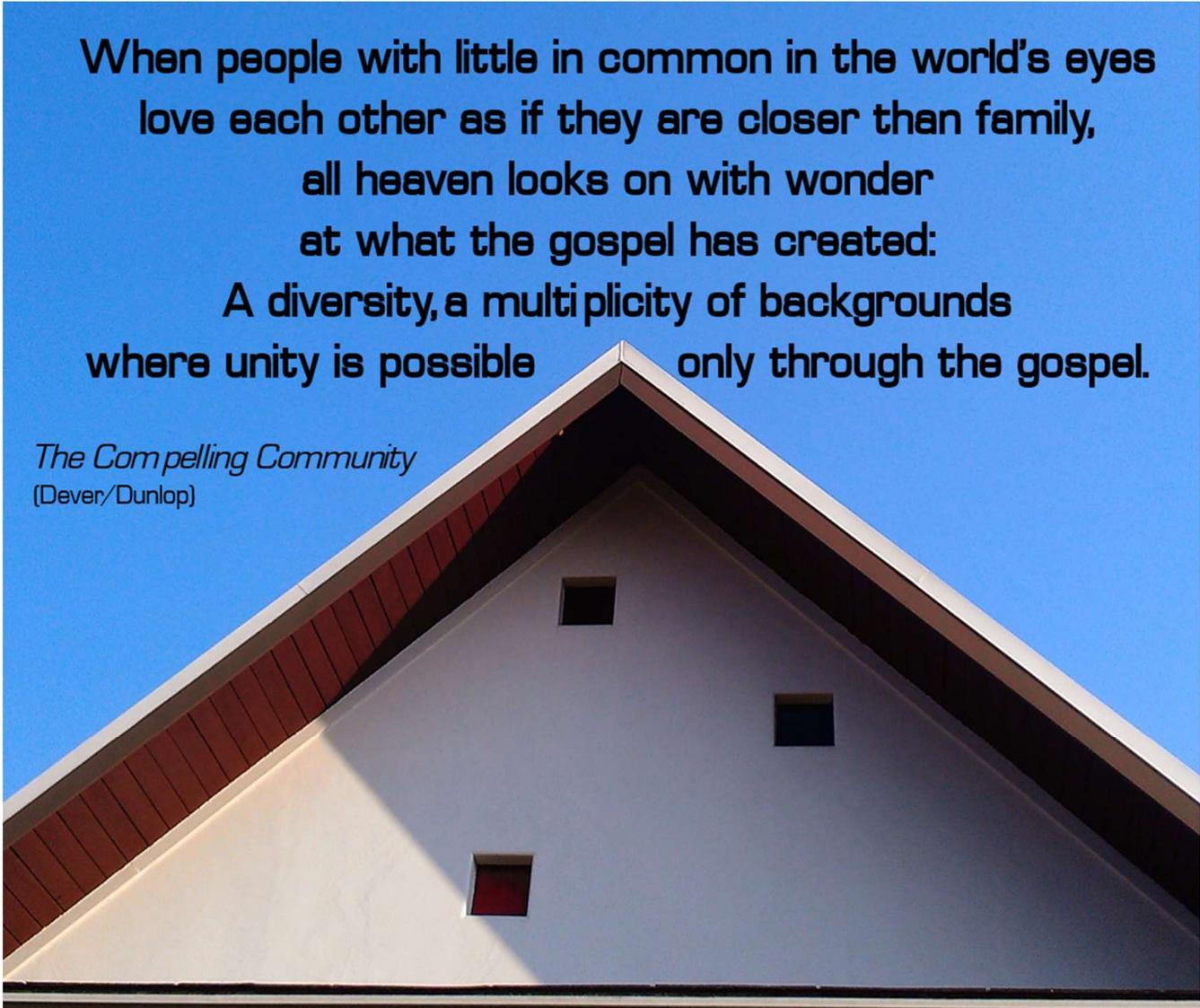


When people with little in common in the world's eyes
love each other as if they are closer than family,
all heaven looks on with wonder
at what the gospel has created:
A diversity, a multiplicity of backgrounds
where unity is possible only through the gospel.

The Compelling Community
(Dever/Dunlop)



Connected Community
The Purpose of Diversity
Sunday, July 11, 2021

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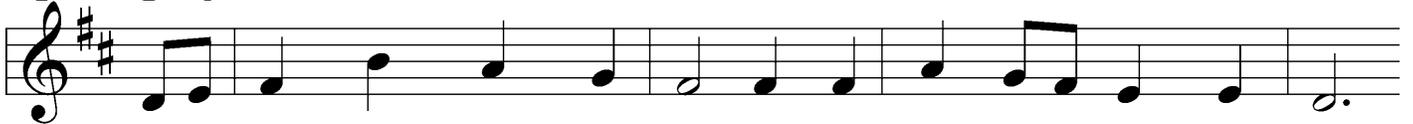
THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS LITURGY

A traditional order for worship celebrating the Spiritual Gifts that the Holy Spirit gives to His people for serving the Church and the world.

Opening Hymn

O Word of God Incarnate

LSB 523



1 O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The Church from You, dear Mas-ter, Re-ceived the gift di - vine;
3 O make Your Church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!



We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
O teach Your wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
Mid mists and rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.
Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

Invocation (Based on the hymn "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives" LSB 602)

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

C: **Amen.**

P: The gifts Christ freely gives
He gives to you and me

C: **To be His Church, His bride,
His chosen, saved and free!**

P: Gifts flow from baptism
Where He calls us His own;

**C: There He forgives our sins
With water and His Word;**

P: The triune God Himself
Gives you power to call Him Lord.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Lord, whose love through humble service
Bore the weight of human need,

**C: Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Offered mercy's perfect deed,**

P: We, Your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart,

**C: Setting aside for Your purpose
Every gift that You impart.**

P: But we confess unto You, Lord, all our sins and iniquities. We acknowledge how we have neglected the gifts you have given to us—our indifference to Your Word and our selfishness in not using our spiritual gifts to serve You and others, and so we confess before You in prayer:

C: Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have called me into the work of Your vineyard and lavished upon me Your grace and all manner of spiritual and eternal gifts. Help me to live in humility and patience, to hope in Your pure grace and faithfulness, to abide in Your house, and to praise and magnify Your glorious grace forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: The gifts of grace and peace
From absolution flow;

**C: The pastor's words are Christ's
For us to trust and know.**

P: Forgiveness that we need
Is granted to us here;

**C: Blest words that give us life,
His words, let us now hear.**

P: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

(Based on the hymns "Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service" LSB 848 & "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives" LSB 602, along with collects from LSB)

Song of Praise

The Servant Song



1. Broth - er, let me be your ser - vant. Let me be as Christ to you.
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney. We are broth - ers on the road.
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing, When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
6. Broth - er sis - ter let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you.



Pray that I might have the grace to
We are here to help each oth - er
I will share your joy and sor - row
Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
Walk the mile and bear the load.
Till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my serv - ant too.

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Collect

(Prayer of the Day – Based on Ephesians 3:9)

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, thank You that we each are part of the Body of Christ according to Your grace. Help us to live by faith and not by sight, and we pray that we may be willing workers, faithful servants, and obedient to Your Word. We pray that in the power of the Holy Spirit, we may finish the good work that You have prepared for each to do—as we wait for Christ to return to take us to be with Himself. This we ask in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.



Series Reading from Ephesians

Ephesians 2:22-3:21 (ESV)

²² In [Christ] you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—
²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. ¹³So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

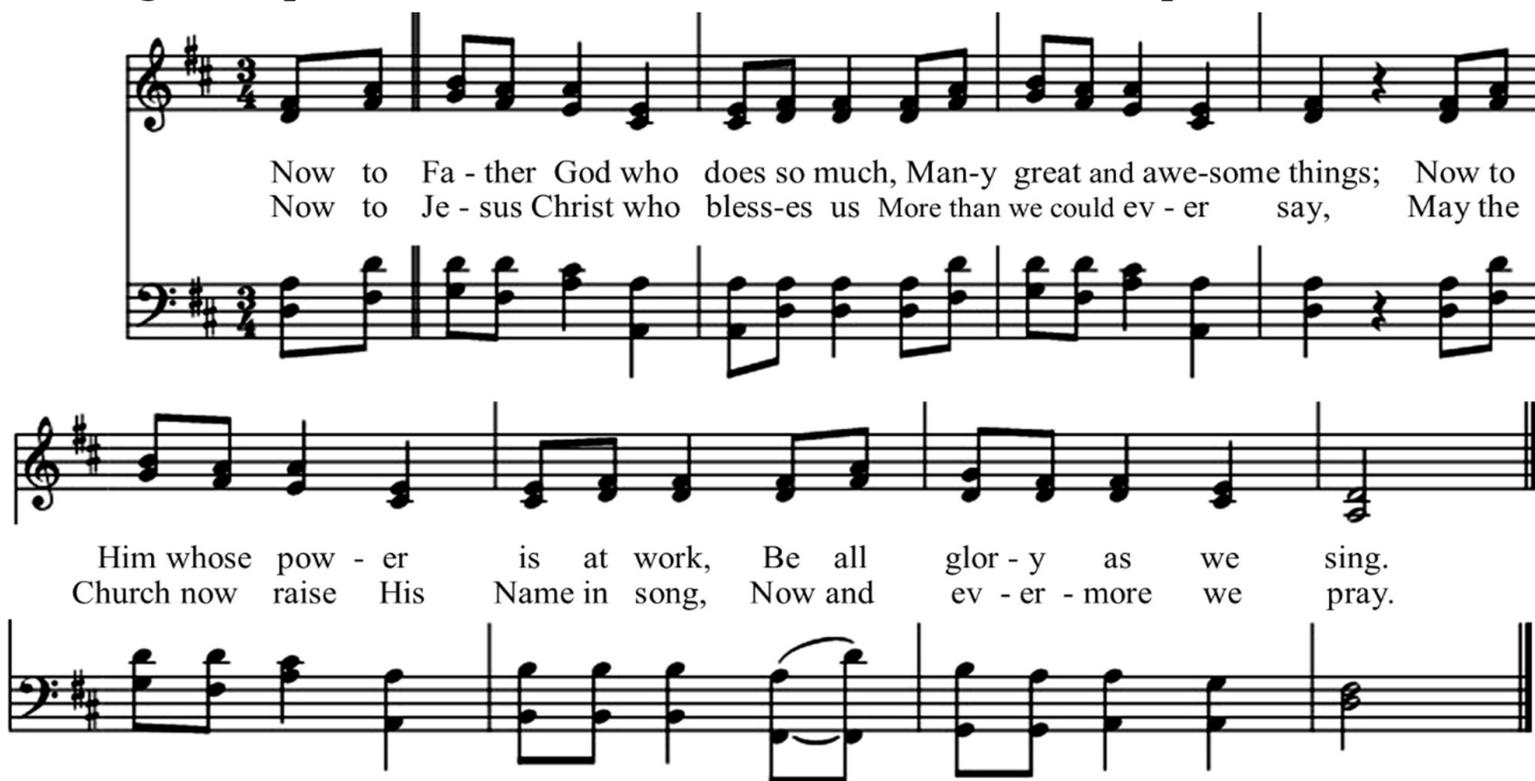
²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Response

Based on Ephesians 3:20-21



Now to Fa - ther God who does so much, Man-y great and awe-some things; Now to
Now to Je - sus Christ who bless-es us More than we could ev - er say, May the

Him whose pow - er is at work, Be all glor - y as we sing.
Church now raise His Name in song, Now and ev - er - more we pray.

Confession of Faith from 1 Corinthians 12 & 1 Peter 4

P: There are varieties of gifts,

C: but the same Holy Spirit;

P: and there are varieties of service,

C: but the same Lord Jesus;

P: and there are varieties of activities,

C: but it is the same God the Father who empowers them all in everyone.

P: To each disciple is given an expression of the Spirit

C: for the common good.

P: Just as the body is one and has many parts,

C: All the members of the body of Christ are one body.

P: As each of you has received spiritual gifts,

C: may we use them to serve one another,

P: as good stewards of God's varied grace:

whoever speaks,

C: speak as one who speaks the Word of God;

P: whoever serves,

C: *as one who serves by the strength supplied by God*

P: in order that in everything

C: *God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.*

To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

LSB 650



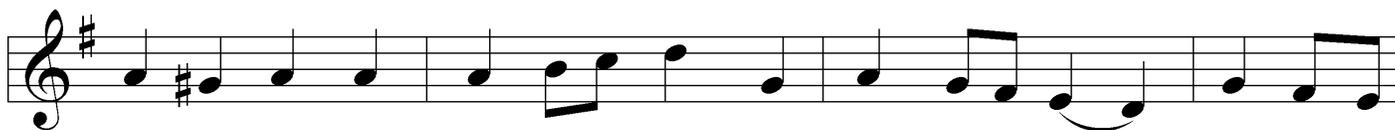
1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing In the ho - liest
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing As the Church's
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing Through the Church's



realms of light; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing
ver - y life; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing
min - is - try; Quick - 'ning, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,



O'er a world of gloom and night; Ho - ly Spir - it,
Through us in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spir - it,
Set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spir - it,



ev - er rais - ing Those of earth to thrones on high; Liv - ing,
ev - er form - ing In the Church the mind of Christ: You we
ev - er bind - ing Age to age and soul to soul In com -



life - im - part - ing Spir - it, You we praise and mag - ni - fy.
praise with end - less wor - ship For Your gifts and fruits un - priced.
mu - nion nev - er end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.

Sermon

“The Purpose of Diversity”

Ephesians 3:8-21

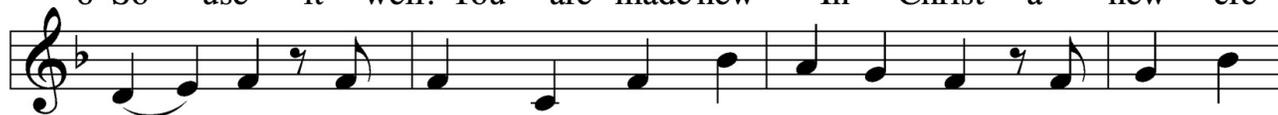
Hymn of Response

All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

LSB 596 sts. 1, 6



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap - tized, Who know the God of
6 So use it well! You are made new— In Christ a new cre -



heav - en, And in whose dai - ly life is prized The name of
a - tion! As faith - ful Chris-tians, live and do With - in your



Christ once giv - en: Con - sid - er now what God has done, The
own vo - ca - tion, Un - til that day when you pos - sess His



gifts He gives to ev - 'ry - one Bap-tized in - to Christ Je - sus!
glo - rious robe of righ-teous-ness Be-stowed on you for - ev - er!

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Prayers

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.

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Benediction (Blessing) (Based on the hymn "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" LSB 497)

P: May the holy Light, guide divine,
Now cause the Word of life to shine
In You, His people, taught to know our God aright
And call Him Father with delight.
From every error may the Lord keep you free;
Let none but Christ your master be
That you in living faith abide,
In Him, our Lord, with all your might confide.
In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

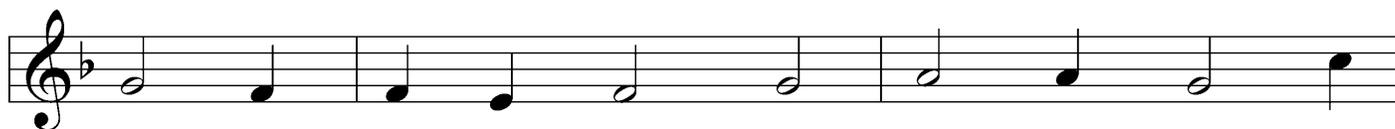
Closing Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

LSB 623 sts. 3-5



3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



gift of love re - told; All that You are we
in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

Announcements



UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE



For all in-person worship a reservation will be required. Currently, a link to reserve in-person seats will be emailed at least one week prior to that week's service. Due to the increase in the number of vaccinated people, the number of reservation spots will continue to increase.

Sunday, July 11

Livestream Worship - 9AM
In-Person Worship*(In Gym) – 9AM
Outdoor Fellowship Near Gym 10-10:30AM

Saturday, July 17

Pastor-Elect Jacob Stoltzman Ordination – 1PM

Sunday, July 18

Livestream Worship - 9AM
In-Person Worship*(In Gym w/Communion) – 9AM
Outdoor Fellowship Near Gym 10-10:30AM

Sunday, July 25

Livestream Worship - 9AM
In-Person Worship*(In Gym) – 9AM
Outdoor Fellowship Near Gym 10-10:30AM

Contact the office if you have any questions about the schedule. Ushers, Readers, and various other volunteers are always needed for in-person worship and communion. If you are interested in volunteering for one of those roles, please contact the office at office@bethelgurnee.org.

*For in-person worship and/or communion in the gym, seating and/or communion will be physically distanced with masks required for those who are not COVID vaccinated. For in-person worship there will be Live liturgy, readings, sermon, singing and prayers.

Pastor-Elect Jacob Stoltzman Ordination on Saturday, July 17th at 1pm in the Gym



In April Jacob received a call to serve as pastor of Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Aurora, Illinois. Emmanuel was founded in 1901 and has served the Aurora community with Word and Sacrament ministry ever since. **Prior to his installation**

at Emmanuel, Jacob will receive ordination here at Bethel on Saturday, July 17th at 1:00pm with a reception to follow. Pastor Squires will officiate. A reception will follow the service, where light refreshments will be served. Bethel members are invited to attend the service or view the livestream.



We are encouraging people to make gifts to Jacob to help him with the cost of setting up his new home and office. If you would like to provide a monetary gift to Jacob, please make checks payable to “Jacob Stoltzman” and drop them off at the ordination. If you cannot make it to the ordination, you can also mail or drop them off at Bethel. We will ensure that all donations are delivered to Jacob.

Membership Information Meeting Following Worship on Sunday, July 11



Have you considered becoming a formal member of Bethel?

Do you want to find out more info first?

Maybe you are already a member, but the Summer Series about "Connected Community" has you thinking more about what it means to be a "member" of the congregation.

If any of that describes you, join Pastor Squires and other leaders for this informal session about Bethel and the commitment we make to Jesus and to each other.

If you cannot make it on July 11 but you are still interested contact the Bethel office!

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