

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Nurture with Love, Serve with Hope
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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

THE GATHERING

(Please stand.)

Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C **you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.**

P You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C **Amen.**

Gathering Song *"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"*

Refrain

*Let us go now to the banquet,
to the feast of the universe.
The table's set and a place is waiting;
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.*

*I will rise in the early morning;
the community's waiting for me.
With a spring in my step I'm walking
with my friends and my family. Refrain*

*God invites all the poor and hungry
to the banquet of justice and good
where the harvest will not be hoarded
so that no one will lack for food. Refrain*

*May we build such a place among us
where all people are equal in love.
God has called us to work together
and to share ev'rything we have. Refrain*

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 *"Shout to the Lord"*

*My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am
never cease to worship you.*

*Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.*

Prayer of the Day

P O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

Laying on of Hands

P Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
C **and his mercy endures forever.**

P They cried to the Lord in their trouble,
C **and he delivered them from their distress.**

P He sent forth his Word and healed them,
C **and saved them from the grave.**

P The Lord is righteous in all his ways,
C **and loving in all his works.**

P The Lord upholds all who fall;
C **he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

P The Lord sustains them on their sickbed,
C **and ministers to them in their illness.**

P The Lord is my strength and my song,
C **and he has become my salvation.**

P Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
C **and his mercy endures forever.**

Laying on of Hands Song “Healer of Our Every Ill”

Refrain

*Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.*

*You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. Refrain*

*In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. Refrain*

*Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. Refrain*

*You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. Refrain*

THE WORD

The First Reading Isaiah 65:1-9

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.
I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.
I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;
a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;
who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;
who say, "Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."
These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.
See, it is written before me:
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their laps
their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,
says the Lord;
because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,
I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.
Thus says the Lord:
As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, "Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,"
so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.
I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.

A The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22

A But you, O Lord, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid.
C **Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.**

A Save me from the lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.
C **I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

A You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.
C **For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is
the Lord's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.**

A From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.
C **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

A All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.
C **For dominion belongs to the Lord,
who rules over the nations.**

Second Reading Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

A The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand.)

Gospel Acclamation *“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”*

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Gospel Luke 8:26-39

Then Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds. Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated.)

Sermon **Rev. John Gerike**

(Please stand.)

Hymn of the Day *“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”*

*Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,*

*turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.*

*Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.*

*Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.*

Prayers of the People

- A Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

(a moment of silence)

- A We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love. Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians across the planet and Christians in our community. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

- A We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster, bring forth life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have made. Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation: farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners, birdwatchers, conservationists, scientists, advocates, and policy makers. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

- A We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces of oppression, bring peace on earth. Give leaders the will to turn from war and violence. When people must flee their homes, guide them to safety. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

- A We pray for people in need. We pray especially for ...

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for this assembly. Listen to our cries, come to our aid, make us one. Weave among us the fabric of belonging so that we rejoice in each person gathered here, and enliven our proclamation of how much you have done for us. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

A We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Keep them in your peace, comfort us in sorrow, raise us to new life. As we remember their faith and witness, may we trust your promise that we are yours forever. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

A Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C **Amen.**

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 In response to God's gracious love, we give of our time, talent, and treasures. We worship God with our offerings.

Offering

(Please stand.)

Offertory Song *"For Such a Time as This"*

*Could it be (could it be) that we are called
for such a time as this?
Could it be (could it be) that we are called
for such a time as this?*

Offertory Prayer

A Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good

and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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 It is right, it is good, and it is joyful to give thanks to you, God of mystery and miracle.

On the night 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.

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 The kingdom of God is set before you.

Eat and rejoice.

(Please be seated.)

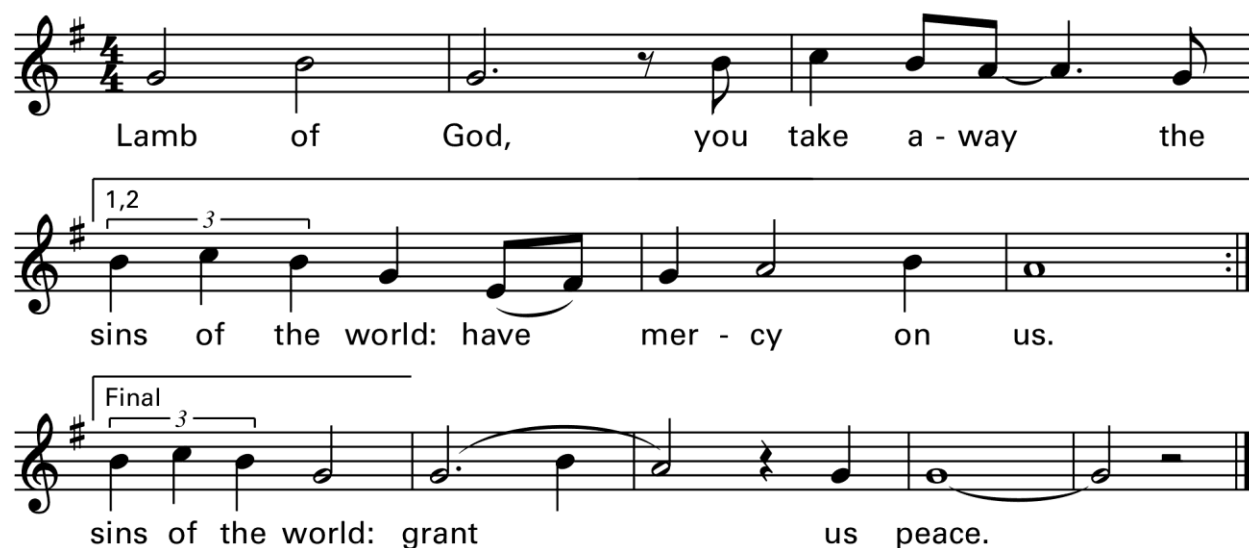
Communion Distribution

Communion Songs

"Lamb of God"

LAMB OF GOD

Mass of a Joyful Heart
Steve Angrisano



Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

sins of the world: grant us peace.

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"Let Us Break Bread Together"

*Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.*

Refrain

*When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. Refrain*

*Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. Refrain*

(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 Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
C **Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

- P The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
bless you and give you peace.
C **Amen.**

Sending Song “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

*Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended.
Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us,
your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.*

*With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—
our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole human race.*

*With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.*

Dismissal

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

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