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A service celebrating God's generosity to us—especially in His generous salvation offered as a gift to us in Jesus Christ. May that generosity transform us.

Cherub Choir

Rise and Shine/I Will Praise the Lord

Opening Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

LSB 850



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils



pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;
sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion



Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this
grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these
grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's
grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -



hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
days, For the liv - ing of these days.
goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.
dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

Invocation

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

C: **Amen.**

Generosity Praises

based on 1 Cor. 2:12; 2 Cor. 9:11; Prov. 11:25; Rom. 12:6,8; James 1:17

P: We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God,

C: **that we may understand what God has freely given us.**

P: You will be made rich in every way

C: **so that you can be generous on every occasion.**

P: A generous person will prosper;

C: **The one who refreshes others will also be refreshed.**

P: We have different gifts, according to the grace,
the gift of God, given to us. If it is encouraging,

C: **let him encourage;**

P: if it is contributing to the needs of others,

C: **let him give generously;**

P: if it is leadership,

C: **let him lead diligently;**

P: if it is showing mercy,

C: **let him do it cheerfully.**

P: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,

C: **coming down from the Father of lights. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)

based on Titus 3:3-7

P: Confess—admit your sin before the Lord and before one another.

C: **In our sinful condition, we were foolish, disobedient,
deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures.
We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.**

P: But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,

C: **He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done,**

P: but because of his mercy.

C: **He saved us through the washing of rebirth—**

P: Your baptism into the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **He saved us through the renewal by the Holy Spirit—**

P: The Spirit He poured out on you generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,

C: **So that, now we are made right in God's eyes,**

P: You are justified by his grace, a free gift to you through God's generosity. You are forgiven, made right, justified in the Name of the Father, the Son, & the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen! Now we inherit all the riches of the kingdom of God as His children.**

P: You inherit the gift of the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Christ the Eternal Lord

LSB 829, st. 1



I Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,
Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;
With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,
In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.

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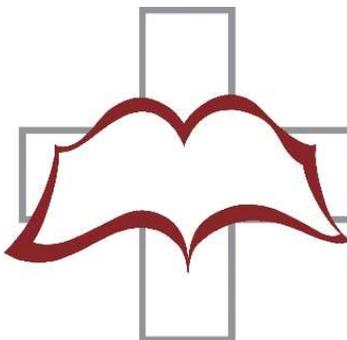
Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**



Old Testament Reading

Amos 5:6–7, 10–15 (ESV)

- ⁶Seek the LORD and live,
lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph,
and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel,
- ⁷O you who turn justice to wormwood
and cast down righteousness to the earth! . . .
- ¹⁰They hate him who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor him who speaks the truth.
- ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and you exact taxes of grain from him,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not dwell in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.
- ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and turn aside the needy in the gate.
- ¹³Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time,
for it is an evil time.
- ¹⁴Seek good, and not evil, that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said.
- ¹⁵Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Epistle (New Testament Letter)

Hebrews 3:12–19 (ESV)

¹²Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

¹⁵As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

¹⁶For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Junior Choir They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:17–22 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

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

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” ²¹And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²²Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



Hymn of the Day

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

LSB 717 sts. 1-4



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the
2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traf - fic
3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To spread a - broad the
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its
runs a - main By moun - tain pass or val - ley low; Wher -
fir - ma - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by Thy might Save
dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
ev - er, Lord, Thy peo - ple go, Pro - tect them by Thy
all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And keep them by Thy
tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall



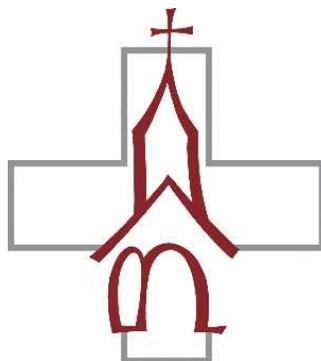
cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
guard - ing hand From ev - 'ry per - il on the land.
watch - ful care From ev - 'ry per - il in the air.
rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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Sermon

“The Only Working Fire Extinguisher at Bethel”

Amos 5



Hymn of Response

Take My Life and Let it Be

LSB 783 sts. 1, 4, 6



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its trea - sure store;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

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.

Offering Preface based on King David's prayer in 1 Chronicles 29:10-14

(After worship, Offerings may be placed in offering plates near the doors of the Gym)

P: Praise be to you, O Lord, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

C: **Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.**

P: Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

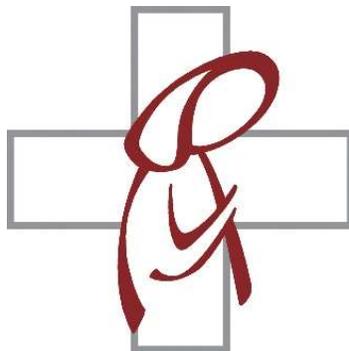
C: **Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.**

P: In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

C: **Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.**

P: But who are we that we should be able to give as generously as this?

C: **Everything comes from you,
and we have given you only what comes from your hand. 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.

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

Generosity Praises

based on Psalm 106:1-5,47-48

P: Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his love endures forever.

P: Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare his praise?

**C: Remember us, O Lord, when you show favor to your people,
come to our aid when you save them,**

P: that we may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones,
that we may share in the joy of your nation

C: So we may join your inheritance in giving praise.

P: Save us, O Lord our God,

C: and gather us from the nations,

P: So that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

C: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

P: Let all the people say, "Amen! Praise the Lord."

C: Amen! Praise the Lord.

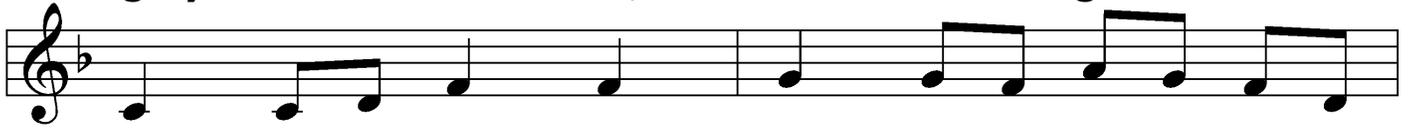
Benediction

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve you. **C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

LSB 782



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
 2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion
 3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior
 Δ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
 Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that
 Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of
 Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
 end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.
 ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

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Announcements

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UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Sunday, October 10

In-Person Worship*(In Gym) – 9AM

Fellowship 10-10:30AM

Sunday School 10:30-11:30AM

Sunday, October 17

In-Person Worship*(In Gym w/Communion) – 9AM

Fellowship 10-10:30AM

Sunday School 10:30-11:30AM

Sunday, October 24

In-Person Worship*(In Gym) – 9AM

Fellowship 10-10:30AM

Sunday School 10:30-11:30AM

Sunday, October 31

In-Person Worship*(In Gym w/Communion) – 9AM

Fellowship 10-10:30AM

Sunday School 10:30-11:30AM

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 in-person worship there will be Live liturgy, readings, sermon, singing and prayers. whenever possible, we will livestream through Facebook each week and will post the recording on Monday to the Bethel website.

Peg Puzzles and Fidget items Needed

Waukegan Public Schools Low Incidence Program serves individuals with special needs. They need peg puzzles (shape puzzles with a piece to hold on to) and sensory items (fidget items). These could be anything that lights up, makes sound, or feels interesting. For example, squish balls, poppers, spinning light toys or baby toys. They do not want anything that could be a choking risk. Gently used items would be accepted. Donations of money would also be accepted. **Checks can be made out to former Bethel preschool parent, Jessica Goschy.** You can drop them off on Sunday before or after service or Monday through Friday during church office hours.

