

## Sermon & Bible Study Series – Fall 2017

On October 31, 2017, the Church celebrates the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation—when Martin Luther and others called the Church back to the Word of God, to the Gospel, to salvation by grace alone through faith alone by Christ alone.



## Politics

When Luther challenged the system of indulgences of the Roman Catholic Church, he was challenging the core politics of the day. He was threatening to undermine Rome's effort to raise funds to build St. Peter's Cathedral in the Vatican. Luther publishing writings in German raised up the German state and was seen as a snub against the Holy Roman Empire and the Emperor. But those political realities didn't stop Luther from proclaiming God's Truth. Through a courage and conviction from God, Luther didn't back down. AND when Luther was condemned to death, his friends didn't back down; they illegally hid him and kept him alive.

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 22, 2017**

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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 Stilson – 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.

### ***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 8:00 a.m.***

***Elder:*** JJ Jones  
***Comm/Asst. Elder:*** Bob Souza  
***Acolytes:*** Sam Squires  
***Ushers:*** Al Diercks, Tera Redman  
***Lay Readers:*** OPEN, JJ Jones  
***Greeters:*** Dave & Gayle Olson,  
Tera Redman Family  
***Fellowship:*** Brazda Family  
***Oct. Altar Guild:*** Diane Rogala  
***Oct. Counters:*** Margie Tatgenhorst

#### ***Sunday 10:45 a.m.***

*Rich Arnold*  
*Jack Warneke*  
*Allyson Adams*  
*Lance Rasmussen, OPEN*  
*Larry Peters, Linda Peters*  
*Larry & Linda Peters,*  
*Karla Stewart & Dylan*  
  
*Diane Sanders*  
*Sue Best*

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### ***ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:***

Craig Johnsen in memory of his wife Donna Wheeler Johnsen and Sue & Cal Cox celebrating their wedding anniversary, married 29 years ago here at Bethel.

### ***CATECHISM SERVICE***

Today's service uses words from Martin Luther's Small Catechism as it teaches us about the basic elements of the Christian faith.

## Opening Hymn

## Before You, Lord, We Bow

LSB 966



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove  
2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,  
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,  
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;



And rules the world be - low, Bound - less in pow'r and love. Our thanks  
From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this  
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -  
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor - ship Him a - lone. Cast down



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!  
bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.  
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.  
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.

- 5 And when in pow'r He comes, A countless throng,  
Oh, may our native land With joy to sing  
From all its rending tombs To heav'n's high King  
Send forth a glorious band, Salvation's song!

## Invocation

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

P: These words remind us of our baptism. What is Baptism?

C: **Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.**

P: What benefits does Baptism give?

C: **It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.**

P: What does God's Word in Romans 6 teach us about Baptism?

C: **"We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."**

**Baptism Verse      *Baptized into Your Name Most Holy***

LSB 590 st. 1

Baptized into Your name most holy,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,  
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,  
Your Spirit now shall live within.

***Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)***

P: What is Confession and Absolution?

**C: *Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.***

P: Confess and admit your sins to God the Father.

**C: *I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let his love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I pray You, Almighty God, merciful Father, for the sake of the innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.***

P: Do you believe that word of Christ's forgiveness I speak to you  
is from the Lord Himself?

**C: *I do.***

P: Receive the forgiveness Christ won for you by His Passion, death, and  
resurrection. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and  
ordained servant of the Word, forgive you your sins in the Name of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: *Amen.***

***Absolution Verse      Jesus Sinners Will Receive***

LSB 609, stanza 6

Now my conscience is at peace;  
From the Law I stand acquitted.  
Christ hath purchased my release  
And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

## ***Greeting and Luther's Morning Prayer***

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: *And also with you.***

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, in the past You gave Your servants boldness to confess the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, before the rulers of this world and courage to die for the faith they proclaimed. Give us strength always to be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us and to suffer gladly for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: *Amen.***

P: We pray together.

**C: *I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.***

## ***Anthem***

## ***“Praise God, Ye Servants of the Lord”***

## ***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.

*Praise God, ye servants of the Lord, O praise His name with one accord;  
Bless ye the Lord, His name adore From this time forth forevermore.*

*From rising unto setting sun Praised be the Lord, the Mighty One;  
He reigns o'er all, supreme in might, Above the heav'ns in glory bright.*

*On whom but God can we rely, The Lord our God who reigns on high,  
Who condescends to see and know The things of heav'n and earth below.*

*He lifts the poor and makes them great, With joy He fills the desolate;  
Praise ye the Lord and bless His name, His mercy and His might proclaim.*

**Epistle (New Testament Letter)**

**1 Thessalonians 1:1–10 (ESV)**

[A letter from] <sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. <sup>9</sup>For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Old Testament Reading**

**Isaiah 45:1–7(ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped,  
to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings,  
to open doors before him that gates may not be closed:

<sup>2</sup><sup>4</sup>I will go before you and level the exalted places,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron,

<sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places,  
that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

<sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me.

<sup>5</sup>I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God;

I equip you, though you do not know me,

<sup>6</sup>that people may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is none besides me;

I am the Lord, and there is no other.

<sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity,  
I am the Lord, who does all these things.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

## Song of Praise

## Come and See



1. Come and see the glo - ry of \_ the Lord. Come, be-hold the \_ Lamb.  
2. Come and give thanks un-to \_ the Lord. Come, be-hold the \_ Lamb.



Come and see the mer - cy of \_ the King, \_\_\_\_\_ bow-ing down \_ be - fore \_\_\_\_\_  
Come and sing the prais-es of \_ the King, \_\_\_\_\_ bow-ing down \_ be - fore \_\_\_\_\_



Him. For He is Lord a-bove \_ the heav-ens, Lord in all \_ the earth.



Lord of all \_ the an - gels, wor - thy to \_ be served.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia, Lord.

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## Holy Gospel

## Matthew 22:15–22 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

### C: *Glory to You, O Lord.*

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. <sup>16</sup>And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?”

<sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?”

<sup>21</sup>They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Praise to You, O Christ.*

**Hymn of the Day**

**Built on the Rock**

LSB 645



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most  
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His  
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how



stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in  
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His  
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -  
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -  
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove  
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,  
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,  
 Choos - es to live with us in love,  
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.  
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.  
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.

- 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, "I know My own; My own know Me.  
 That, when the church bells are ringing, You, not the world, My face shall see.  
 Many in saving faith may come My peace I leave with you. Amen."  
 Where Christ His message is bringing:

## Sermon

## "Politics"

### **Confession of Faith 3<sup>rd</sup> Article of the Apostles' Creed and Luther's explanation**

P: If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

What do you believe about the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

P: What does this mean?

**C: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

## 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.

**Offertory**

**Create in Me (Divine Service, Setting Three)**

LSB 192



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

**Prayers**

P: The Lord invites us to pray saying:

**C: Our Father who art in heaven.**

P: What does this mean?

**C: With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.**

P: Therefore, we bring our prayers to You this day, Father. . .

**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.**

## Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

## Closing Hymn

## All Glory Be to God on High

LSB 947



1 All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His  
2 We praise and laud and wor - ship You; We give You thanks for -  
3 O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son Be - got - ten of the  
4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, our de - light And source of con - so -



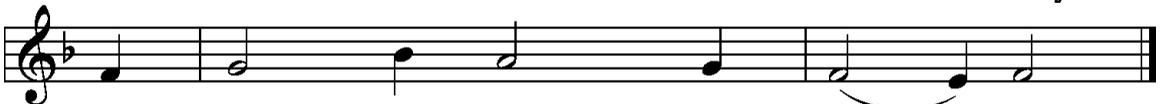
fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A  
ev - er, O Fa - ther, for Your rule is true And  
Fa - ther, Your sav - ing death has made us one With  
la - tion, Pro - tect us from the dev - il's might Through



child of God for - ev - er. God shows His good and  
just and chang - es nev - er. With bound - less pow'r, Your  
God and with each oth - er. O Lamb of God, to  
Je - sus, our sal - va - tion, Who by His death up -



gra - cious will And grants His peace, the world to fill—  
might - y reign Ful - fills what - ev - er You or - dain.  
You on high In our dis - tress we sin - ners cry,  
on a tree Has res - cued us from mis - er - y:



All strife at last has end - ed.  
Lord, grant us ev - 'ry bless - ing!  
Have mer - cy on us, a - men!  
To this we hold for - ev - er.

# BETHEL



## Join us for Fellowship & Fun

Friday, October 27 - 6:00 p.m.

- ◆ **NEW** Fundraiser - Balloon Pop
- ◆ 12th annual Trick or Treat Party
- ◆ Chili & Hotdog Dinner
- ◆ Chili Cook-Off
- ◆ Games and Prizes to Win



**This is a Fundraiser to benefit Bethel's Preschool.**

### Chili & Hotdog Dinner Fundraiser

6:00 to 6:45 p.m.

Also, we would like you to taste the chili at the Chili Cook-Off and vote for your favorite. **Please register near the Hub** if you plan to attend dinner.



So you think you can cook??

### Enter Bethel's



6:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Please register to enter your chili into our Chili Cook-Off. You will need to arrive at Bethel at 5:45 p.m. with your best pot of chili and be ready to serve it at 6:00 p.m.

**Please register near the Hub.**

A prize will be awarded for the best chili later in the evening.

### Trick or Treat & Games

Starts at 6:30 p.m.

We would love for you to bring a game to run at a table in the gym or volunteer to help with a game we provide. Please bring candy to share.

Adults and children can wear a fun costume, and the kids can trick or treat from table to table in the gym! We do ask that you do not wear scary costumes or masks. Also, no weapons allowed.



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