengthen the faith of believing Christians – 1 Corinthians 10:16, 11:27. Those who receive the Sacrament in faith receive what Christ promised, the remission of sins. Please review the following. Individuals who may commune with us are those

- Who are already Baptized Christians; Baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- Who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and that He died for their sins and on the 3rd day rose to life.
- Who are able to examine themselves; (1 Corinthians 11:28 “Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.”)
- Who are repentant of their sins and desire, with the help of God, to change the way they think and act.
- Who profess the “real presence” of Christ in the partaking of the bread and wine; Christ is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine. (Christ’s body is truly present in, with, and under the bread. Christ’s blood is truly present in, with, and under the wine.)

Children are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing from the pastor, but should not receive the bread and wine unless they have been instructed in the above teachings.

Because those who eat and drink the Lord’s Supper unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11), anyone who holds to a confession differing from ours or has questions about the above is asked to refrain from partaking until a further study of Scripture can be provided.

* Typically our children and adults attend special instruction classes taught by the pastor on the worthy manner from which one receive the Lord’s Supper.