

Isaiah 50:4

"The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught"



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ALL GOD'S PEOPLE SING

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

Opening Hymn

Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

LSB 867



1 Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds Which God per -
 2 So make to them His glo - ries known, His works of
 3 Our sons and daugh - ters we shall tell And they a -
 4 O teach them with all dil - i - gence The truths of
 5 To learn that in our God a - lone Their hope se -



formed of old, Which in our youn - ger
 pow'r and grace; And we'll con - vey His
 gain to theirs That gen - er - a - tions
 God's own Word, To place in Him their
 cure - ly stands, That they may nev - er



days we saw, And which our par - ents told.
 won - ders down Through ev - 'ry ris - ing race.
 yet un - born May teach them to their heirs.
 con - fi - dence, To fear and trust their Lord,
 doubt His love But walk in His com - mands.

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Invocation

P: In the Name of God the Father:
 P: In the Name of His Son, Jesus:
 P: In the Name of God the Spirit:
 P: Let us join our thankful voices,

C: Praise to our creating God!
C: Praise to our redeeming God!
C: Praise to our renewing God!
C: Amen! Amen! Praise the Lord!

Opening Praise from Today's Psalm

Psalm 116:1-2,4

P: ¹I love the LORD, because he has heard

C: **my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

P: ²Because he inclined his ear to me,

C: **therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

P: ⁴Then I called on the name of the LORD:

C: **"O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

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.**

Response from Today's Psalm

Psalm 116:5-9

P: ⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

C: **our God is merciful.**

P: ⁶The LORD preserves the simple;

C: **when I was brought low, he saved me.**

P: ⁷Return, O my soul, to your rest;

C: **for the LORD has been so good to you.**

P: ⁸For you have delivered my soul from death,

C: **my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;**

⁹I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living. Amen.

Song of Praise

You Are My All in All

VERSE



1. You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treas - ure that I
2. Tak - ing my sin, my cross, my shame, Ris - ing a - gain I bless Your



seek. You are my all in all. _____
name; You are my all in all. _____

Seek - ing You as a pre - cious
When I fall down, You pick me

CHORUS



jew'l, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all. Je - sus,
up; When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all.



Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name! _____



Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name!

*After 2nd time,
sing stanza 1
& chorus again.*

Words of Praise

P: From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise;

C: Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: Let the redeemer's name be sung, Through every land, by every tongue.

C: Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: Eternal are Your mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Your Word;

C: Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: Your praise shall sound from shore to shore, 'Til suns shall rise and set no more.

C: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You have entrusted to Your people the task of teaching all nations. Enlighten with the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn that the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4–10 (ESV)

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

⁷But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.

⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant?

Let him who walks in darkness and has no light
trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

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

Scripture Response Hymn Great is Thy Faithfulness

LSB 809



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Refrain
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

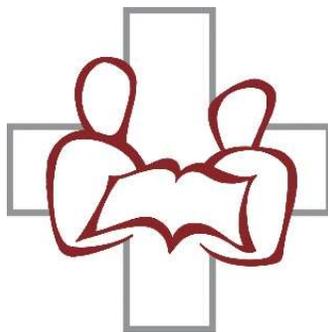
Holy Gospel

Mark 9:14–29 (ESV)

¹⁴When [Jesus, Peter, James, and John returned from the mount of Transfiguration and] came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” ¹⁹And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” ²³And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁹And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: *Thanks be to God.*



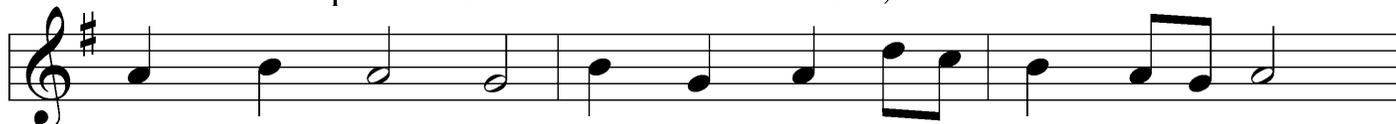
Hymn of the Day

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

LSB 545



1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our
4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,

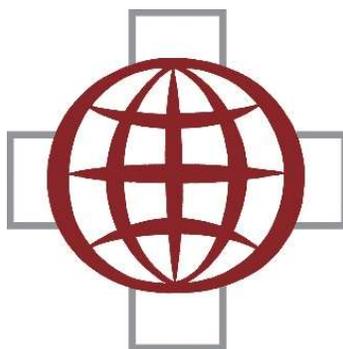


Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the
Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.
pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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Installation of Christian Education Staff

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.

Little Lambs:	Dan and Erin Novacek
Preschool/Kindergarten:	Cindy Daluga
1st/2nd Grade:	Karen Kozlik and Claudine Rayos
3rd/4th/5th Grade:	Michelle Berezcky and Jose Rayos
Middle School:	Diane Sanders and Aaron Fleming
High School:	Carla Thompson
Confirmation Lay Coaches:	Sara Pipia, Cindy Daluga, Yassi Moringe, Jon Kreamer
Women's Bible Study:	Kathy Schwartz
Bethel Preschool:	Donna Stutzman, Becky Anderson, Christine Fleming, Nicole Kreamer



- 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.***

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.**

Prayer

Congregational Mission Words

P: Our mission is to help people be Disciples:

C: **life-long learners & followers of Jesus Christ.**

May God lead us in His mission. Amen.

Sermon

“Those Who Are Taught”

Isaiah 50:4-10

Verse of Response

God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage

LSB 582



God’s Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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.

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.*

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.*

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

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

LSB LSB 814



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie
3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;
4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!
'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.
He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

- 5 He fills the poor with good;
He gives the suff'ers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud
And justice for th'oppressed.
- 6 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His belovèd Son.

Announcements

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