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The people of the Kingdom of God at Bethany welcome you.

**MISSION:** *Living God's Word through Caring, Sharing and Teaching*

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## Call to Worship

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!**

Pastor: I will praise You, O Lord with all my heart! Before the 'gods' I will sing Your  
praise.

**People: I will bow down toward your holy temple, and will praise Your name for your  
love and faithfulness. For You have exalted above all things, Your name and  
Your word!**

Pastor: May all the kings of the earth praise You, O Lord, when they hear the words of  
Your mouth.

**People: "May they sing of the ways of the Lord, for the glory of the Lord is great!"  
(Psalm 138: 1, 2, 4, 5)**

## Invocation

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

**People: Amen.**

## Opening Hymn LSB 900 Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love (verses 1, 3, 5, 6)



1 Je - sus! Name of won-drous love, Name all oth - er names a - bove,  
 3 Je - sus! Name of price - less worth To the fall - en of the earth  
 5 Je - sus! On - ly name that's giv'n Un - der all the might - y heav'n  
 6 Je - sus! Name of won-drous love, Hu - man name of God a - bove;



Un - to which must ev - 'ry knee Bow in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
 For the prom - ise that it gave, "Je - sus shall His peo - ple save."  
 Where-by those to sin en - slaved Burst their fet - ters and are saved.  
 Plead - ing on - ly this, we flee Help-less, O our God, to Thee.

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## CONFESSION

**All:** Almighty Father, I lift up my heart to You in adoration. You are a great God,  
 and You are worthy of my eternal praise. But Father, more often than not, I  
 pursue my own interests and concerns, without ever taking time to seek Your  
 will for my life. As a result, my soul and even my human flesh breaks down

under the load.

**Forgive me, Lord, for not seeking the shelter and rest, that Your spirit offers under the shadow of Calvary's cross. Lift my drooping hands. Strengthen my weak knees. And make straight paths for us to follow to the throne of Your only Son, and our only Savior, Jesus Christ. We come to You in His name's sake. Amen.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Know that by faith, your sins are forgiven you, as far as the east is from the west. For Christ your Lord has freed you completely from the power of sin, death, and the power of the devil. You are free to spread the Good News to all the world and to all conditions of people. Speak of Jesus Christ and His saving deeds, and live the new life in Christ, for you are free people. This is the Good News of the Gospel. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and everlasting God, by Your Son You have promised us the forgiveness of sins, righteousness, and everlasting life: We beseech You, by Your Holy Spirit so enliven our hearts that in daily prayer we may seek your help in Christ against all temptations, and, constantly believing His promise, obtain

that for which we pray, and at last be saved; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Old Testament: Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

**1** This is what the Lord says: “Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed. **6** And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant—**7** these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.” **8** The Sovereign Lord declares— he who gathers the exiles of Israel: “I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered.”

Epistle: Colossians 1:1-14

**1** Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, **2** To God’s holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father. **3** We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, **4** because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people— **5** the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel **6** that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly

understood God's grace. 7 You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, 8 and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. 9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, 10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, 12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. 13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

### **Gospel: Matthew 15:21–28**

21 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." 23 Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." 25 The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. 26 He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." 27 "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." 28 Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

**Message: Christ Above All**

## **Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

## **OFFERING**

## **GENERAL PRAYER**

## Communion Hymn LSB 637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;  
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,  
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### Proper

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father; almighty and everlasting God, for

the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life.

**C:** Amen!

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pastor: Sanctified and kept in the one true faith, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

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.

## WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Distribution

Distribution Hymns:

LSB 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be



1	Chief	of	sin - ners	though	I	be,	Je - sus	shed	His
2	Oh,	the	height	of	Je - sus'	love,	High - er	than	the
3	On - ly	Je - sus	can	im - part	Balm	to	heal	the	
4	Chief	of	sin - ners	though	I	be,	Christ	is	all
5	O	my	Sav - ior,	help	af - ford	By	Your	Spir - it	



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
 heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
 wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
 all to me; All my wants to Him are known,  
 and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—  
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to  
 All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the  
 Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.  
 won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.  
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.  
 hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.  
 need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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### 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our

Lord,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**





O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,  
 Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,  
 The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.  
 In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;



We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
 We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
 We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
 Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,



We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.  
 We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.  
 We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.  
 And ev - er - more con - fess Thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!