



September 12th & 13th, 2020

Bethany Lutheran Church
222 Church Street
Kohler, WI 53044

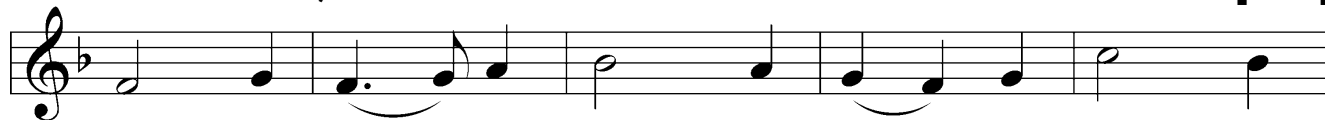
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FORGIVE YOUR BROTHER FROM THE HEART

†PREPARATION†

LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BOUGHT US

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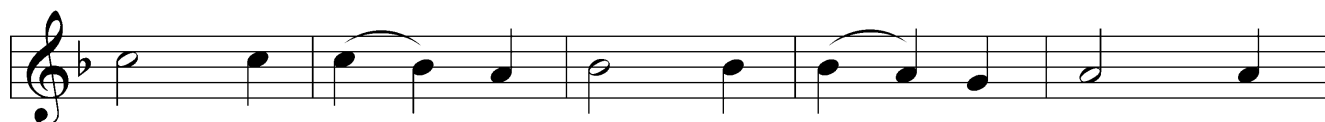
1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



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



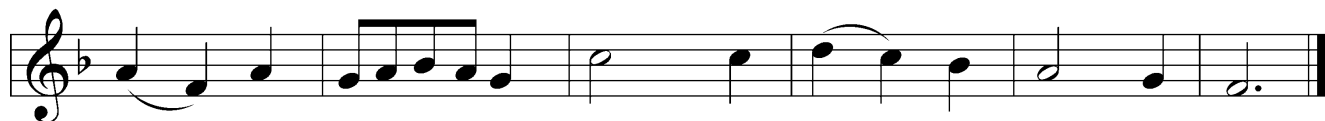
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



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.

INVOCATION

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

People Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Let us confess our sins to God, confident of His grace and forgiveness to all who are penitent.

People I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Pastor Rejoicing in the fellowship of the saints through the gift of forgiveness, let us manifest our unity by extending the hand of peace. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

†WORD†

INTROIT Psalm 143

Pastor Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to you for refuge!

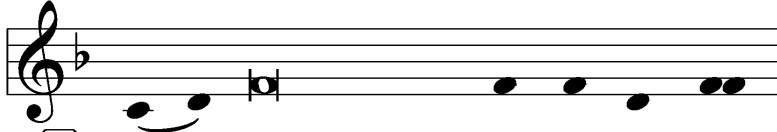
People Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Pastor Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

People **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to you for refuge!

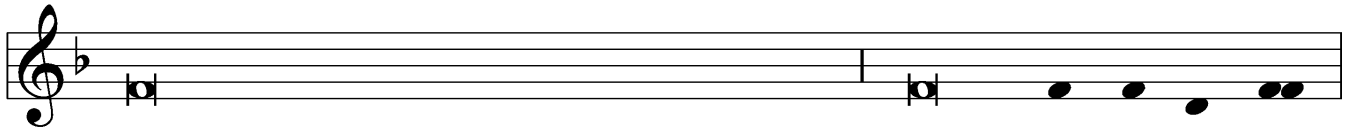
KYRIE



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



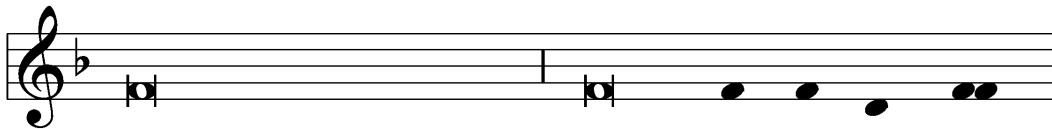
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



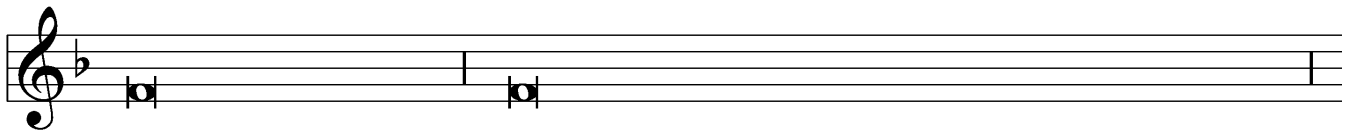
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



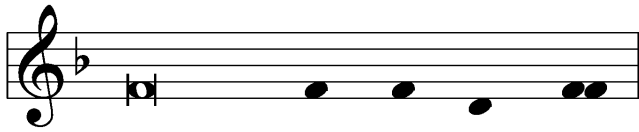
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



G 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.

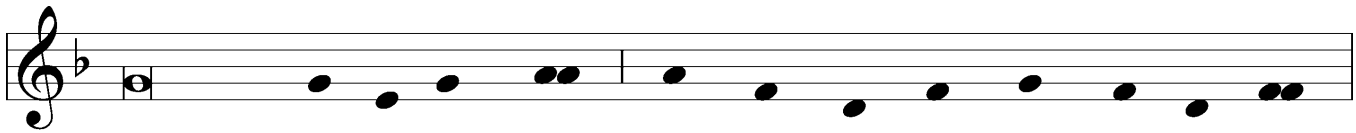


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

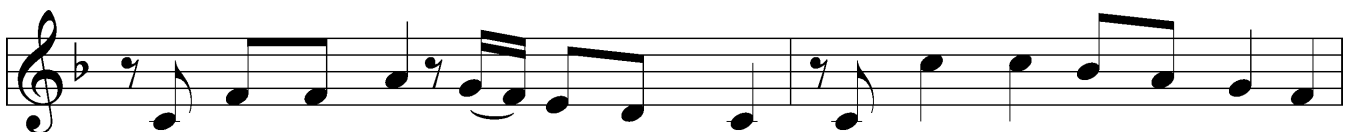
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



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:



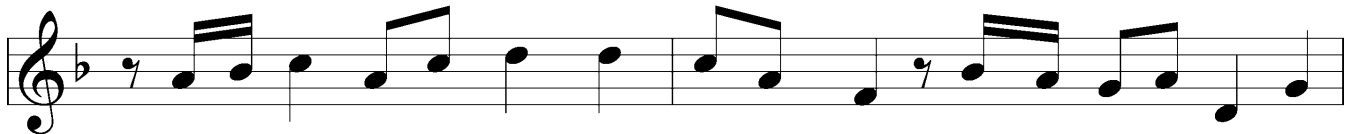
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷Say to Joseph,

Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you. 'And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.'" Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

People Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”

²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made.

²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But

when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’

³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you? ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.’”

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

LET ME BE THINE FOREVER

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1 Let me be Thine for - ev - er, My faith - ful God and Lord;
2 Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, My light, my life di - vine,
3 And Thou, O Ho - ly Spir - it, My com - fort - er and guide,



Let me for-sake Thee nev - er Nor wan - der from Thy Word.
My on - ly con - so - la - tion, O make me whol - ly Thine!
Grant that in Je - sus' mer - it I al - ways may con - fide,



Lord, do not let me wa - ver, But give me stead - fast - ness,
For Thou hast dear - ly bought me With blood and bit - ter pain.
Him to the end con - fess - ing Whom I have known by faith.



And for such grace for - ev - er Thy ho - ly name I'll bless.
Let me, since Thou hast sought me, E - ter - nal life ob - tain.
Give me Thy con - stant bless - ing And grant a Chris - tian death.

SERMON

CONFIRMATION OF GRACE MATTE AND THOMAS YANG *(Sunday only)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord, grant that we not judge without mercy but forgive without limit, that we who have known the fullness of Your mercy in Christ also manifest a compassionate heart against those who sin against us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Pastor Lord, grant to Your Church Your Spirit and power, that we be supplied with faithful pastors and church workers to serve us in Your name, and that we hear and heed the voice of Your Word and walk in holiness of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Pastor Lord, grant to those who lead us in this nation and in all the nations wisdom and integrity, that they pursue what is good and right and just according to Your Word and commands, and serve the common good. Deliver us from terror and threat, and give Your peace to the nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Pastor Lord, grant to the sick and all who suffer any affliction of body, mind, or soul the blessing of Your mercy, with forgiveness according to Your will, and Your presence and comfort to sustain them through the day of trouble. Hear us especially on behalf of those for whom our intercession has been requested, [*names*], and those we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Pastor Lord, grant to the homeless, the widowed, the orphaned, and the unemployed Your strength to bear up under the weight of their trials and Your guidance to bring them to the places where their needs may be answered. Open our hearts to care for them and support them in their need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Pastor Lord, grant to us grateful hearts that with our voices we offer You the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and with our tithes and offerings show forth our confidence in Your loving care and our desire to support the work of Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Pastor (additional petitions conclude with: Lord, in Your mercy,)

People hear our prayer.

Pastor Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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.

GO MY CHILDREN WITH MY BLESSING

[922]



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to Me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.
heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.
Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.
Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing— You are My own.
Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

DISMISSAL

Pastor Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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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.

ALTAR FLOWERS – Today's flowers are given by Todd & Dori Matte in celebration of today's Confirmation.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH – **Good News Jail & Prison Ministry.** During the months of September and October, any money received in the "Designated Offering" contribution envelope, will go to **Good News Jail and Prison Ministry.**

CONFIRMATION CLASS – Reminder that Confirmation starts this week Wednesday from 3:15 – 4:15pm for all 5-8 grade students.

ADOPT-A-BAG FOOD DRIVE - Bethany's 2020 Adopt-a-Bag Food Drive will be held during the month of September. Bags will be available soon in the lower narthex of church and can be brought back to that same area any time during the month of September. Donations will be taken to the Sheboygan Falls Area Food Pantry which serves Sheboygan Falls, Kohler, Howards Grove and Oostburg. Barb and Lee Gumm are the Bethany coordinators for our Adopt-A-Bag program.

"ZOOM" BETHANY BOOK CLUB – This fall's Book Club will be virtual, using Zoom. The book we will be reading is called "*Faith in the Shadow of a Pandemic*" by John T. Pless and Jacob Corzine. It is available at cph.org for \$10. Pastor Steele does have a few copies of the book so check with him or the church office before ordering. The class will be **Thursday evenings from September 24 – October 29.** The time is to be determined (7:30 or 8:00pm). If you are interested in joining this study, please email or call the church office so we can add you to the list.

OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE

Monthly amount needed to meet budget	\$17,034.59
Budget Offerings (August)	\$15,522.19
Charity of the month (August)	\$55.00
Other (August)	\$1,243.00

Weekly Attendance: Thursday, September 3...28
Sunday, September 6...48

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12

Elder: Brian Faucher
Ushers: #5 – Gumm, Marotz, Hazen
Acolyte: Maggie Faucher
Altar Guild: Debbie & Steve Perry
Bulletin Folder: Dan Fibiger

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13

Elder: Shua Yang
Ushers: #6 – Ottman, MacKenzie
Acolyte: Ella Albert
Scripture Reader: Steve Hazen
Door Locker: Steve Marotz

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE NEXT SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19

Elder: Steve Hazen
Ushers: #7 – Fibiger
Acolyte: Kaleb Faucher
Altar Guild: Sue Prange, Lois Schmideler
Bulletin Folder: Dan Fibiger

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20

Elder: Andy Fibiger
Ushers: #8 - Matte
Acolyte: Madison Fibiger
Scripture Reader: Todd Matte
Door Locker: Tom Schnettler

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH, FELLOWSHIP & PRAISE THIS WEEK

Mon	9-14	5:45 pm	Board of Education
		6:15 pm	Board of Finance
		7:00 pm	Council
Wed	9-16	3:15 pm	Confirmation 5-8 grade
Sat	9-19	4:00 pm	Worship w/Holy Communion
Sun	9-20	8:45 am	Bible Study & Sunday School
		10:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion