

Bethany Lutheran Church
Sunday May 31, 2020

Invocation

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

People: **Amen!**

Pastor: "Oh that men would praise the Lord or his goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men"

People: **"For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." (Psalm 107: 8, 9)**

Pastor: this is the day the Lord has made,

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it! (Psalm 118:24)**

Pastor: "Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth. Sing the glory of His name. Give to Him glorious praise!" (Psalm 66:1)

People: **"O come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!" (Psalm 95:11)**

Opening Hymn LSB 906 "O Day of Rest and Gladness" vs 1, 2, 4



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
2 This day at earth's cre - a - - tion The light first had its birth;
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;
△ 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,



O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.
At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.



This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,
This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,
We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,
We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.
And thus this day most glo - rious A three - fold light was giv'n.
From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.
The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

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Confession

Pastor: In order that we might worship and praise our God with clean and fresh hearts, let us now humbly confess to Him all our sins, and ask His forgiveness for Christ's sake. (silent meditation for self examination)

All: Wipe away my sins, Dear Father, in Your great mercy! I know my many faults. I can see how often I have sinned against You. I have done what You consider evil.

Therefore You are right in judging me guilty, I am worthy of your everlasting punishment. But for Jesus' sake, remove my sin and I will be made clean. By His blood wash me and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear the words of absolution with ears of faith. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit in me. Give me again the joy that comes from Your salvation. And make my spirit obedient to Your word!

Absolution

Pastor: Hear the Word of the Lord: Our God is the everlasting God. He is the creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to him who has no might He gives strength. God send

His Son, Jesus Christ, into the world, not to condemn the world. But that the world might be saved through Him. Upon this your confession, as a servant of the Word of God, I announce to you that God, in Christ, has completely forgiven all your sins. Go in peace, and serve the Lord with gladness!

People: I believe God's word, and I accept His forgiveness, for Christ's sake. Amen!

Prayer of the Day

Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son into our flesh, in whom we have a High Priest able to sympathize with us in our weaknesses and the richest demonstration of Your divine love. Embolden Your people by Your unfailing love to turn in love toward our neighbors. Drive out all fear, give due wisdom and caution, and set our hands to compassionate work and our mouths to gracious words, that Your name may be made known and glorified in the midst of every sorrow; through Jesus Christ our Lord, One God, now and forever, Amen!

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, **2** with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, **3** eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **4** There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— **5** one Lord, one faith, one baptism, **6** one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Second Reading: Luke 9:57-62

57 As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." **58** And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his

head.” **59** To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” **60** And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” **61** Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” **62** Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Children’s Message- Bethany Puppets

Hymn of the Day LSB 685 “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” vs 1 & 4



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther’s bid - ding. Faith - ful
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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Sermon Responding to God's Call; My Response to Walking by Faith

Creed- *Third Article of the Apostles Creed + Luther's Meaning*

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.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

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

Pastor: God the Father sent His Son into the world to search for people who had been separated from Him. While Jesus walked the earth

he proclaimed this message: "I have come to seek and to save the lost." Now the Holy Spirit empowers believers to that same great cause. You have heard God's Good News for life. The end of our worship marks the beginning of our witnessing. Depart in His love and His power.

People: Lord, help us to love You courageously and faithfully! Enable us to share the gospel of forgiveness to those who need it so desperately. To God be the glory, in all that we say and do!

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!

Closing Hymn LSB 923 "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward
△ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
wor - shipped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.