

Sunday July 3rd, 2022 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Bethany Lutheran Church (ELCA)

# PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES RINGING OF BELL WELCOME

The people of God stand.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the ⊕ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

# Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  $\pm$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

# Amen.

# HYMN We All Are One in Mission (ELW 576)



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#### **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.

**KRYIE** (*ELW p.184*)



# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The people of God are seated.

#### WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14

Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>10</sup>Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—<sup>11</sup>that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. <sup>12</sup>For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. <sup>13</sup>As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# **PSALM 66:1-9**

Psalm 66 is a hymn of praise.

<sup>1</sup>Be joyful in God, all you lands;

be joyful, all the earth.

# <sup>2</sup>Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.

<sup>3</sup>Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup>All the earth bows down before you,

sings to you, sings out your name."

<sup>5</sup>Come now and see the works of God,

how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

<sup>6</sup>God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.

<sup>7</sup>Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;

let no rebels exalt themselves.

<sup>8</sup>Bless our God, you peoples;

let the sound of praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup>Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

#### **SECOND READING: Galatians 6:7-16**

In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."

A reading from Galatians.

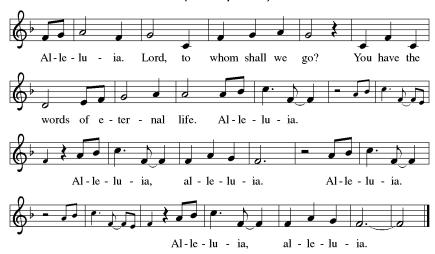
<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup>See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup>It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup>Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup>May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup>As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (ELW p. 188)



# **GOSPEL READING: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹¹Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' ³¹6"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup>He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

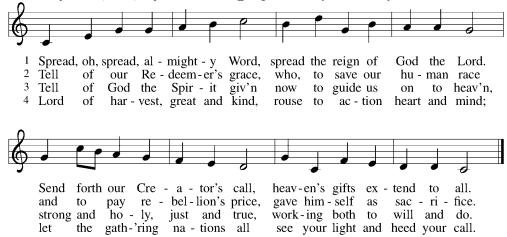
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The people of God are seated.

**SERMON** 

# HYMN Spread, Oh, Spread Almighty Word (ELW633)



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# **APOSTLES' CREED** (ELW P.105)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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 the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Each petition ends with, "Lord, in your mercy." Those worshipping respond with, "Hear our prayer."

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

#### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people of God are seated.

#### **OFFERING**

We are grateful for your gifts, and they are needed to continue the work of the church. For those worshipping online please visit our website (<u>www.wbbethany.org</u>) and click on the blue "Give Now" button on the home page. Thank you!

The people of God stand as the offering is brought forward.

# HYMN Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (ELW 184)



# OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

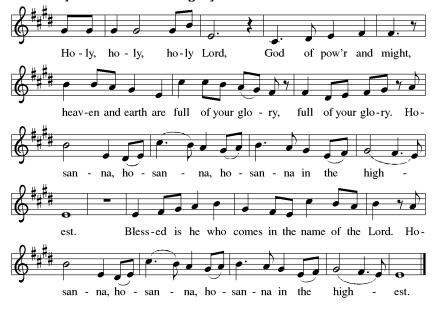
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life And so, with the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### 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, and 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.

# LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

The people of God are seated.

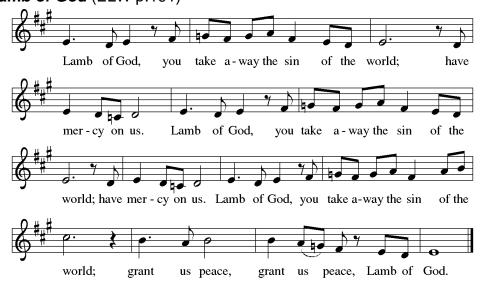
#### COMMUNION

Communion today will be distributed in a continuous line. The cups in the center of the tray contain white grape juice. All other cups are wine. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

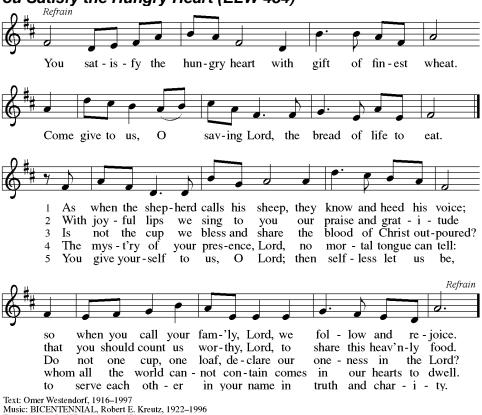
All gathered who believe Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior are invited to come to Holy Communion with repentant hearts believing that Christ forgives our sins and guides our lives. Strengthened, forgiven, and nourished through this meal the Spirit sends us forth in service and to proclaim the good news of Christ's love. Children and adults who do not take communion may come forward for a blessing.

# **HYMNS DURING COMMUNION**

Lamb of God (ELW p.191)

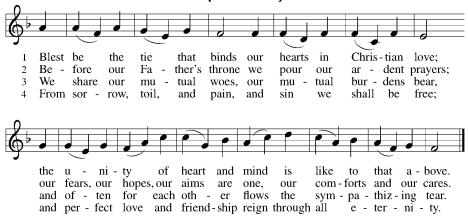


# You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (ELW 484)



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# Blest Be the Tie That Binds (ELW 656)



The people of God stand.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

#### SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

#### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\pm$  give you peace.

#### Amen.

# HYMN Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory (ELW 890).



#### **SENDING**

The Lord has appointed you! Go in peace and proclaim the good news! **Thanks be to God.** 

#### **POSTLUDE**

Thank you for worshipping with us.

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Great Hall.

OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS		
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Music	Jill Barnhart	Jill Barnhart
<b>Proclamation (Lector)</b>	Alan Beyer	Cheryl Boerjan
Minister of Technology	Paula Casper	Cole C. & Tate F.
Worship (Altar Care)	Nancy Bruns	Nancy Bruns
Outdoor Setup		Poppen Family

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