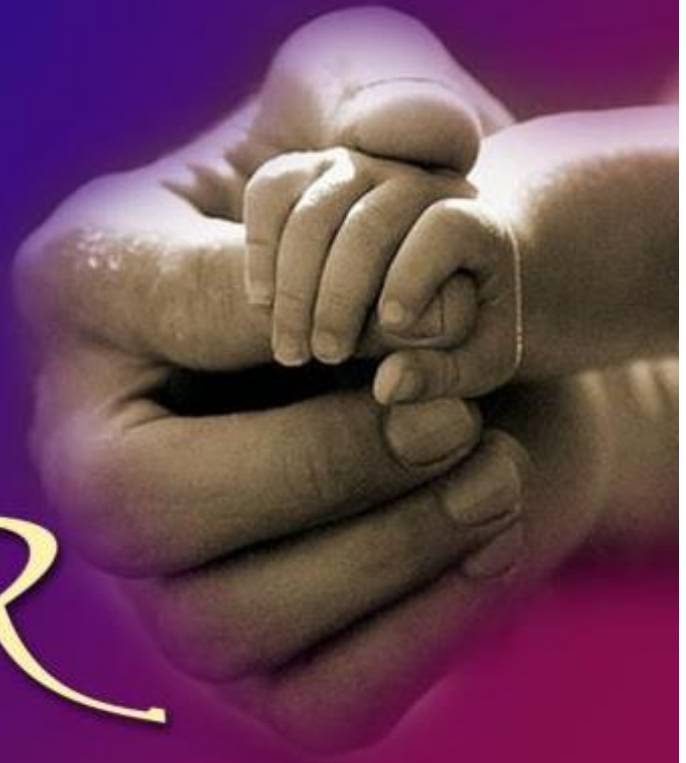


GOD THE FATHER



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Thursday, August 6, 2020

Sunday, August 9, 2020

Bethany Lutheran Church
222 Church Street
Kohler, WI 53044

Pastor: Rev. Robert Steele
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IN THE NAME OF GOD THE FATHER

AS WE GATHER

Almighty Father, heav'n and earth
With lavish wealth before Thee bow;
Those treasures owe to Thee their birth,
Creator, Ruler, Giver, Thou. (TLH 438:1)

With those poetic words from years ago, English hymn writer Edward Dayman describes God the Father at work. He not only created us and rules over us, but He is also known to us in His giving—the giving of the daily blessings we receive and, most important, the giving of His Son to be our Savior. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, we bring to God our praises as part of the good service of our lives. The heavenly Father awaits our response to His gracious giving!

THE LORD, MY GOD, BE PRAISED

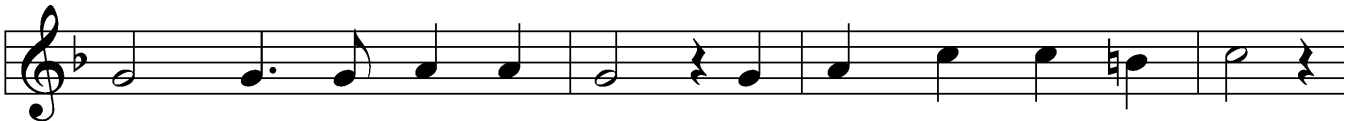
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1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;
2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,
3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,
△ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;
The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,
The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.
To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day
Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood
His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.
And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.
Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.
God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

INVOCATION

Leader In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader We have begun our worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Let us speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the First Person of the Holy Trinity.

People I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Leader What does this mean?

People I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness.

People We confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put God first. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of His creation and have not shared His bounty with others at all times. We have been heedless in word and deed and have not always kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have wished for that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. We pray God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Leader The almighty and merciful Lord grants us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As baptized children of God our sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

†WORD†

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader Let us pray...Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

4[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. 5Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? 6On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, 7when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? 8“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, 9when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, 10and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, 11and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’? 12“Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, 13that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? 14It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. 15From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. 16“Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? 17Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? 18Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.”

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Romans 10:5–17

5Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. 6But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) 7or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. 11For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” 12For there is no distinction

between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 14:22–33

Leader The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

People Glory to You, O Lord.

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

²⁸And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Leader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

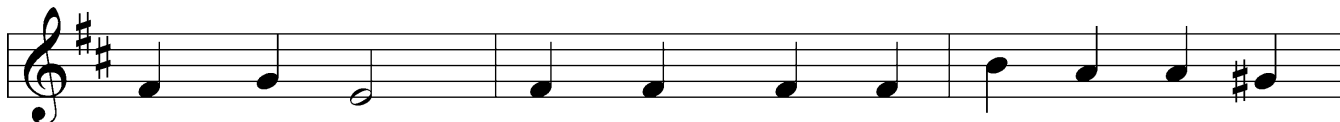
People Praise to You, O Christ.

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

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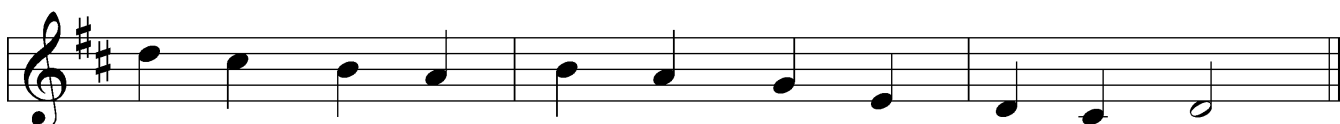
1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your
2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple
3 Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,
frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,
Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,
All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.
al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

SERMON

APOSTLES 'CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader In peace, let us pray to the Lord, beseeching Him for the gift of peace.

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

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O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O
Lord, hear my prayer; Come and lis - ten to me. O

Leader For the Church and all who are called to lives of service to God's people, let us pray to the Lord.

BUILT ON THE ROCK

[645]

5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the
church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing
faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -
ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.
You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. A - men."

Leader For the blessing of God upon our nation and its leaders that we lead peaceable lives, let us pray to the Lord.

GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND

[965]

1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.

Leader For the needs of ourselves and others for healing and restoration, for solace and comfort, let us pray to the Lord.

YOUR HAND, O LORD, IN DAYS OF OLD

[846]

3 O be our great de - liv - 'er still,
The Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,
soothe and bless, With Your life - giv - ing breath.
To hands that work and eyes that see
Give wis - dom's heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and
weak and strong May praise You ev - er - more.

Leader With thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ yet inspires us, let us pray to the Lord.

ACROSS THE SKY THE SHADES OF NIGHT

[899]

4 We now re - mem - ber, as we pray, Our dear ones in Your
car - ing Who bright - ly shine in end - less day, Past
death and all de - spair - ing. At our life's end, Lord,
as Your own, Bring us with them a - round Your throne,
The joys of heav - en shar - ing.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Leader These things and all else that we should have asked, grant us according to Your gracious will, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

People Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Leader The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

People Amen.

ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

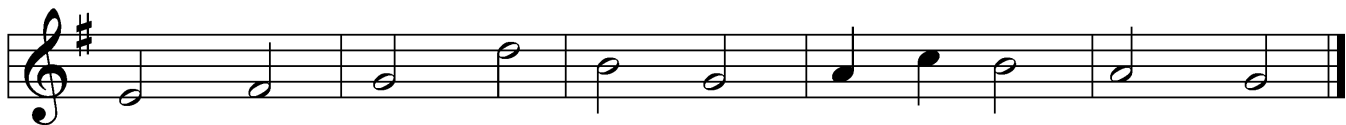
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1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our
3 O en - ter then His gates with praise; Ap - proach with
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mer - cy
△ 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with mirth, His
aid He did us make. We are His folk, He
joy His courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless His
is for - ev - er - sure. His truth at all times
heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the



praise forth - tell; Come ye be - fore Him and re - jice.
doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.
name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure.
an - gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

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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 July/August charity of the month is Lutheran Deaf Mission Society. For information visit www.deafjesus.org

NEAT REPEATS SALE THIS WEEK – 8/11: 30% off all regular priced merchandise. 8/12 - 8/15: Purses, luggage and tote bags 50% off.

GUEST LEADER – Today we welcome Bob Wuerzberger who will be leading our worship service while Pastor Steele is on vacation. Pastor will be back on Monday, August 10.

FALL CHURCH SERVICES – After reviewing the recent survey results, it has been decided the second service (in addition to the Sunday 10:00am service) will be Saturday at 4:00pm. This service will begin on Saturday, September 12. (The Saturday service option received 46 votes over 18 for the 7:45am Sunday option).

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS – An email was sent out recently, outlining the new guidelines for preparing communion. There is also a paper copy for each member in the Altar Guild mailbox in the communication room. Please make sure to pick yours up. The guidelines as well as pictures have also been posted in the sacristy.

OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE

Monthly amount needed to meet budget	\$17,034.59
Budget Offerings (July)	\$16,156.24
Charity of the month (July)	\$185.00
Other (July)	\$908.00

Weekly Attendance: Thursday, July 30...34
Sunday, August 2...37

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS THURSDAY AUGUST 6

Elder: Brian Faucher
Ushers: #3 - Thompson, Kuehlmann,
Rademacher, Luecke
Acolyte: Maggie Faucher

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS SUNDAY AUGUST 9

Elder: Steve Hazen
Ushers: #4 – Dave & Sue Prange, Jerry Sabrowsky
Scripture Reader: Sharon Werner
Altar Guild: Cindy & Gary Bartz
Bulletin Folder: Sue Prange
Door Locker: Patrick Johnson

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE NEXT THURSDAY AUGUST 13

Elder: Shua Yang
Ushers: #5 – Lee Gumm, Steve Marotz,
Victor Hazen
Acolyte: Thomas Yang
Altar Guild: Shirley & Ray Ottman

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 16

Elder: Jason Mengel
Ushers: #6 – Ray & Shirley Ottman,
Derek MacKenzie
Acolyte: Ryan Mengel
Scripture Reader: Steve Hazen
Altar Guild: Marilyn Kirchenwitz, Lynn Luebke
Bulletin Folder: Sue Prange
Door Locker: Ken Thompson

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH, FELLOWSHIP & PRAISE THIS WEEK

Mon	8-10	5:45 pm	Board of Education
		6:15 pm	Board of Finance
		7:00 pm	Council
Thur	8-13	6:00 pm	Worship w/Holy Communion
Sun	8-16	10:00am	Worship w/Holy Communion