

# BUDDY BENCH

Last year Spaulding Elementary (Gurnee District 56) collected hundreds of pounds of plastic caps from bottles that are turned into a Buddy Bench for their playground. The Buddy Bench is a place for a student to go sit, signaling to others that they're looking for someone to play with. This sounds a lot like



Bethel's "Park Bench" metaphor from our *Mission Glossary*:

"A park bench is anything that brings people together in relationships."

## EVERY PEW IS A BUDDY BENCH

In worship, we're not just individuals. We are brothers and sisters in Christ; Jesus gathers us as a community of disciples in this place. So every pew, every row of chairs is a Buddy Bench. We use our time together as opportunities to introduce ourselves to others, to maybe have to reintroduce yourself and admit your forgot someone's name, to welcome some you haven't met yet, and to watch for ways to encourage one another in Jesus.

## MY WORSHIP BUDDIES

Use this space to write down the names of the people around you today:



## Worship & Sermon Series

**HOSPITALITY**

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**10<sup>th</sup> Week after Pentecost**

**Thursday, August 15, and Sunday, August 18, 2019**

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## ***SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE***

Thursday 6:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays and the Thursday prior  
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***

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

Rasmussen/Souza/Kazarian families in memory of Mark Souza, and  
Kozlik family in celebration of John's birthday.

# 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.

## **Government & Safety**

Local, State and Federal government and leaders  
Local police and fire departments

## **Local concerns**

Human trafficking, here locally and across the world  
Marc & Pedro, men who burglarized Bethel, 30 months  
probation/rehabilitation

## **Congregation: Spiritual Conversation**

Help us talk about spiritual things that are the source and foundation for life, and build relationships and friendships that include these conversations

## ALL GOD'S PEOPLE SING

This service is based on the Praise service in the hymn/songbook, All God's People Sing.

### Opening Hymn *Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice*

LSB 556 sts. 1, 4-5, 7

\*\*Today's Favorite Hymn Selection\*\*



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joi - ce, With ex - ul - ta - tion  
4 But God had seen my wretch - ed state Be - fore the world's foun -  
5 God said to His be - lov - ed Son: "It's time to have com -  
7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly  
da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for  
pas - sion. Then go, bright jew - el of My crown, And bring to  
cas - tle. Your ran - som I My - self will be; For you I



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How  
my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He  
all sal - va - tion. From sin and sor - row set them free; Slay  
strive and wres - tle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!  
did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.  
bit - ter death for them that they May live with You for - ev - er."  
where I am you may re - main; The foe shall not di - vide us.

### ***Invocation***

P: In the Name of God the Father:     **C: Praise to our creating God!**  
P: In the Name of His Son, Jesus:     **C: Praise to our redeeming God!**  
P: In the Name of God the Spirit:     **C: Praise to our renewing God!**  
P: Let us join our thankful voices,     **C: Amen! Amen! Praise the Lord!**

### ***Confession (based on Psalm 51)***

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your unfailing love;

**C: according to Your great compassion, wipe out our sin.**

P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C: have mercy on us.**

P: Create in me a pure heart, O God,

**C: and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C: have mercy on us.**

P: O Lord, open my lips,

**C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C: have mercy on us. Amen.**

### ***Absolution (based on Psalm 103)***

P: The LORD is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He does not deal with you according to your sins,  
nor repay you according to your iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove your transgressions from you.

According to this Word from the Lord, and 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. Bless the Lord, O my soul! Bless His Holy Name! Amen.**

**Verse of Praise**

**From All That Dwell Below the Skies**

LSB 816, st. 3

Δ 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal  
 Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -  
 ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lord God, protect and guide those who gather here for worship and life together in Christ. Let them show hospitality to all who visit this congregation, so that those who enter here may find peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

**First Epistle Reading (New Testament Letter)**

**Peter 4:7–11 (ESV)**

<sup>7</sup>The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. <sup>8</sup>Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup>Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup>As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: <sup>11</sup>whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Epistle Reading (New Testament Letter)      1 Timothy 5:9–10 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup>Let a widow be enrolled if she is not less than sixty years of age, having been the wife of one husband, <sup>10</sup>and having a reputation for good works: if she has brought up children, has shown hospitality, has washed the feet of the saints, has cared for the afflicted, and has devoted herself to every good work.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Reading from the History of the Early Church      Acts 18:5–11 (ESV)**

<sup>5</sup>When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. <sup>6</sup>And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.” <sup>7</sup>And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. <sup>8</sup>Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized. <sup>9</sup>And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, <sup>10</sup>for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people.” <sup>11</sup>And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Confession of Faith      Apostles' Creed**

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.





1 In Christ there is no east or west,  
 2 With God there is no tribe or race;  
 3 So, broth - ers, sis - ters, praise His name  
 4 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith,  
 5 In Christ now meet both east and west;



In Him no south or north, But one great fel - low -  
 In Him we all are one. He loves us as His  
 Who died to set us free From sin, di - vi - sion,  
 What - e'er your race may be; Who serves my Fa - ther  
 In Him meet south and north. All Chris - tian souls are



ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.  
 chil - dren through Our faith in His dear Son.  
 hate, and shame, From spite and en - mi - ty!  
 as His child Is sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in Him Through - out the whole wide earth.

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## *Sermon "The Gift of Hospitality"*

- (1) Learn someone's name who is new to you
- (2) What if you forgot their name?
- (3) Change your focus
- (4) Practice
- (5) Remember the bears. . .

## ***Praise for the Wisdom of God – a Gift to Us Through the Holy Spirit***

P: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

**C: *The Lord is worthy of eternal praise.***

P: The wisdom of God transforms our “heart life.”

**C: *The Lord is worthy of eternal praise.***

P: Lord, teach us to number our days, and live according to Your wisdom.

**C: *The Lord is worthy of eternal praise.***

P: In Christ, we have received the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

**C: *The Lord is worthy of eternal praise.***

P: May the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

**C: *The Lord is worthy of eternal praise. Amen.***

## ***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***

## ***I Love Your Kingdom, Lord***

LSB 651 sts. 1, 3

*(Sung as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)*



1 I love Your king - dom, Lord, The place of Your a - bode,  
3 I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev - 'ry land,



The Church our blest Re - deem - er saved With His own pre - cious blood.  
Dear as the ap - ple of Your eye And grav - en on Your hand.

## ***Prayers***

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

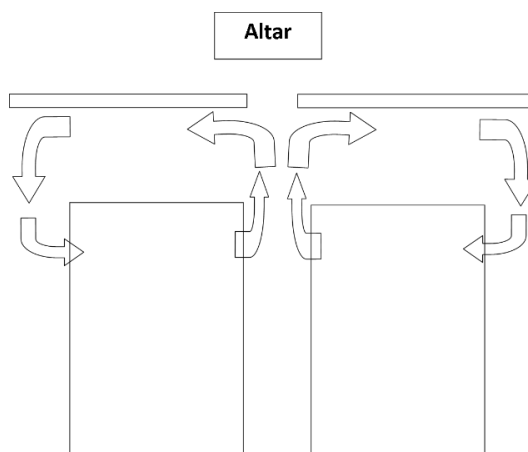
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

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: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts in praise to God.

**C: We lift our hearts to the Lord.**

P: Give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: We lift our hearts to the Lord.**

P: We give thanks to the holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who defeated death and the grave. Because He rose from the dead, we, too, will have new life. So let us sing and praise Him with the song the angels sing.

### **Sanctus (Holy)**

LSB # 507, st. 2

2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,". The second staff continues: "Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;". The third staff continues: "Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,". The fourth staff concludes: "Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.".

### **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**

### **The Lamb**

LSB 547

\*\*Today’s Favorite Hymn Selection\*\*

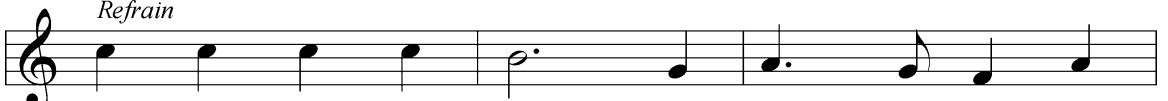


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where’s the sac - ri - fice?  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav’n His praise to sing.  
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.  
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.  
His song pro - long Till ev - ’ry heart to Him be - long.

#### *Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His  
own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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Second Distribution Hymn Thy Body, Giv'n for Me, O Savior

LSB 619



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which Thou for  
 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in Thee and  
 3 Who can con-demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is nigh, who  
 4 Though death may threat-en with dis - as - ter, It can - not rob me  
 5 My heart has now be-come Thy dwell-ing, O bless - ed, ho - ly



me didst shed, These are my life and strength for -  
 Thou in me. No sor - row fills my soul, de -  
 jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and thus se -  
 of my cheer; For He who is of death the  
 Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy prais - es



ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.  
 light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.  
 cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.  
 mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.  
 tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

*Refrain*



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be



for my soul the high - est good!

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## **Thanksgiving Prayer**

P: Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, we give you praise this day for all of your blessings, especially for giving us your body and blood. Keep us through this meal to always be under your care. Watch over us as we go throughout the day, so that we may never wander from your way. This we pray in your name, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **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 People That on Earth Do Dwell**

LSB 791 sts. 1-2, 5



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the  
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our  
△ 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with mirth, His  
aid He did us make. We are His folk, He  
heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the



praise forth - tell; Come ye be - fore Him and re - jice.  
doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.  
an - gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

## **Announcements**



**Tuesday, August 27 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Bethel is holding a Back to School Open House.**

Children from the community as well as currently enrolled children are welcome to attend. It will be a wonderful opportunity to see the classrooms and meet with the teachers.

**Please invite your friends with preschool aged children to attend.**

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