

BETHANY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

"You have a place here! Joyfully we profess our faith through God's unconditional love. Here and now God dwells in all of our lives, bears our sins on the cross, and forgives us all."

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am on Sunday, October 18 , 2020

Holy Communion Worship

Pastor Dave Johnson, presiding



In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

ALL ARE WELCOME

The family of Bethany hopes that your worship experience is spiritually fulfilling and your day begins with our Lord's gifts of peace and joy.

As Christians of the Reformation tradition, we believe that the Sacrament of the Altar is the Real Presence of Christ's body and blood, instituted by Christ Himself as a sign of unity. All baptized and confessing believers are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. For those who are worshipping online at home, communion kits may be picked up in the parking lot at Bethany on Saturdays between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. and on Sundays between 8 and 8:30 a.m

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR PENTECOST SEASON

Minister/Leaders speak regular print—Congregation speaks bold print

THE GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

▼ **Prelude Reflections for Meditation**

▼ **Welcome and Greeting**

▼ **Prayers and Praises**

▲ **Invocation**

We gather together in the name of the Father,
the † Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

▲ **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

Faithful God,
have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you**

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:
Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

▼ **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**

Sovereign God,
**raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image;
created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you,
let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

THE WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

▼ **God's Word from the Scriptures (NRSV)**

A reading from Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and

from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

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

▼ **God's Word from the Psalms (NRSV)**

Let us read responsively from Psalm 96: 1-9

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

▼ **God's Word from the Scriptures (NRSV)**

A reading from 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers

and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

▼ ***God's Word from the Gospel (NRSV)***

▲ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:15-22

Glory to You, O Lord

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

▼ ***Sermon—God's Word Applied to Life***

▼ *Hymn of the Day*

"Lord, You Give The Great Commission," page 10

▲ **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

▲ *Prayers of Intercession*

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church,
 the world, and all those in need.

brief silence

Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news.
 Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists.
 We give thanks for the witness of your servant Luke, the evangelist,
 whom the church commemorates today.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising
 of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise
 up devoted stewards of all that you have made.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt especially *the family of Rod Walter, Tim,*

Barbara, Mike Day; Ava Johnson Mitchell (Pastor Dave's Aunt); those who have received prayer shawls and are in need of comfort; those who have requested special prayers through our website; and others that we now name silently or aloud.

brief silence

Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear now these other intercessions.

brief silence

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you. We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome for all.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

▲ **Sharing of the Peace**

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

Greet each other with love and the sign of Christ's peace.

THE MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

▼ **Offering and Presentation of the Gifts**

October—December Mission ~ Adopt-A-Family

▲ **The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

▲ **The 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**

Come to the banquet table
where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

▼ **Distribution of Communion**

▲ **Post Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in His grace until He comes again.
In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

▲ **Post Communion Prayer**

We give you thanks, gracious God,
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.

Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and
thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

THE SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

▲ **Hymn of Sending**

"Give Me Oil In My Lamp," page 11

▲ **Blessing**

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

Announcements

Anyone is welcome to announce upcoming events or share thoughts of interest.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa - ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
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Refrain
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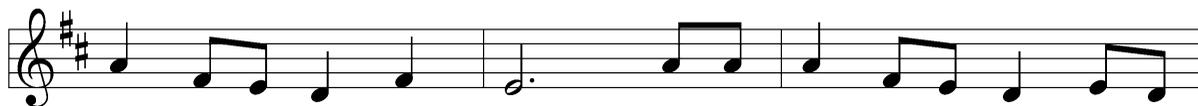
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Give Me Oil in My Lamp



1 Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burn - ing. Give me
 2 Give me love in my heart, keep me shar - ing. Give me
 3 Give me joy in my heart, keep me sing - ing. Give me
 4 Give me faith in my heart, keep me pray - ing. Give me



oil in my lamp, I pray. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me
 love in my heart, I pray. Give me love in my heart, keep me
 joy in my heart, I pray. Give me joy in my heart, keep me
 faith in my heart, I pray. Give me faith in my heart, keep me



burn-ing. Keep me burn-ing till the break of day.
 shar-ing. Keep me shar-ing till the break of day.
 sing-ing. Keep me sing-ing till the break of day.
 pray-ing. Keep me pray-ing till the break of day.

Refrain



Sing ho-san-na, sing ho-san-na, sing ho-san-na to the King of kings!



Sing ho-san-na, sing ho-san-na, sing ho-san-na to the King!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Are given In Memory of Grant Ebeling by Carol & Dave Ebeling and
To the Glory of God by Pastor Irene

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Help us to update the Bethany congregational directory! If you received an e-mail asking for your household information, please get back to the church office.

Two weekly events at Bethany are open to members and friends: **Community Coffee** at 9 a.m. every Tuesday and **The Men's Breakfast and Bible Study** at 7 a.m. every Thursday.

Communion kits are available for pick-up in the Bethany parking lot from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and 8 to 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. This is done so those who worship online from their homes have the opportunity to receive communion.

Christ in Our Home, the daily devotion booklets, are now available for October through December in regular and large print formats. Contact the church office to have the devotions mailed to your home.

Please contact the church office with any additions or updates to the **prayer list** published in our weekly bulletin and newsletter.

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