

**ALL SAINTS' DAY (NOVEMBER 1)** is a remembrance of those who died in the faith, a thanksgiving for the work that the Lord did in their lives, and even an encouragement to imitate the courage of those who died for their faith. Holy Communion joins us as “forgiven sinners who in the reception of the Lord’s true body and blood are made one with all members of the church, all the saints in heaven and on earth, as the Body of Christ.” *Source: Witness-Mercy-Life Together blog, www.lcms.org*



LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, O GATES! AND LIFT THEM UP, O ANCIENT DOORS,  
THAT THE KING OF GLORY MAY COME IN.      – PSALM 24

## **CELEBRATION OF ALL SAINTS' DAY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018**

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# ***WORSHIP SCHEDULE***

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,

Mandi Diver – Choir/New Music Accompanist

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## ***WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS***

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

## ***HOLY COMMUNION***

The Lord's Supper is celebrated according to the Lutheran Confessions based on the teaching Jesus gave his disciples and us that he is truly present in this meal. Confident that our sins are forgiven, we experience our oneness with him and each other as he gathers us at his table. His true body and blood, given and shed for us, we share in this meal as he invites in Matthew 26:26-28, "Take and eat; this is My Body ... This is My Blood..." Baptized Christians sharing these beliefs are invited to receive Communion. All others are invited to the altar rail for a blessing. Wine can be taken by common chalice, individual cup, or by dipping your wafer into the chalice. Please address questions to the Elders or the Pastor. ***Non-alcoholic wine is in purple-colored cups.***

## ***NURSERY***

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

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## ***SERVING TODAY***

### ***Sunday 8:00AM***

***Elders:*** JJ Jones  
***Comm/Asst. Elder:*** Mike Bandman  
***Acolytes:*** Ashley Plapp, Ellie Kreamer  
***Lay Readers:*** Diane Boehm, Jose Rayos  
***Ushers:*** John Kozlik, **OPEN**  
***Greeters:*** Dawn Werfelmann,  
The White Family  
***Fellowship:*** Jeanine Hautzinger  
***Nov. Altar Guild:*** Diane Mundrick &  
***Nov. Counters:*** Monte Stoltzman

### ***Sunday 10:45AM***

***Bob Souza***  
***Randy Gifford***  
***Matthieu Weinberg, Ruth Ziegler***  
***Bob Souza, Diane Mundrick***  
***John Schultz, Jay Souza***  
***Javier & Michelle Ramon,***  
***Cindy Ellwein***  
  
***Deborah Wuethrick***  
***Bill & Kathy Schwartz***

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## ***TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:***

Jim Franz in memory of his father, brother and sister.

# In Today's Prayers

*If you have something you'd like added,  
please go to one of the Prayer Stands,  
write down your request, & put in the plastic rack.*



In our weekly Worship Prayers, we lift up praises, thanksgivings, requests, and concerns to our Lord. In order to help us pray to God about the wholeness of our lives in the world, we have a schedule for when we will focus on specific areas for prayer. Any immediate needs will always take priority, but in general, we will follow this schedule. Please note that this means on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, Pastor will speak the names of everyone on our health concerns list, but on other Sundays, this will be lifted up only as a general prayer for health and healing.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

### Missionaries

Pastor Nicholas Salifu and churches in Northern Ghana  
Chris, Heather, Moses & Micah Shepherd  
Carlos & Suzanne Tejada, former preschool family, Costa Rica

### Prayers for Justice

Heal our communities, break systems of injustice, use us as Your people  
help us see others as children of God

### Our local partners

Love INC—serving churches to help Christians serve those in need  
COOL—food bank and transitional housing  
PADS—homeless advocacy and support  
A Safe Place—support for those affected by domestic violence  
Ricky Bueno & Frontline Street Intervention—local gang outreach & ministry  
Informed Choices—Pregnancy & Parenting centers, Grayslake & Crystal Lake

### Congregation: Care in Community

We will provide direct assistance and build supportive relationships

## **500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION**

This service is compiled from Scripture and the Book of Concord in celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation—October 31, 1517.



“Concordia comes from two Latin words meaning ‘with’ and ‘heart.’ It describes a commitment to the truth so strong and so deep, it is as if those who share it have a single heart beat. The Book of Concord contains documents which Christians from the fourth to the 16th century A.D. explained what they believed and taught on the basis of the Holy Scriptures. It includes, first, the three creeds which originated in the ancient church, the Apostles’ Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed. It contains, secondly, the Reformation writings known as the Augsburg Confession, the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, the Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope, Luther’s Small and Large Catechisms, and the Formula of Concord.”<sup>1</sup>

### **Preface**

**P:** In these Last Times and in this old age of the world,  
what a remarkable favor of Almighty God has arisen,

**C: According to His unspeakable love, patience, and mercy,**

**P:** He willed that the light of His Gospel and Word—  
through which alone we receive true salvation—

**C: This Gospel should arise and shine clearly and purely.**

**P:** Therefore, a brief and concise Confession of faith—

**C: a declaration of what we believe—**

**P:** was prepared from God’s Word—

**C: the most holy writings of the prophets and apostles.<sup>2</sup>**

**P:** The first and chief article of faith is this:

**C: Jesus Christ, our God and Lord,**

**“was put to death for our trespasses  
and raised again for our justification.”**

**He alone is “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”  
Alleluia. Amen.**

**P:** On this article of faith rests all that we teach and practice.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Introduction/Overview, *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions—A Reader’s Edition*, pp. 9,13.

<sup>2</sup> Preface to the Christian Book of Concord, ¶ 2.

<sup>3</sup> Smalcald Articles, Part II, I, ¶ 1-2,5.

**Opening Hymn**

**For All the Saints**

LSB 677 sts. 1-3, 7



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,  
2 Thou wast their rock, their for-ress, and their might;  
3 Oh, may Thy sol - diers, faith-ful, true, and bold,  
7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo-rious day: The



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy  
Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;  
Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And  
saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; The



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!  
King of Glo - ry pass - es on His way.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**Invocation and Declaration of the Trinity**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

P: Our churches teach in accordance with the historic Creeds:

C: **That there is one God—**

P: One undivided divine essence,

C: **And that this one God is Trinity—**

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—**

P: Three distinct and coeternal persons of the same divine essence.

C: **And we believe that the Holy Scriptures truly testify to this. Amen.**<sup>4</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Part I, ¶ 1-2.

## ***Confession (Admission) of Sin***

P: We believe, teach, and confess that the distinction between law and Gospel is to be kept in the Church with great diligence as a particularly brilliant light, so that the Word of God may be divided rightly. The law is a divine doctrine which teaches what is right and God-pleasing

**C: *and which condemns everything that is sinful and contrary to God's will.***<sup>5</sup>

P: Since the fall of Adam all people are conceived and born in sin.

**C: *No one by nature is able to have true fear of God and true faith in God.***

P: This inborn sickness and hereditary sin condemns and brings the eternal wrath of God on all those who are not born again through Baptism and the Holy Spirit.<sup>6</sup>

**C: *This is the essence of a genuinely Christian life, to acknowledge that we are sinners and to pray for grace. Amen.***<sup>7</sup>

P: The crowd at Pentecost—confronted with their sin—they asked the Apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Having heard the condemnation of our sin in the Law of God, we find ourselves asking the same question. For this, we turn to the Gospel which teaches what we are to believe:

**C: *Christ has satisfied and paid for all guilt, without any merit of our own, and has won the forgiveness of sins and eternal life for us.***

P: This Gospel is a comforting and joyful message which comforts our consciences terrified by the law, points us only to the merit of Christ, and raises us up again by the delightful proclamation of God’s grace and favor.<sup>8</sup> According to this Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in His stead, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: *Amen.***

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<sup>5</sup> Formula of Concord, Epitome, V, ¶ 1-2.

<sup>6</sup> Augsburg Confession, II, ¶ 1-2.

<sup>7</sup> Large Catechism, Part V, Exhortation, ¶ 9.

<sup>8</sup> Formula of Concord, Epitome, V, ¶ 4,6.

## ***Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)***

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

## ***Anthem***

### **“Jerusalem My Happy Home”**

## ***Adult Choir***

• Use the anthem’s music and words to help you to meditate on God’s Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

1 Jerusalem, my happy home,  
When shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end?  
Thy joys, when shall I see?

Apostles, martyrs, prophets there around  
my Savior stand;  
And soon my friends in Christ below  
Will join the glorious band.

2 O happy harbor of the saints,  
O sweet and pleasant soil!  
In thee no sorrow may be found,  
no grief, no care, no toil.

## ***Our Confession of Faith Regarding the Scriptures***

P: We believe, teach, and confess that the only measure to which all doctrines and teachers are to be evaluated and judged are:

**C: the prophetic and apostolic writings of the Old and New Testaments,**

P: As it is written in Psalm 119,

**C: “Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”**

P: We believe, teach, and confess that this faith  
is not a mere knowledge of the stories about Christ,

**C: but it is God’s gift.**

P: By this gift we rightly recognize Christ as

**C: our Redeemer in the Word of the Gospel.**

P: We trust that only by His obedience, and by grace,

**C: we have forgiveness of sins,**

P: are regarded as holy and righteous by God the Father,

**C: and shall be saved eternally.<sup>9</sup>**

P: Hear now the Word of the Lord.

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<sup>9</sup> Formula of Concord, Epitome, 0, ¶ 1; III, ¶ 6.

### **First Reading**

### **Revelation 21:1–6 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>Then I [the Apostle John] saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.”

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm Reading**

### **Psalm 24:1–10 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof,  
the world and those who dwell therein,

<sup>2</sup>for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

<sup>3</sup>Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

<sup>4</sup>He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

<sup>5</sup>He will receive blessing from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

<sup>6</sup>Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>8</sup>Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates!

And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

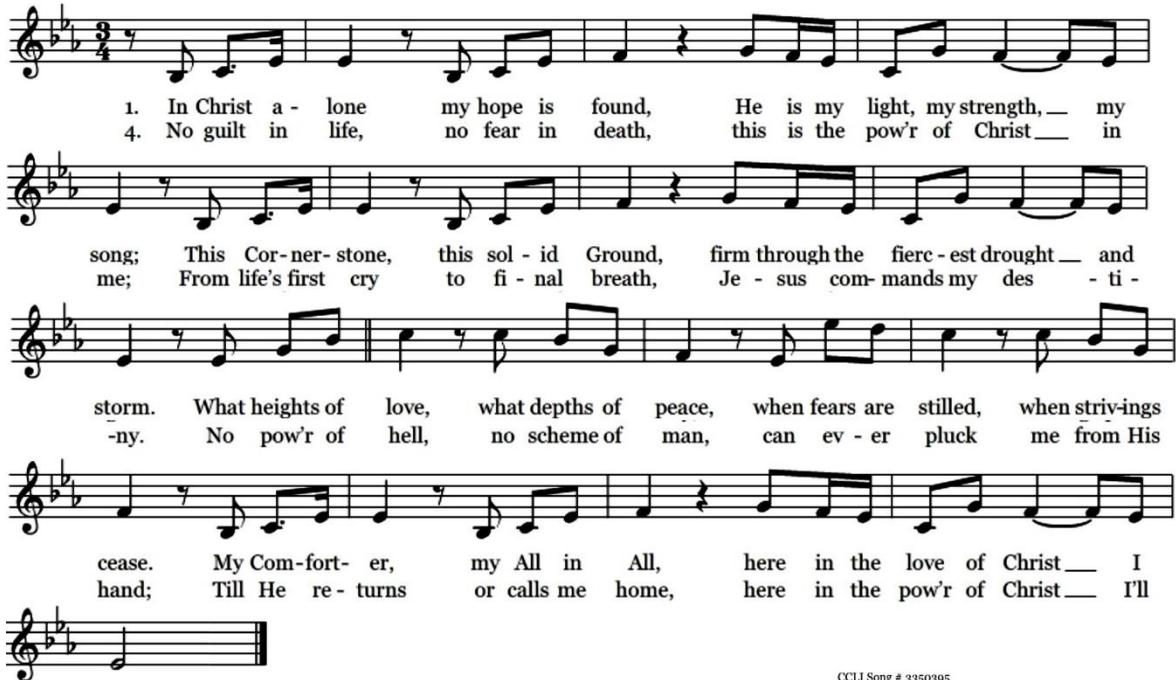
<sup>10</sup>Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

## Song of Praise

## In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, — my  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ — in  
song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought — and  
me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -  
storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
-ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His  
cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ — I  
hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ — I'll

stand.  
stand!

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## Old Testament Reading

## 2 Samuel 6:1-7,10-22 (GWT)

David again assembled all the best soldiers in Israel, 30,000 men. <sup>2</sup> He and all the people with him left Baalah in Judah to bring God's ark to Jerusalem. (The ark is called by the name of the LORD of Armies, who is enthroned over the angels.) <sup>3</sup> David and his men put God's ark on a new cart and brought it from Abinadab's home on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, Abinadab's sons, were guiding the new cart. <sup>4</sup> They brought it from Abinadab's home, with Ahio walking ahead of the ark. <sup>5</sup> David and the entire nation of Israel were celebrating in the LORD's presence with all kinds of instruments made from cypress wood and with lyres, harps, tambourines, sistrums, and cymbals.

<sup>6</sup> But when they came to Nacon's threshing floor, the oxen stumbled. So Uzzah reached out for the ark of God and grabbed it. <sup>7</sup> The LORD became angry with Uzzah, so God killed him there for his lack of respect. He died beside the ark of God.

<sup>10</sup> So David wouldn't bring the ark of the LORD with him to the City of David. Instead, he rerouted it to the home of Obed Edom, who was from Gath. <sup>11</sup> The ark of the LORD stayed at the home of Obed Edom from Gath for three months, and the LORD blessed Obed Edom and his whole family.

<sup>12</sup> King David was told, “The LORD has blessed Obed Edom’s home and everything he owns because of the ark of God.” Then David joyfully went to get the ark of God from Obed Edom’s house and bring it to the City of David. <sup>13</sup> When those who carried the ark of the LORD had gone six steps, David sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf.

<sup>14</sup> Wearing a linen ephod, David danced in the LORD’s presence with all his might. <sup>15</sup> He and the entire nation of Israel brought the ark of the LORD with shouts of joy and the sounding of rams’ horns. <sup>16</sup> When the ark of the LORD came to the City of David, Saul’s daughter Michal looked out of a window and saw King David leaping and dancing in the LORD’s presence, so she despised him.

<sup>17</sup> The men carrying the ark set it in its place inside the tent David had put up for it. David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings in the LORD’s presence. <sup>18</sup> When David had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and the fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of Armies. <sup>19</sup> He also distributed to all the people—to the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women—one loaf of bread, one date cake, and one raisin cake. Then all the people went home.

<sup>20</sup> When David returned to bless his family, Saul’s daughter Michal came out to meet him. “How dignified Israel’s king was today! He was exposing himself before the eyes of the slave girls of his palace staff—like a mindless fool might expose himself!”

<sup>21</sup> David answered Michal, “I didn’t dance in front of the slave girls but in front of the LORD. He chose me rather than your father or anyone in your father’s house, and he appointed me leader of Israel, the LORD’s people. I will celebrate in the LORD’s presence, <sup>22</sup> and I will degrade myself even more than this. Even if I am humiliated in your eyes, I will be honored by these slave girls you speak about.”

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### ***Confession of Faith***

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.—And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. —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.*

### ***Apostles’ Creed***

# Hymn of the Day *Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors*

LSB 339

*This traditionally Advent & Palm Sunday hymn connects with today's Psalm Reading.*



1 Lift up your heads, you ev - er - last - ing doors,  
2 Who is this King of great and glo - rious fame?  
3 Who may as - cend Mount Zi - on's ho - ly hill  
4 "Wor - thy is Christ!" The Lamb who once was slain



And weep no more! O Zi - on's daugh - ter, sing,  
What is His name? Lord God of Sab - a - oth,  
To do God's will? The One whose un - stained hands  
Now lives to reign. He rules our earth - ly ways



To greet your com - ing King; Now wave the vic - tor's  
Of whom the proph - ets wrote, Whose cho - sen, hum - ble  
Can meet the Law's de - mands, Whose pu - ri - ty with -  
As Lord of An - cient Days— O join the end - less



palm And sing the an - cient psalm: "Lift up your  
stead De - clares Him king in - deed! Ho - san - na,  
in Re - veals One free from sin. Come, praise this  
song Sung by the ran - somed throng: "Wor - thy is



heads, you ev - er - last - ing gates!" Your King a - waits!  
Lord! Mes - si - ah, come and save From sin and grave.  
King who claims the cross as throne— Praise Him a - lone!  
Christ!" The Lamb be praised a - gain! A - men! A - men!

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**Sermon**

***"What Ancient Doors Are Being Lifted Open?"***

***Psalm 24***

## **Offering & Prayer Requests**

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

## **Installation & Affirmation of Christian Education Staff**

*(Preschool Staff, Sunday School teachers & assistants, Bible study leaders, Confirmation & 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Lay Coaches, F.E.E.T. leaders)*

*This installation is based on Bethel's discipleship and membership language. It encourages the Christian Education Staff to prayerfully ask God to be at work in their own lives while also affirming our commitments together as a congregation.*



P: At Bethel, our mission is to help people be Disciples—life-long learners & followers of Jesus Christ. Discipleship means God awakening Disciples from head knowledge of the faith to “heart life”. Are you a disciple of Jesus?

**E: I am through the grace of God.**

P: As Christian Education Staff, do you prayerfully accept your role to teach, support, and lead others in growing as disciples—helping others grow in head knowledge of the faith while also encouraging them in their “heart life”?

**E: I do.**

P: As a gathering of disciples, Bethel seeks to teach faith in Jesus according to God's Word as best expressed in Lutheran theology according to the Lutheran Confessions. Will you hold to this commitment in your teaching while seeking the guidance and support from the Pastor in our doctrine?

**E: I will.**

P: Before you can teach others, you must also seek to be shepherded and held accountable in your life as a believer in Jesus. Do you commit yourselves to seeking ways to be built up in your faith even as you encourage fellow believers at Bethel in their faith?

**E: I do.**

P: Do you then accept your Christian Education positions as your way of supporting the mission of the congregation to bring the Gospel to those who need Jesus?

**E: I do by the grace of God. Amen.**

Continued 

P: I now ask those gathered here as representatives of this congregation. Having heard the promises made by our Christian Education Staff, will you pray for them as fellow disciples, asking God to help them grow in their own discipleship even as they encourage all of us in our faith? Will you support and work with them as they give us opportunities to grow in the head of the knowledge of the faith and our “heart life”?

**C: We will.**

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, I install you as Christian Education leaders at Bethel Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray. O Lord, grant to these Your people the gifts of wisdom and discretion, kindness and faithfulness, so that they may effectively teach and guide, and grant to all Your people a ready willingness to learn. Let the knowledge of Your Word be preserved and extended among us so that all may know and praise You now and forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Our mission is to help people be Disciples—life-long learners & followers of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters—in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—

**C: *this is our true and proper worship.***

P: Do not conform to the pattern of this world,

**C: *May we be transformed by the renewing of our minds.***

P: Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—

**C: *His good, pleasing and perfect will:***

***Share with the Lord’s people who are in need.***

***Practice hospitality.***

*Mission Words (Education Year Focus from Romans 12:1-2,13)*

**Offertory**

**All Who Believe and Are Baptized**

LSB 601

(we join in singing as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



1 All who be-lieve and are bap-tized Shall see the Lord's sal - va - tion;  
2 With one ac-cord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Ho - ly Spir - it.



Bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, They are a new cre - a - tion.  
Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it.



Through Christ's re-demp-tion they shall stand A - mong the glo-rious,  
Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -



heav'n - ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.  
ment we may E - ter - nal life in - her - it.

**Prayers**

**The Lord's Supper: What We Believe**

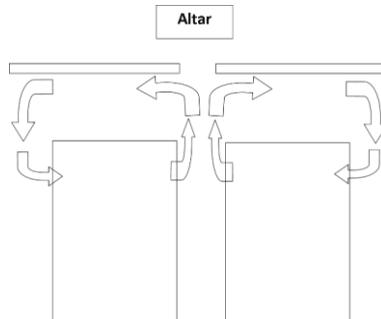
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed  
are invited to receive Communion with us  
if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ,  
and the wine is the blood of Christ,  
truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe,  
we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to  
talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and  
receive a blessing from the Lord.



## **Communion Distribution**

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



## **Preparation for the Lord's Supper**

P: We believe, teach, and confess that in the Holy Supper

**C: the body and blood of Christ are truly present**

**and that they are truly given and received with the bread and wine.**<sup>10</sup>

P: It is the Word of God that makes and sets this Sacrament apart.

So it is not mere bread and wine, but it is:

**C: The body and blood of Christ.**<sup>11</sup>

P: And we believe, teach, and confess that

we will not receive the Holy Supper to our condemnation,

**C: no matter how weak our faith,  
as long as we retain a living faith.**

P: Christ instituted this Supper especially for Christians who are weak in faith but repent of their sins,

**C: to grant us comfort and strengthen our weak faith.**<sup>12</sup>

P: Let us pray: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

**C: Amen.**

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<sup>10</sup> Formula of Concord, Epitome, VII, ¶ 6.

<sup>11</sup> Large Catechism, Part 5, ¶ 10.

<sup>12</sup> Formula of Concord, Epitome, VII, ¶ 19.

## The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All:** 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.

## Words of Institution

### Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")

### First Distribution Hymn

### For All the Saints

LSB 677 sts. 4-6, 8



4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!  
5 And when the fight is fierce, the war - fare long,  
6 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;  
8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through



We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet  
Steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, And  
Soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors com - eth rest;  
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.  
Sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.  
Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -  
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the  
 3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the  
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the  
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head  
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree  
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee  
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise  
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the  
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the  
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the  
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the  
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the  
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the  
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.  
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.  
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.  
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.  
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

### ***Common Dismissal***

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord...

**C: Amen.**

### ***Post-Communion Prayer***

P: Let us pray. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we thank You, O Lord, that You forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit through this Holy Sacrament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### ***Benedicamus Domino ("Let us bless, the Lord") & Benediction (Blessing)***

P: Let us bless the Lord.

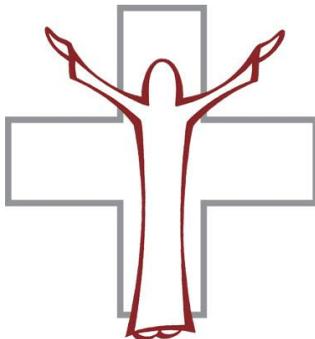
**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: It is also taught among us that faith in Jesus Christ should produce good fruits and good works and that we must do all such good works as God has commanded,

**C: *but we should do them for God's sake and honor, to the praise of His Holy Name.***<sup>13</sup>

P: The Lord grant you His Fatherly mercy through Jesus Christ giving you forgiveness of sin and all things pertaining to life and godliness, sending you His Holy Spirit so that He may rule your hearts and you may serve Him in holiness and thanksgiving.

**C: Amen.**



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<sup>13</sup> Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Part I, VI ¶ 1.

**Closing Hymn**

**Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng**

LSB 813 sts. 1, ref, 2-4, 7



1 Re - joi - ce, O pil - grim throng! Re - joi - ce, give  
 2 With voice as full and strong As o - cean's  
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the  
 4 Yet on and on - ward still, With hymn and



thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner  
 surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy  
 saints on earth Pour out the strains of  
 chant and song, Through gate and porch and



wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.  
 hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.  
 joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
 col - umned aisle The hal - lowed path - ways throng.

*Refrain*



Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!

7 Praise Him who reigns on high,  
 The Lord whom we adore:  
 The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
 One God forevermore. **Refrain**

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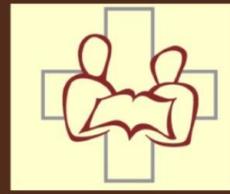
# Holy Week

## for Our Salvation Banner

*to left of the altar in the Sanctuary*

### **Palm Sunday**

Jesus entered  
Jerusalem,  
celebrated as  
King—Messiah



**God's Word**  
We share the Bible  
as God's life-giving  
Word which reveals  
Jesus as Savior

### **Good Friday**

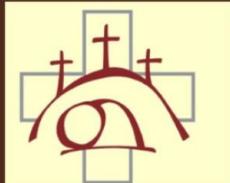
By the end of the week,  
Jesus is arrested and  
crucified



**Baptism**  
We are buried  
with Christ and  
raised to new life

### **Easter**

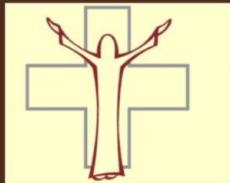
Three days later,  
Jesus rises from dead,  
conquering the tomb



**Lord's Supper**  
Jesus gives us  
His body and blood in  
this life-giving meal

### **Ascension**

40 days later, Jesus  
ascends into heaven,  
from where He sends  
His Holy Spirit  
to work faith in our hearts



**Luther's Rose**  
Martin Luther used  
this symbol to teach  
faith in God's grace  
for salvation

*Symbols are taken from the Lutheran Service Book*