5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST + + + JULY 5, 2020

+ God Gathers Us In His Presence +

WELCOME

INVOCATION:
Leader: Grace and peace to you from God our Father,
from the Lord Jesus Christ
and from the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from both. (Romans 1:7)

People: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP:
Leader: Jesus Christ, through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power
to be the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead. (Romans 1:4)

People: We are among those who have been called to belong to Him.
(Romans 1:6)

Leader: Who has taught us to pray:

People: 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 AND FORGIVENESS:

Leader: When Adam sinned, sin entered the entire human race.

People: Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned, including me. *(Romans 5:12)*

Leader: The Law of God is good. The trouble is with me!

People: I am bound in sin.
I don’t even fully understand myself.
There are times in which I really want to do what is good and right, but I don’t do it.
Instead, I do the very thing I despise.
I am a hypocrite.
I know perfectly well that what I do is at times wrong, and my guilty conscience shows that I agree that the law is good, but I can’t help myself.
So far as my sinful nature is concerned I am rotten to the core.
No matter which way I turn, I can’t make myself do right.
So many have been the times that I have wanted to do right, but I couldn’t.
I wanted to do good, but didn’t.
So often when I have tried not to do wrong, I have done so anyway.
What a miserable person I am!
Lord, free me from the life that is dominated by sin, and rescue me from death, for the sake of Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen. *(Romans 7:18-19 & 25)*

Leader: I am here to announce that there is no condemnation for you who are Christ’s own people. God didn’t deal with the problem of sin as something remote or unimportant.
In His Son, Jesus, He personally took on the human condition and set it right once and for all.
Now, God has taken up residence in your life.
Go in peace and serve the Lord.
OPENING HYMN:  “God of Grace and God of Glory”  LSB 850

1. God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow’r;
   Bring its bud to glorious flow’r, Grant us wisdom,
   Grant us courage For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.

2. Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, as sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
   Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, For the living of these days, For the living of these days.
   Grant us courage For the living of these days, For the living of these days.

3. Cure Your children’s warring madness; Bend our pride to we deplore; Let the gift of Your salvation
   Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, Lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal,
   Serve You whom we adore, Serving You whom we adore.

4. Save us from weak resignation To the evils
   Be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, Serve You whom we adore.
   Serve You whom we adore, Serving You whom we adore.
FIRST SCRIPTURE: Romans 7:14-25

*I* know that God’s standards in Moses’ Teachings are spiritual, but I have a corrupt nature, sold as a slave to sin. I don’t realize what I’m doing. I don’t do what I want to do. Instead, I do what I hate. I don’t do what I want to do, but I agree that God’s standards are good. So I am no longer the one who is doing the things I hate, but sin that lives in me is doing them.

I know that nothing good lives in me; that is, nothing good lives in my corrupt nature. Although I have the desire to do what is right, I don’t do it. I don’t do the good I want to do. Instead, I do the evil that I don’t want to do. Now, when I do what I don’t want to do, I am no longer the one who is doing it. Sin that lives in me is doing it.

So I’ve discovered this truth: Evil is present with me even when I want to do what God’s standards say is good. I take pleasure in God’s standards in my inner being. However, I see a different standard at work throughout my body. It is at war with the standards my mind sets and tries to take me captive to sin’s standards which still exist throughout my body. What a miserable person I am! Who will rescue me from my dying body? I thank God that our Lord Jesus Christ rescues me! So I am obedient to God’s standards with my mind, but I am obedient to sin’s standards with my corrupt nature. – GW®

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for hiding these things from wise and intelligent people and revealing them to little children. Yes, Father, this is what pleased You.

“My Father has turned everything over to Me. Only the Father knows the Son. And no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son is willing to reveal Him.

“Come to me, all who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Place My yoke over your shoulders, and learn from Me, because I am gentle and humble. Then you will find rest for yourselves because My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” – GW®
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VOLUNTARY: “Battle Hymn of the Republic” Solo

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Leader: Oh, the depth of the riches of Your wisdom and knowledge, O God.

People: From You and through You and to You are all things.
To You be the glory forever! (Romans 11:33 & 36)

APOSTLE’S CREED:

(* catholic means the universal Christian Church)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.
HYMN:  “Renew Me, O Eternal Light”  LSB 704

1 Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright, Illumined with the light of grace That issues from Your holy face.
2 Remove the pow’r of sin from me And cleanse all strength and will Temptations of the flesh to still.
3 Create in me a new heart, Lord. That gladly my desire, And with new life my soul inspire.
4 Grant that I only You may love And seek those face to face, O Light eternal, through Your grace.

MESSAGE: “The Struggle with Self”
Text: Romans 7:14-25

+ God Sends Us Forth for Lives of Love and Service +

THE BLESSING:
Leader: Our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.
So let us be clothed with Christ and forget about satisfying the sinful self. (Romans 13:11 & 14)
CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE:  “God Bless Our Native Land”  LSB 965

1 God bless our native land; Firm may she ever stand
2 So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies;

Through storm and night. When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with

wind and wave. Do Thou our country save By Thy great might,
watchful eye, To Thee a loud we cry: God save the state!

ARE YOU RECEIVING THE BETHANY BULLET?
If you would like to receive the Bethany Bullet please email Aimee Coleman (acoleman@bethanylutheran.org) with your name and email address. The Bethany Bullet is a weekly capsule of worship highlights and big information that your brain may or may not have 'downloaded' from the prior Sunday. The purpose is to bolster you in faith, build you up in the key Biblical themes shared the previous Sunday in worship, to bring to mind the important issues on Bethany's plate and to broaden your awareness of opportunities of service to your Lord, your church, and your community. Tell a friend about the Bethany Bullet!

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SUMMER CHIMES

S’mores Stories This Wednesday, July 8th at 7:00PM!
on Facebook Live to sing some songs, hear a story, spend time in prayer and get s'more Jesus at the end of the day. This event is for all ages but kids are going to love it.

Follow the Bethany Lutheran Page at –

STAYCATION WITH JESUS: I’m sure you’ve been on a vacation and with our current situation it looks like most people will make it a staycation this year. Getting away from it all to rest is important whether you go on a trip or stay home. We invite you to rest in Jesus from July 19th to August 2nd and take a staycation with Jesus and take Him with you on lots of fun adventures. We are planning a fun two weeks filled with shenanigans like a scavenger hunt, a movie night, fort/tent night at home and a whole lot more. We will also be daily devotions for you to dig into God’s Word and find rest. Check out our promo video at https://vimeo.com/433833449 or our dedicated website www.staycationwithjesus.com for more details.
SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The Board of Elders of Bethany Lutheran Church have set our summer worship schedule. Of course, we all know that our God does not change! The truth of His love, grace, mercy, forgiveness, acceptance and goodness shown and given in Jesus remain and shall never pass away. However, we know that we are living in days in which change happens constantly. It is possible our worship plans will alter this summer and if that happens, the Bethany Bullet will share the news. For now the worship schedule of Bethany in July and August will be:

Service of the Spoken Word and Sacrament on the First and Third Sundays of July and August at 8:00 & 9:30 am. To maintain social distancing we will continue to register for worship using the Special Edition Bethany Bullet sent out each Wednesday. This service will have our Romans series message and liturgy, communion and either a soloist or recorded ministry of music. In love for neighbor, witness to community and following Health Department guidelines, as both our Synod and District leaders encourage, and our insurer requests, face masks should be worn both to campus and during this service.

BYOBBBBB Service (Bring your own Bible, Brim, Beach Blanket/chair, Beverage, Breakfast) will be held on field on the Second, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of July and August at 8:00 & 9:30 am. To ensure appropriate social distancing we will continue to register for worship using the Special Edition Bethany Bullet sent out each Wednesday. This service will have our Romans series message and liturgy and include a children’s message and singing. In love for neighbor, witness to community and following Health Department guidelines, as both our Synod and District leaders encourage, and our insurer requests, face masks should be worn to campus. During this service they are welcomed but optional.

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At Bethany we know that “our stuff is not our stuff.” All that we have, all that we are, is a gift from Him. We also know that giving is a spirit-given compulsion. For Jesus Christ, in whose likeness we are being transformed daily, is the ultimate giver. Your gifts fund ministry that give people Jesus. His words, His promises, His presence, His gifts, His comfort, His strength are given through the gifts you are now giving Him. We thank and honor you for these gifts, because they thank and honor Him!

There are multiple ways to give to Bethany Lutheran Church including:

- Giving Online
- Text to Give
- Online Bill-Pay, US Mail, Offering Basket

Please see the GIVING link on Bethany’s website for more information on how to make your offering. Click HERE to go to the GIVING webpage.

If you need further assistance contact Maraley Shaeffer, Financial Administrator at mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org.

NOTE FROM BETHANY’S BOARD OF FINANCE:

We recognize the economic impact of the Corona virus will be devastating and potentially long lasting on individuals and families in Bethany’s community. Therefore, members of Bethany Lutheran Church, out of a desire to connect deeply and support financially those with actual need, have created the Covid Care Relief Fund. This fund is managed by the Board of Finance working in partnership with the ministerial staff of Bethany Lutheran Church. Families demonstrating substantial need, and requesting assistance over $1,000, will go through an application process which the board will review, make careful decisions, and allocate distributions. For those needs of less than $1,000, staff members of Bethany, working with a three member sub-committee of the Board of Finance, will make the decisions and appropriate distributions.
**SPRING VOTERS’ MEETING RESULTS:**

The voters of Bethany Lutheran Church, at our end of fiscal year Voters’ Meeting:

- Agreed to Partner with The Gathering Lutheran Church Long Beach and work towards unity, while currently remaining two individual congregations served by one staff. To that end, we have extended a call to Pastor Kyle Blake to join Bethany’s staff as an Associate Pastor. Please keep Pastor Blake and his family in your prayers.
- Agreed to work with Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Cypress by supporting their Pastoral needs with our staff.
- Passed a balanced budget, including directing surplus dollars from current fiscal year to cover debt owed to ourselves.
- Elected new officers. Please see the newly elected officers and board members for the July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 year below:

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