



October 20, 2024

22nd Day After Pentecost

Bethany Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

This worship is being streamed live via Facebook and will be posted to our Website and X (formerly Twitter). The camera captures anyone in the first few pews of our worship space and beyond extending to the altar.

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

Choir song, "We Have Come Into His House "during lighting of candles.

RINGING OF BELL

WELCOME

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

The assembly stands.

Please respond with the words printed in bold.

GATHERING (Psalm 100)

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

²**Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

³Know 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.

⁴**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.**

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

⁵For 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.

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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.

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)



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The people of God are seated.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Let the Whole Creation Cry"

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Exodus 15:1-5

A reading from Exodus.

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. ²The 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. ³The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. ⁴"Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea; his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea. ⁵The 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?

PSALM 98

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

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

²**The LORD has made known his victory;**

he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³He 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.

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

⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

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

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

⁸**Let the floods clap their hands;**
let the hills sing together for joy

⁹at 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.

^{18b}But be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving 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.

The assembly is seated.

HYMN SING

You are invited to call out a favorite hymn from 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.

OFFERING

We are grateful for your gifts, and they are needed to continue the work of the church. For those worshipping online, options on ways to give are found on our website (www.wbbethany.org). Thank you! After the offering is gathered, the people of God stand and sing the hymn on the next page as the gifts are brought forward.

OFFERTORY HYMN *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* (ELW 851) See next page.



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:

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OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 190)

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, 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

SENDING

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

BLESSING (ELW p. 192)

The God of steadfastness and encouragement

grant you to live in harmony with one another,

in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

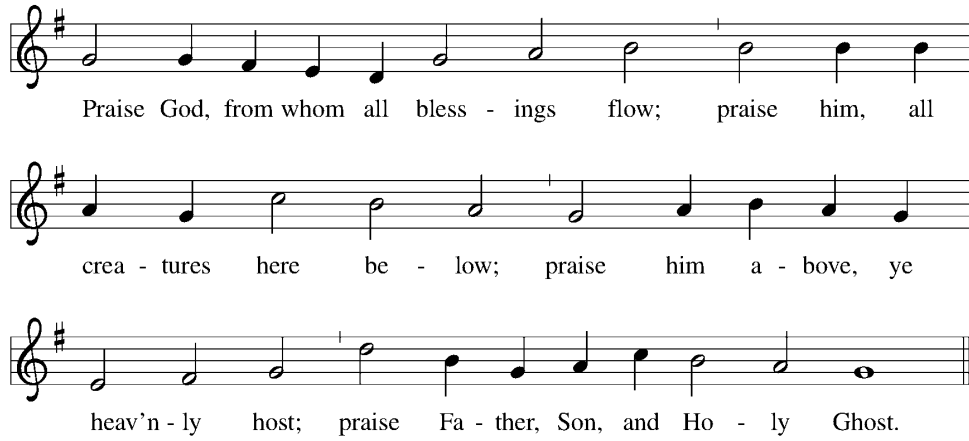
The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,

so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

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.

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	October 27
Music	Jill Barnhart	Jill Barnhart
Proclamation (Lector)	Pat Cassabaum	Paula Casper
Hospitality (Greeter)	Nancy Bruns	Stacy Beyer
Technology	Paula Casper	Jill Taylor
Worship (Altar Care)	Kent & Beth Kaufman	Kent & Beth Kaufman



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

Thank You

Thank you to Beth Kaufman for leading worship this morning, and to the Bethany Choir for singing.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

 November 3

We'll worship Jesus Christ, our Lord!
 We'll give thanks for the saints who have gone before us, the newly baptized saints, and our senior saints, (80+) among us.
 We would love to have you join us!



*Affirmation of Baptism
(Confirmation) Sunday*

*Sunday October 27th
9:30 AM Worship*

Arik Marsh

*For all you who were baptized into Christ have clothed
yourself with Christ. Galatians 3:27 (NIV)*

4th Sunday Community Meal
October 27, 2024
Bethany Lutheran Church
5:00-6:00 PM

*Join us for
our annual
fish fry*



sunday school with Bethany Lutheran Church

Preschool - Grade 2

SUNDAY MORNINGS
8:30 - 9:15 AM

September 8	November 17
September 22	November 24
September 29	December 1
October 6	December 8
October 20	December 15
October 27	*Last class until mid-Jan.
November 3	<u>No class</u> dates: 9/15, 10/13, 11/10

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Bethany Lutheran is located in the original and ancestral homelands of the Iowa, Sauk, Fox, Kickapoo and Oceti Sakowin peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

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