

# Lift Your Voices



**April 30, 2023**  
**Bethany Lutheran Church (ELCA)**

**PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES  
RINGING OF BELL  
WELCOME**

*The people of God stand and respond with the bold printed words.*

**GATHERING (Psalm 100)**

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>**Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup>**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.**

**Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

<sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

**GATHERING HYMN *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (ELW 841)**



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,  
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,  
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.  
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,  
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871-1938

Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873-1954

*The people of God are seated.*

## **CHOIR ANTHEM "Always With Me"**

*The people of God stand.*

### **GREETING (ELW p.184)**

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.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* (ELW 857 Sing two times)**

*See next page.*

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.

I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth

to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,

from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

Text: Rick Founds, b. 1954  
 Music: Rick Founds  
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LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME  
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Oh Lord, please bless our music that it might glorify your name and be used to serve you. Let our singing be a witness to your majesty and love and remind us that you are always watching and listening from your throne above. May your presence and beauty be found in every note and may the words that are sung reach the hearts of your people so they will draw closer to you. May your Spirit guide us through every measure so that we might be instruments of your peace and proclaim your glory with glad voices. Amen.**

*The people of God are seated.*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### FIRST READING: Exodus 15:1-5

A reading from Exodus.

<sup>1</sup>Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea. <sup>2</sup>The LORD is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt

him. <sup>3</sup>The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. <sup>4</sup>Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea; his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea. <sup>5</sup>The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### HYMN *My Life Flows On in Endless Song* (ELW 763 vv.1-2)



- 1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
- 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

#### *Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth,how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

### PSALM 98

<sup>1</sup>O sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

**<sup>2</sup>The LORD has made known his victory;  
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**<sup>4</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.

**<sup>8</sup>Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy**

<sup>9</sup>at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

**HYMN *My Life Flows on in Endless Song* (ELW 763 vv.3-4)**

*See previous page.*

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:18b-20**

A reading from Ephesians.

<sup>18b</sup>But be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **A MUSIC PRAYER**

God of harmony,  
you give us music rich in variety,  
to connect us with you and all creation.  
We thank you for inspiring poets and musicians  
who bring praise to our lips.  
Help us embrace the harmonies of your creative genius;  
Let your hope, faith, love, and joy  
resound in us and ring throughout the earth.  
Fill us with the rhythm of your heartbeat  
in your symphony of being  
as it guides and nurtures us  
in mission with you.  
We pray in the name of Christ, the singer and the song.  
**Amen.**

## HYMN SING

You are invited to call out a favorite hymn and if in the hymnal we will sing a verse or two. Those online are invited to type a hymn. Following a time of singing, offerings are gathered.

## WE GIVE THANKS

### OFFERING

*The people of God stand.*

### OFFERTORY HYMN *When in Our Music God Is Glorified (ELW 851)*



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -  
2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -  
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and  
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most  
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -



ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as  
men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship  
love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness  
e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us  
joice who have a voice to raise; and may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried:  
moved us to a more pro - found  
to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!  
sing, for whom he won the fight:  
give us faith to sing al - ways:

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

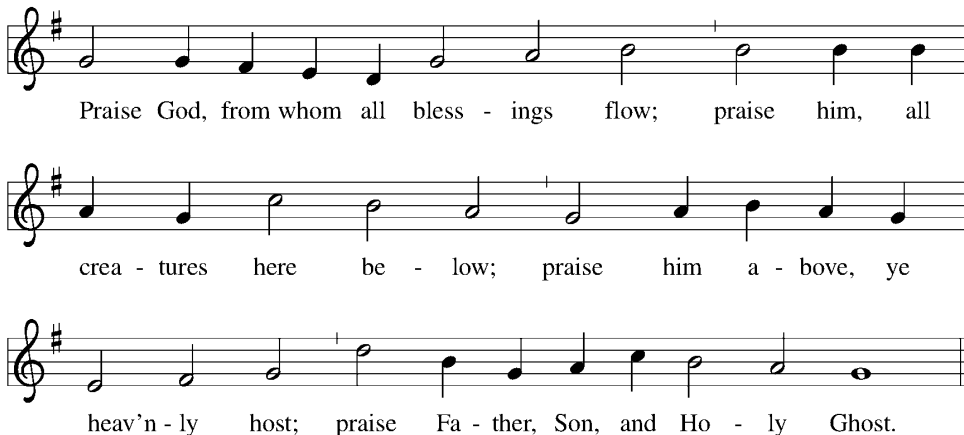
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**

## WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

### **HYMN *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (ELW 884)***



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Go in peace sharing signs of peace with one another. Christ is with you!

**Thanks be to God!**

*Everyone is invited to fellowship after the service in the Great Hall*



## OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ministers of:	Today	May 7
<b>Music</b>	Jill Barnhart	Jill Barnhart
<b>Proclamation (Lector)</b>	Del Hughes	Pat Cassabaum
<b>Minister of Technology</b>	Alex Poppen	Paula Casper
<b>Worship (Altar Care)</b>	Linda & John Black	Linda & John Black

Thank you to Beth Kaufman for leading worship this morning.

Thanks also to the Bethany Choir for singing.

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Just as Jesus welcomed the stranger, we believe all are welcome here. Please join us again next week. For more information about our life together in Christ, visit: [www.wbbethany.org](http://www.wbbethany.org)

### Ministry Opportunities This Week

#### Wednesday, May 3

- 7:00 AM — Men's Bible Study with Breakfast
- 6:15 PM — Choir Practice
- 6:30 PM — Youth Faith Formation (4-8 Grade)

#### Thursday, May 4

- 6:00 AM — Women's Bible Study
- 1:00 PM — Quilters

#### Sunday, May 7

- 8:30 AM — Sunday School (PreK-Grade 3)
- 9:30 AM — Worship



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# SYNOD REVIVAL

## IMAGINE



NOW TO GOD WHO BY THE POWER AT WORK WITHIN  
US IS ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH ABUNDANTLY FAR MORE  
THAN ALL WE CAN ASK OR IMAGINE...  
EPHESIANS 3:21



**BISHOP AMY CURRENT**  
SEIA SYNOD - ELCA



**BISHOP YEHIEL CURRY**  
METRO CHICAGO SYNOD - ELCA



**RACHEL KURTZ**  
MUSICIAN



**SATURDAY  
MAY 20**

**10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM**



**GRAND VIEW  
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SCAN ME



- **WORSHIP**
- **INSPIRATIONAL MUSIC & SPEAKERS**
- **LEARN ABOUT VARIOUS MINISTRIES**
- **BRING A CHAIR OR BLANKET**
- **RAIN OR SHINE (INDOORS IF RAIN)**
- **FOOD AVAILABLE**
- **ALL AGES, ALL ARE WELCOME**
- **FREE! NO RSVP NEEDED**

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