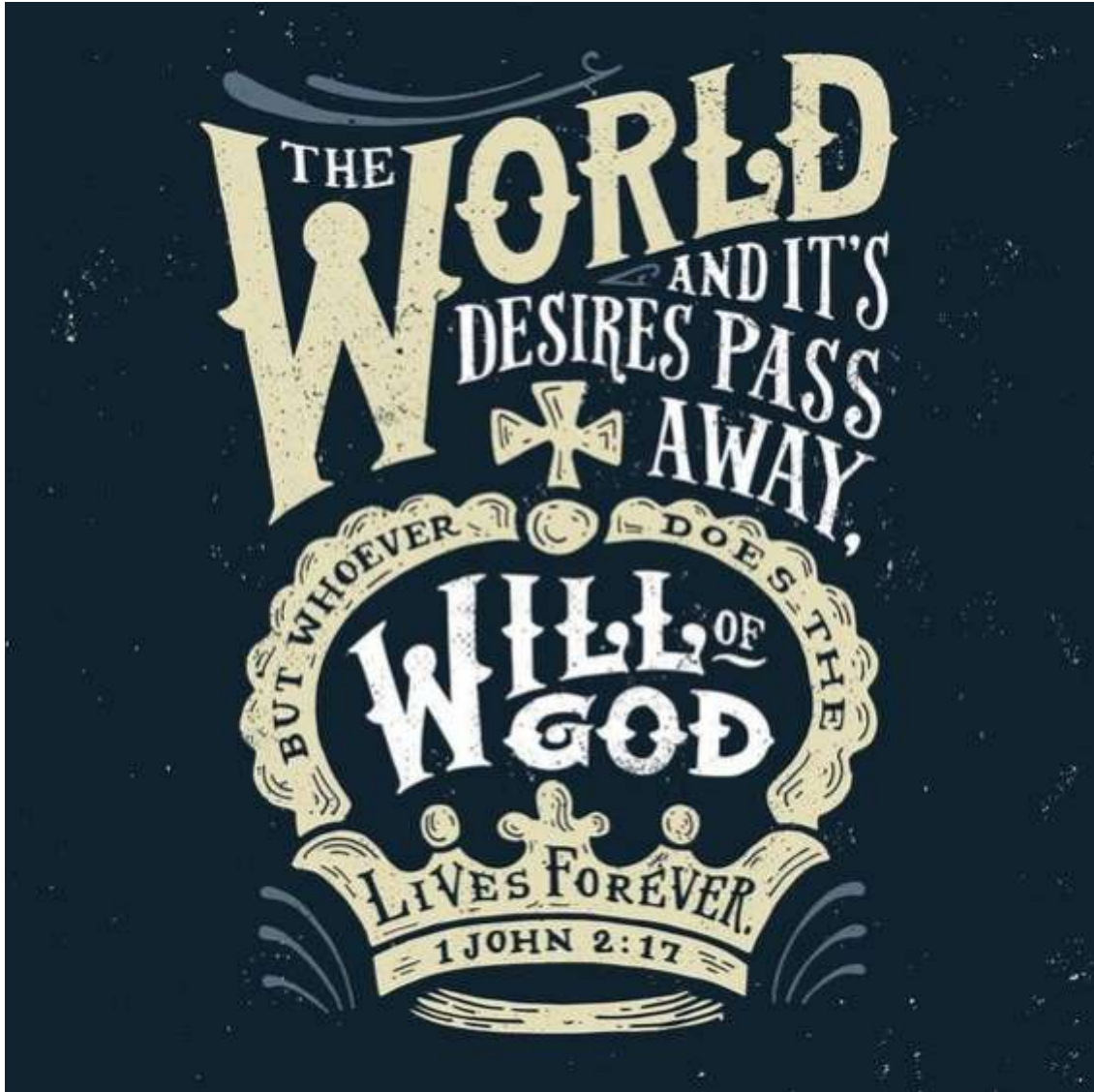


# Twenty Third Sunday of Pentecost

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HYMN— #185—*O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace*

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

*Kyrie*

Musical notation for the hymn "LORD, HAVE MERCY" in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single treble clef staff. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men." The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a final cadence on "A - men."

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

# GLORY TO GOD

*Gloria in Excelsis*

Glo - ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,  
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and  
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,  
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us.

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You are seated at the right hand of the  
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -  
 ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the  
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the  
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,  
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the  
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your Church, as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgment on our sins, but in peace and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

BE SEATED

<sup>1</sup> But the Israelites were unfaithful in regard to the devoted things; Achan son of Karmi, the son of Zimri, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of them. So the LORD's anger burned against Israel.

<sup>19</sup> Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, and honor him. Tell me what you have done; do not hide it from me."

<sup>20</sup> Achan replied, "It is true! I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel. This is what I have done: <sup>21</sup> When I saw in the plunder a beautiful robe from Babylonia, two hundred shekels of silver and a bar of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. They are hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver underneath."

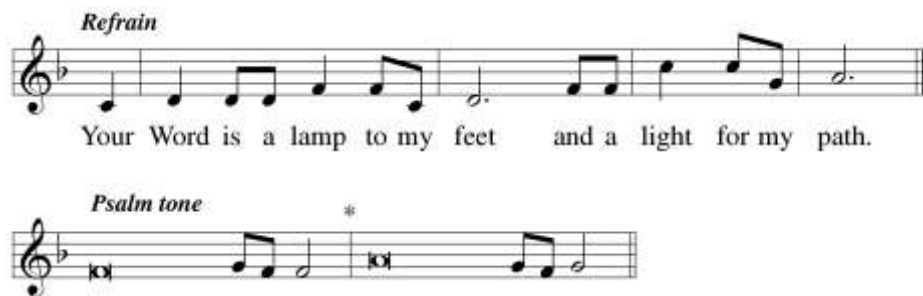
<sup>22</sup> So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent, and there it was, hidden in his tent, with the silver underneath. <sup>23</sup> They took the things from the tent, brought them to Joshua and all the Israelites and spread them out before the LORD.

<sup>24</sup> Then Joshua, together with all Israel, took Achan son of Zerah, the silver, the robe, the gold bar, his sons and daughters, his cattle, donkeys and sheep, his tent and all that he had, to the Valley of Achor. <sup>25</sup> Joshua said, "Why have you brought this trouble on us? The LORD will bring trouble on you today."

Then all Israel stoned him, and after they had stoned the rest, they burned them. <sup>26</sup> Over Achan they heaped up a large pile of rocks, which remains to this day. Then the LORD turned from his fierce anger. Therefore that place has been called the Valley of Achor ever since.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 119b

*Refrain*

Blessed are they whose ways are blameless,\*  
 who walk according to the law of the LORD.  
 Blessed are they who keep his statutes\*  
 and seek him with all their heart.  
 You have laid down precepts\*  
 that are to be fully obeyed.

*Refrain*

Oh, that my ways were steadfast\*  
 in obeying your decrees!  
 Then I would not be put to shame\*  
 when I consider all your commands.  
 I will praise you with an upright heart\*  
 as I learn your righteous laws Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
 and to the Holy Spirit,  
 as it was in the beginning,\*  
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*Refrain*

SECOND LESSON

1 John 2:15-17 (JKT)

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world, nor the things which are in the world. If anyone does love the world, then the love of the Father is not in Him. <sup>16</sup>For everything which is in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and pride in **one’s possessions** — these are not from the Father, but from the world! <sup>17</sup>Moreover, the world and its lust are passing away, but the one who does the will of the Father remains forever.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. The Lord will rescue me from every evil and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. Alleluia. (2 Timothy 4:18 cf. NIV)

STAND

GOSPEL

Luke 18:18-27 (NIV)

Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

<sup>18</sup> A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

<sup>19</sup> “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. <sup>20</sup> You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’”

<sup>21</sup> “All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said.

<sup>22</sup> When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

<sup>23</sup> When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. <sup>24</sup> Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

<sup>26</sup> Those who heard this asked, “Who then can be saved?”

<sup>27</sup> Jesus replied, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY #385—*Chief of Sinners Though I Be*

SERMON (sermon text 1 John 2:15-17)

"An Exclusive Offer"

STAND

CREATE IN ME

Cre - ate In me a  
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -  
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your  
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from  
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -  
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

C: We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.

M: You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

C: For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.

M: Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

C: **Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.**

M: Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

C: Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.

M: Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions

*Silent prayer.*

M: To you O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

C: **Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN #355—*Take the World, but Give Me Jesus*

STAND



M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder **your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you** in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN — #389—*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*





# News And Notes

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## WELCOME!

Welcome to worship! We consider it a privilege to have you worship with us today. Guests, if there is anything we can do to make your worship more meaningful, please do not hesitate to ask us. Pastor, the ushers, and all members of our Bethany family stand ready to serve you. May the Lord bless your worship!

## THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

A special "thank you" to those who served their Lord by serving us this morning, our violinists, our organist, and our ushers. Thank you for edifying and beautifying our worship with your service.

## VOTERS' MEETING AFTER WORSHIP TODAY

Following worship today, the voters of Bethany will be holding the third voters meeting of 2016. Voters, please attend!

## LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

In last Sunday's worship, 39 people were fed and strengthened by the Word of God and 26 received communion.

# Our Walk For God

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY...

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
24	25 <i>7:00p Bible Study</i>	26	27 <i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	28 <i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	29 <i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	30 <i>9:00a Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study 10:30a Worship Happy Birthday Bill Ringler and Sean Cunningham!</i>

*Serving next Sunday: Altar: Stadler; Greeter: Braho; Ushers: Team: A*