

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
*Nurture with Love, Serve with Hope*  
NOVEMBER 17, 2024 PASTOR ELAINA SALMON

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

*(Please stand.)*

THE GATHERING

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
our refuge,  
our delight,  
our beginning and our end.

C **Amen.**

P Let us come in truth before the one who loves us  
and has freed us from our sin.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

C **we confess that sin has taken hold of us  
and we are complicit in its power.  
We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.  
Unbind us and set us free.  
Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,  
that we may live just and generous lives  
for the good of your world  
and the care of our neighbors,  
following in the servant way of Jesus.  
Amen.**

P These words are trustworthy and true:  
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,  
swallowing up death forever.  
For his sake, you are forgiven  
and God remembers your sin no more.  
Let your heart be glad again,  
and rejoice in your salvation.

C **Amen.**

**Gathering Song**    *“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

*O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:*

*Under the shadow of your throne  
your saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is your arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood  
or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting you are God,  
to endless years the same.*

*O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home.*

**Greeting**

**P**     The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C**     **And also with you.**

**Hymn of Praise**     *“Soli Deo Gloria”*

*O God of blessings, all praise to you!  
Your love surrounds us our whole life through.  
You are the freedom of those oppressed;  
you are the comfort of all distressed.  
Come now, O holy and welcome guest:  
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!*

*All praise for Jesus, best gift divine  
through word and witness, in bread and wine;  
incarnate love song of boundless grace,  
priest, teacher, prophet in time and space,  
your steadfast kindness with human face:  
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!*

## Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## THE WORD

### The First Reading Daniel 12:1-3

“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 16

A Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

C **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

A But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

C **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**

A O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

C **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

A I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

C **I have set the Lord always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

A My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

**C** For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.

A You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures  
forevermore.

**Second Reading** Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

“This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,”

he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

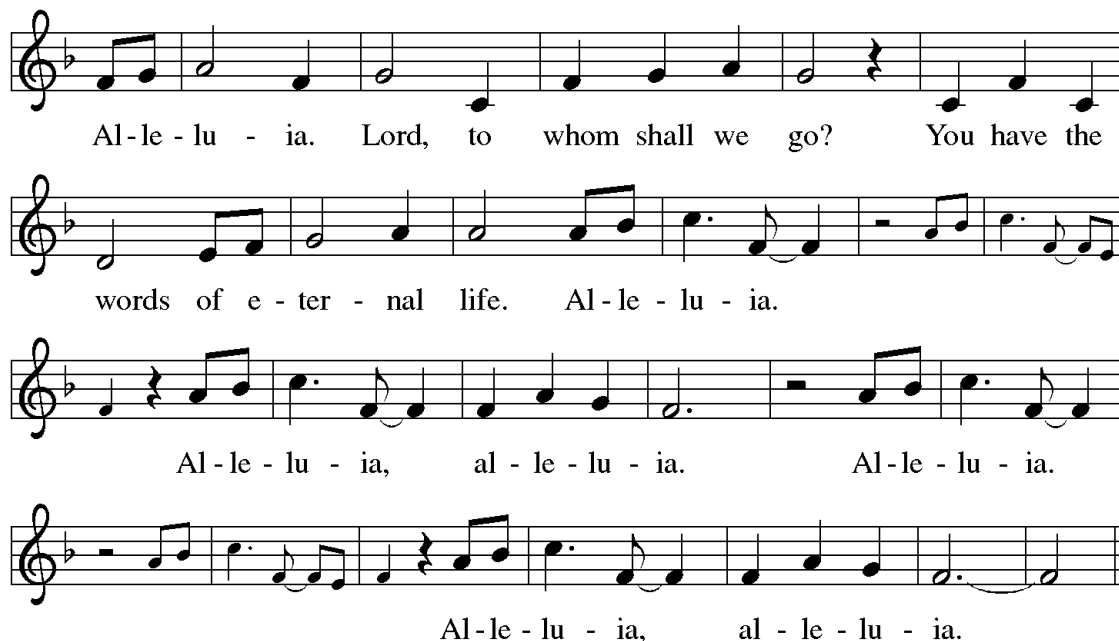
Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

A The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand.)*

## Gospel Acclamation



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel Mark 13:1-8

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**Sermon Rev. Elaina Salmon**

*(Please stand.)*

## Hymn of the Day “God Alone be Praised”

*Oceans rise, the coastland trembles;  
mountains melt and dry earth crumbles.  
All the world with longing groans.  
Love abides, this gracious promise  
is our help, our hope and solace.  
God's strong word is solid ground.*

*Nations rage, the empire falters;  
seeking refuge, exiles wander.  
Walls and weapons rise from fear.  
Through this wilderness a river  
flows to heal and bless us ever.  
God the crucified dwells here.*

*Come and see; God's mercy gathers  
all that sin and grief have shattered.  
Life from fields of death is raised.  
Peace, be still; let prideful thunder  
yield to songs of joy and wonder.  
God and God alone be praised.*

## Prayers of the People

A Rooted in God’s abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

*“Nothing Can Trouble”*

*Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.  
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.  
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.  
God alone fills us.*

*(a moment of silence)*

A O God, in the washing of water you set us free from the power of sin and death. Unite all the baptized in the covenant you have made with us, as we strive for your justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A By your merciful might you sustain all creation. Stir us from complacency with the harm we inflict on the earth, and urge us to adopt sustainable ways of life that protect and restore our planet. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A With a selfless power you protect all who take refuge in you. As nations rise against nations, defend all who are displaced or affected by war or violence. Empower all people and nations to pursue peace. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

A In your presence you give fullness of joy. Care for all for whom joy feels distant. Be present with persons experiencing depression, anxiety, addiction, or any mental illness. Bring them healing and wholeness. We pray especially for... Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

A Through the years you have gathered your church and this community for worship, fellowship, formation, and service. Enable us to look beyond the walls of our building to perceive where you are calling us forward. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

A With thanksgiving we remember saints and angels who delight in your everlasting presence. As their lives inspire ours, provoke us always to love, holding fast to the confession of our hope in you. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

A We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C** Amen.

*“Nothing Can Trouble”*

*Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.  
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.  
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.  
God alone fills us.*

### **Sharing of Christ's Peace**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*(Please be seated.)*

## THE MEAL

### **Invitation to the Offering**

P Our God is ever faithful and provides everything we need. Let us praise the Lord with the offerings of our lives.

### **Offering**

*(Our offering is an act of worship and thanksgiving for all God has first given us. Our gifts support the mission of the church to “nurture with love and serve with hope.”)*

*(Please stand.)*

**Offertory Song**      *“We are an Offering”*

*We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an offering.*

*Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives,  
they are yours: we are an offering.*

*All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,  
we give to you, we give to you.*

*We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
We are an offering, we are an offering.*

**Offertory Prayer**

- A     Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,  
you offered yourself in love for the world,  
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.  
Fill us with your abundance,  
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,  
trusting in your name.
- C     **Amen.**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

- P     The Lord be with you.  
C     **And also with you.**  
P     Lift up your hearts.  
C     **We lift them to the Lord.**  
P     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C     **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

- P     Blessed are you, O God,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
You rescued your covenant people,  
led them on all their journeys,  
and taught them by the prophets.  
You so loved the world  
that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
may not perish but may have eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples,  
saying: Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,



he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink,  
saying: This cup  
is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.

**C Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

**P** Pour out your Holy Spirit  
in this meal,  
and make us one  
in this community of faith  
and with your people  
throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God,  
Author of life,  
Word made flesh,  
Power of the Most High,  
now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**P** Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,  
**C** **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, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

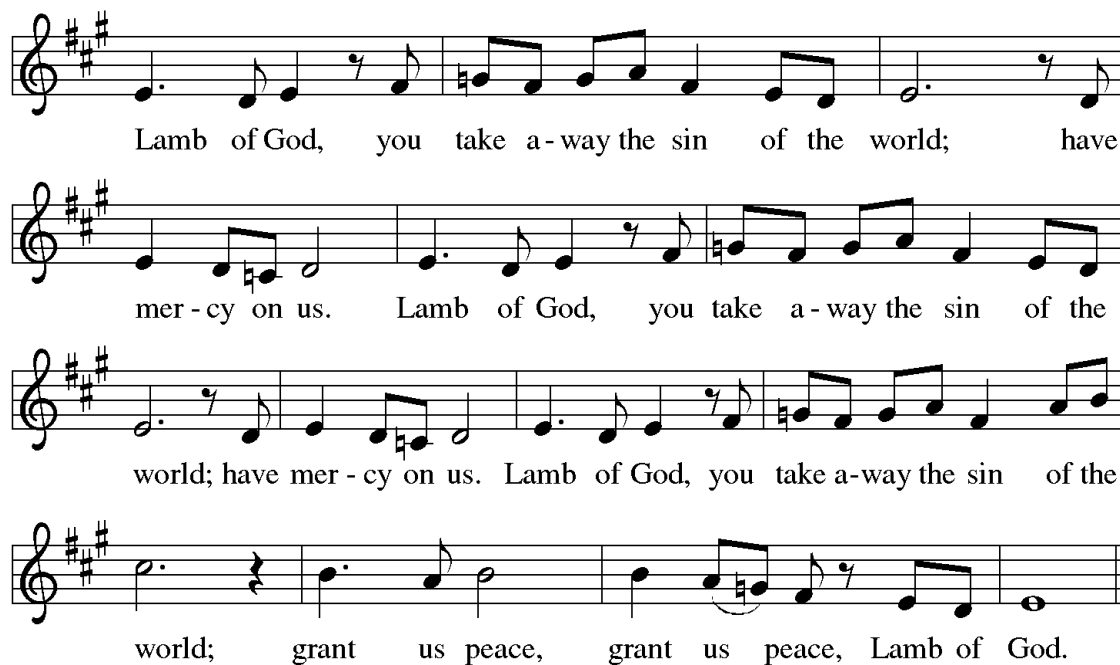
**P** Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

*(Please be seated.)*

## Communion Distribution

### Communion Songs

“Lamb of God”



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

“Bind Us Together”

*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, bind us together with love.*

*There is only one God. There is only one King.  
There is only one Body; that is why we can sing:  
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, bind us together with love.*

*You are the family of God. You are the promise divine.  
You are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine.  
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, bind us together with love.*

*(Please stand.)*

### Communion Blessing

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

- A Faithful God,  
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink  
in the body and blood of your Son.  
Now send us out to labor with you,  
in service to the world you have made,  
and among the people you have made your home,  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

## SENDING

## Blessing

- P May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short;  
the grace to risk something big for something good; and  
the grace to remember the world is  
too dangerous for anything but the truth and  
too small for anything but love.  
So may God take your minds and think through them  
May God take your lips and speak through them.  
May God take your hands and work through them.  
May God take your hearts and set them on fire.
- C **Amen.**

## Sending Song “*May the God of Hope Go With Us*”

*May the God of hope go with us ev'ry day,  
to a world in need with news of joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to ev'ry land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace;  
singing, share our joy with all;  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

## Dismissal

- P Go in peace to nurture with love and serve with hope.
- C **Thanks be to God!**

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