

Bethany Lutheran Church
Sunday May 24, 2020

Invocation

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Pastor: Jesus is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Oh, sing unto to the Lord a new song.

People: For he has done marvelous things!

Opening Hymn LSB 525 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"(vs. 1, 4 & 5)



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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Pastor: The Lord says to us: “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you. I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit in you, and move you to follow My decrees and be careful to keep my laws.” (Ezekiel 37:26-27)

People: God of grace, do for us as You have promised! Give us Your Spirit in abundant measure, so that we may worship You with righteousness and rejoicing hearts!

Confession

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins to God, our merciful Father:

All: Dear Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful. I am a slave to my evil passions and desires, I cannot free myself from them. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed...by what I have done, by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart, neither have I loved my neighbors as myself.

For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon me! Forgive me! Renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

Pastor: Listen to the Word of the Lord: “I, even I am he that blots out your

transgressions for My Own sake. I will remember your sins no more. I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name. You are Mine. Though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be white as snow. Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”

People: I thank and praise God who is merciful! I shall live for Him, because He died for me! Amen!

Prayer of the Day

O most loving Father, You want us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing except losing You, and to lay all our cares on You, knowing that You care for us. Strengthen us in our faith in You. Grant that the fears and anxieties of this mortal life may not separate us from Your love shown to us in Jesus Christ. In your most holy name, Amen!

Scripture Readings

First Reading: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, **17** that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Second Reading: Matthew 22:34-40

34 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. **35** And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. **36** “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” **37** And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. **38** This is the great and first commandment. **39** And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. **40** On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Hymn of the Day LSB 857 "Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way"

(vs. 1, 2 & 4)



1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -
2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But
4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -
pow'r You laid a - side. You lived Your years in
count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.
ser - vant - hood; In low - li - ness You died.
mean - est task That waits the gift of love.

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SERMON Responding to God's Call; My Response to Christian Growth

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.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

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.

Benediction

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. -- I Thessalonians 5:23-24

People: Amen!

Closing Hymn LSB 924 "Lord, dismiss Us with Your Blessing"



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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