

Bethany Lutheran Church

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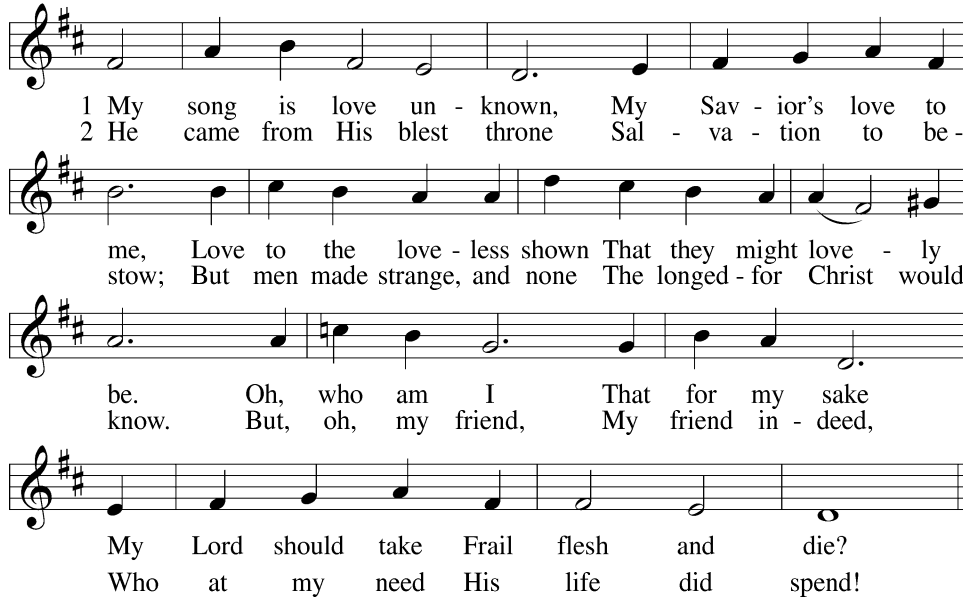
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MARCH 29, 2020

+ *God Gathers Us In His Presence* +

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: *“My Song Is Love Unknown”* LSB 430, Sts. 1, 2, 6 & 7



1 My song is love un-known, My Sav-ior's love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal-va-tion to be-
me, Love to the love-less shown That they might love-ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would
be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in-deed,
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!

Vs 6 In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb wherein He lay.

Vs 7 Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise
I all my days Could gladly spend!

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

People: to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;

Leader: the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Leader: It is good to proclaim the love of the Lord in the morning,

People: and His truth at the end of the day.

Leader: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Holy and gracious God,

**People: I confess that I have sinned against You this day.
Some of my sin I know –
the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed –
but some of my sin is known only to You.
In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness.
Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**

Leader: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ,
and in Him we are forgiven.
We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.
What a joy to know that we serve a Great God with a great host;
the entire church on earth,
brothers and sisters around the globe,
who with us call on His name and seek to serve those around us,
even if we do not know their name.
It is with all of God's baptized children around the world,
many of whom always worship in small cloistered communities
out of requirement or for protective measures,
but who yet boldly confess the faith
once and for all delivered to the saints,
that we confess our faith and boldly join them now:

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.

+ We Give Thanks for God's Word +

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+ God Gives Us the Gift of His Word +

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD!

O Lord, hear my voice!

Let Your ears be attentive

to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

But with You there is forgiveness,

that You may be feared.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in His word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.
O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with Him is plentiful redemption.
And He will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities. – ESV ®

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Leader: Abide with us Lord Jesus and with Your whole church.
Abide with us in Your grace and goodness,
with Your Word and with Your strength.
Abide with us when temptation comes upon us,
and when fear and despair threatens us.
Abide with us and with all church on earth.
Lord in Your mercy:

People: **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader: Visit and dwell within the homes of Your people Lord,
where even now Your people gather to worship You.
Drive from them all snares of the enemy,
provide daily bread for body and soul
and let Your company be enough
to fill any emptiness that we might experience.
Lord in Your mercy:

People: **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader: Be our Light in the darkness, O Lord,
and in Your great power defend us from all perils
for You live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

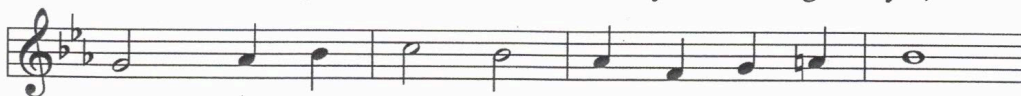
SERMON HYMN:

“Abide with Me”

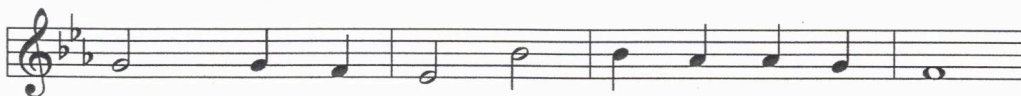
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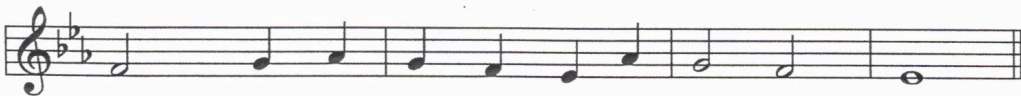
1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
Ills have no weight and tears no bit - ter - ness.
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still if Thou a - bide with me!
In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

MESSAGE: “*Are We There Yet?*”

LORD’S PRAYER:

**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.**

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

THE BLESSING

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