

Bethany Lutheran Church

Long Beach, California

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10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST + + + AUGUST 9, 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: All of you who were baptized into Christ Jesus have been united with Him
 in His death and resurrection. (*Romans 6:3*)

People: **That we might live a new life.** (*Romans 6:4*)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God, for all of us have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. *(Romans 3:23)*

**People: I confess Lord, that I am no better than anyone else.
No one really understands You as they should.
No one truly seeks You in a way that is pure.
At some point, all of us have turned away from You, Lord.
No one constantly does the right thing.
In fact, oftentimes when I have done the right thing,
it has been with a hidden agenda, rather than from a pure heart.**

Leader: I confess Lord, that my talk has been foul,
my speech has contained cursing and bitterness;
I've opened my mouth and polluted the air.

**People: I have sought revenge, tried to get even
and have been quick to defend myself or my cause to get my way -
regardless of who is hurt in the process.**

Leader: Heartbreak and ruin have littered the lives of many
as a result of my actions.

**People: For the sake of Jesus Christ,
Who was delivered over to death for my sins
and raised to life for my justification,
forgive me and restore me. Amen. *(Romans 3:10-17 & 4:25)***

Leader: God has demonstrated His love for you in this:
While yet a sinner, Christ died for you!
Now that you have been set right with God
by the sacrificial death of Christ,
there is no longer a question of being at odds with God in any way.
If you were restored to friendship with God
by the death of His Son while you were His enemy,
you will certainly be delivered from eternal punishment by His life.
(Romans 12)

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin;

Then sings my soul...

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Then sings my soul...

+ *God Gives Us the Gift of His Word* +

FIRST SCRIPTURE: *Romans 10:5-17*

*M*oses writes about receiving God's approval by following his laws. He says, "The person who obeys these laws will live because he obeys them." However, Scripture says about God's approval which is based on faith, "Don't ask yourself who will go up to heaven," (that is, to bring Christ down). "Don't ask who will go down into the depths," (that is, to bring Christ back from the dead). However, what else does it say? "This message is near you. It's in your mouth and in your heart." This is the message of faith that we spread. If you declare that Jesus is Lord, and believe that God brought him back to life, you will be saved. By believing you receive God's approval, and by declaring your faith you are saved. Scripture says, "Whoever believes in him will not be ashamed."

There is no difference between Jews and Greeks. They all have the same Lord, who gives his riches to everyone who calls on him. So then, “Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

But how can people call on him if they have not believed in him? How can they believe in him if they have not heard his message? How can they hear if no one tells the Good News? How can people tell the Good News if no one sends them? As Scripture says, “How beautiful are the feet of the messengers who announce the Good News.” But not everyone has believed the Good News.

Isaiah asks, “Lord, who has believed our message?” So faith comes from hearing the message, and the message that is heard is what Christ spoke. – GW®

SECOND SCRIPTURE: *Matthew 14:22-33*

Jesus quickly made his disciples get into a boat and cross to the other side ahead of him while he sent the people away. After sending the people away, he went up a mountain to pray by himself. When evening came, he was there alone.

The boat, now hundreds of yards from shore, was being thrown around by the waves because it was going against the wind.

Between three and six o'clock in the morning, he came to them. He was walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified. They said, “It’s a ghost!” and began to scream because they were afraid.

Immediately, Jesus said, “Calm down! It’s me. Don’t be afraid!”

Peter answered, “Lord, if it is you, order me to come to you on the water.”

Jesus said, “Come!” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. But when he noticed how strong the wind was, he became afraid and started to sink. He shouted, “Lord, save me!”

Immediately, Jesus reached out, caught hold of him, and said, “You have so little faith! Why did you doubt?”

When they got into the boat, the wind stopped blowing. The men in the boat bowed down in front of Jesus and said, “You are truly the Son of God.” – GW®

+ *We Give Thanks for God's Word* +

OFFERING:

*If you so desire, Text Giving is now available.
Text GIVE to 562-210-0463. Thank you!*

VOLUNTARY:

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

**Jesus, Savior, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treacherous shoal.
Chart and compass come from Thee;
Savior, pilot me.**

**Though the sea be smooth and bright,
Sparkling with the stars of night,
And my ship's path be ablaze
With the light of halcyon days,
Still, I know my need of Thee;
Savior, pilot me.**

**As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boisterous waves obey Thy will,
When Thou sayest to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea,
Savior, pilot me.**

**When at last I near the shore,
And the fearful breakers roar
'Twixt me and the peaceful rest,
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me,
"I will pilot thee."**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Leader: In mercy, God, send us Your Spirit
that we might offer You, ourselves as living sacrifices,
holy and pleasing to You.

People: **Transform us by the Spirit's presence,
that we no longer conform to the pattern of this world,
but are renewed into Your image,
O Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen. (Romans 12)**

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:

“How Deep the Father's Love For Us”

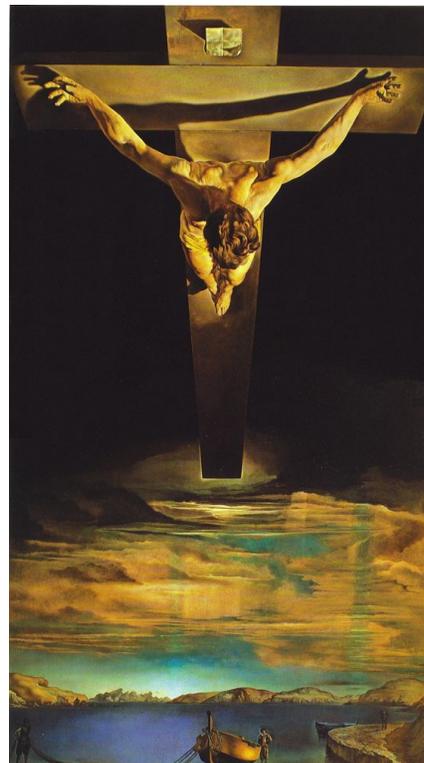
**How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory**

**Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished**

**I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom**

MESSAGE: *“Believe & Speak & Vice Versa”*

Text: Romans 10:5-17



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

THE BLESSING:

Leader: May the God who gives endurance and encouragement
give you a spirit of unity.
So that with one heart and one mouth,
you may give God glory as you follow the Lord Jesus Christ.
(Romans 15:5-6)

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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

THE PARISH LIFE OF BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**WEEK OF
AUGUST 9 – 16, 2020**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Joe Stok	Vi Hoting	Pastor Paul Jacob
Kathleen Totten	Evelyn Rucks	June Stewart
Levi Rose	Jean Barton	Daniel Avila

OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY

to the family and friends of church members that have passed away since March 1, 2020.

Due to Coronavirus, there are no services scheduled that you are able to attend,
and small family memorials have already been performed.

This list is asking for prayers of peace and condolences for family members. Thank you.

David Rowell - March 1, 2020

Kiem Vo - March 1, 2020

Doris Ryder - March 22, 2020

Earl Lippold - March 23, 2020

Christopher Davies - March 19, 2020

Betty Durfee - April 17, 2020

Diane Hubler - May 3, 2020

Pearl Wise - July 1, 2020

David Opheim - July 15, 2020

Miriam (BeBe) Mueller - July 24, 2020

***"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies;
and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die." ~ John 11: 25-26***



S'mores Stories is on hiatus for a couple weeks...
It will return Wednesday, August 19th!

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Text and Theme at Bethany</u>	<u>Location</u>
August 9	Romans 10:5-17 <i>"Believe & Speak & Vice Versa"</i>	Bethany Field
August 16	Romans 11:1-2, 13-15, 28-32 <i>"The Remnant"</i>	Bethany Field
August 23	Romans 11:33-12:8 <i>"A Living Sacrifice"</i>	Bethany Field
August 30	Romans 12:9-21 <i>"GOT LOVE"</i>	Bethany Field

"NOW AVAILABLE": We now have a "drive-in church" option during our outdoor "BYOB" worship services. If it is easier and/or safer for you to remain in your car instead of coming out onto the field, you can now use your car radio, or bring your portable radio, or even your personal headset-radio ("Walkman") to listen to the service broadcast from anywhere in the parking lot surrounding the field. After finding your parking space, simply tune in 87.9 FM to listen to the worship service and participate with your Bethany family from your car. Please still print out the bulletin at home to follow along.



We Give Him But His Own



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.

Church Office Hours:

Until further notice, the Church Office will be open:

Monday – Thursday from 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM noon. Closed Fridays.

THE BETHANY BLUEPRINT

Having been called to Faith in Christ,
moved by the love of God the Father and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
the members of Bethany Lutheran Church are committed to:

Worshiping Faithfully (Acts 2:42, 46)

Forming Spiritually (Colossians 1:10-14)

Serving Passionately (Ephesians 2:10)

Giving Proportionately (Luke 21:1-4)

Sharing Intentionally (Matthew 28:19-20)



WOULD YOU LIKE A FREE PIANO?

The Cale's have an upright piano that they would like to give away. If interested, their email is cbcale@outlook.com