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HYMN— #78—*O Light of Gentile Nations*

STAND

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
 For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
 For sins of habit and sins of choice,
 For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:
I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY
Kyrie

Mark 10:47

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life,
hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith
in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear
our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

1. All glory be to God on high!
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise you for your peace and grace,
Your favor toward our fallen race.
2. Our grateful thanks to you we bring,
For your great glory, heav'nly King,
For all, O Father, you have done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.
3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
You take all human sin away.
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
From God's right hand, your mercy share.
4. You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;
The Father's glory you made known.
We by your Spirit sing again:
"All glory be to God!" Amen.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-6 (EHV)

¹Listen to me, you coastlands. Pay attention, you far away peoples! The LORD called me from the womb. When I was inside my mother he mentioned my name. ²He made my mouth like a sharpened sword. He hid me in the shadow of his hand. He made me a polished arrow. He concealed me in his quiver. ³He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my glory." ⁴But I myself said, "I have labored in vain. I spent my strength and got nothing at all. Yet my verdict is with the LORD, and my reward is with my God."

⁵But now the LORD who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to turn Jacob back to him, so that Israel might be gathered to him, so that I will be honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—
⁶the LORD said, "It is too small a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the ones I have kept in Israel, so I will appoint you to be a light for the nations so that my salvation may be known to the end of the earth."

Pastor will sing the verses while the congregation is invited to join in the Refrain and the *Glory Be To the Father*.

Refrain

Psalm tone

Refrain

I will sing of the LORD'S great love forever;^{*}

I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

I will declare that your love stands firm forever;^{*}

that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD;^{*}

your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

Refrain

O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?^{*}

You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,^{*}

who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.

They rejoice in your name all day long;^{*}

they exult in your righteousness.

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

Corinthians 1:1-9 (EHV)

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God in Corinth—those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, who are called as saints—along with all in every place who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

⁴I always thank my God for you because of the grace of God given to you in Christ Jesus. ⁵You were enriched in him in every way, in all speaking and all your knowledge, ⁶because the testimony about Christ was established in you. ⁷As a result you do not lack any gift as you eagerly wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also keep you strong until the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, who called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. He said to me, "You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor." Alleluia. (*Isaiah 49:3*)

STAND

GOSPEL

John 1:29-41 (EHV)

M: The Gospel according to John chapter one.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

²⁹The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'The one coming after me outranks me because he existed before me.' ³¹I myself did not know who he was, but I came baptizing with water so that he would be revealed to Israel."

³²John also testified, "I saw the Spirit descend like a dove from heaven and remain on him. ³³I myself did not recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴I saw this myself and have testified that this is the Son of God."

³⁵The next day, John was standing there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When John saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look! The Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

³⁸When Jesus turned around and saw them following him, he asked, "What are you looking for?"

They said to him, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

³⁹He told them, "Come, and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying. They stayed with him that day. It was about the tenth hour.

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. ⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his own brother Simon and say to him, "We have found the Messiah!" (which is translated "the Christ").

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

BE SEATED

HYMN— #86—*The Only Son from Heaven*

SERMON (*sermon text Isaiah 49:1-6*)

"The Son Tells Us About His Mission"

STAND

NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

C: You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

M: Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn.

C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

C: Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came as the Light of the world so that the world may have light and life through him. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Tune: Munich

1. O holy, holy, holy Lord God, to You we pray,
The heavens show Your glory, The earth Your works display.
Hosanna! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high,
And in Your grace and mercy Receive our fervent cry.
2. Hosanna in the highest! How truly blest is He
Who in God's name is coming To set His people free!
He comes to bring salvation And with His blood outpoured
Deliver us from bondage—Hosanna, mighty Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.



I give you a new commandment: love one another as I loved you

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 your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

(The Scriptures teach that the celebration of Communion connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who commune around a common confession of faith. For this reason, we ask that only members of Bethany or other WELS or ELS congregations partake in this special meal. Any visitors who desire to establish a communing fellowship with Bethany are encouraged to speak with Pastor Kluender or an usher after the worship service.)

HYMN 310—I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON

Tune: Munich

1. O Lord, now let your servant Depart in peace, assured:
 For I have seen your promised Incarnate, saving Word—
 A Light that will enlighten All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
 The brilliant, crowning glory Of those in Israel!

2. All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
 All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One;
 For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
 God’s triune name resounding Through all eternity.

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you give us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. We pray that through this precious gift of yourself you would feed our faith, nourish our hope, and strengthen our love that we might live as your people now, and as your guests forever at the wedding supper of the Lamb, 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 #391 v. 1, 3 and 6—*God Loved the World So that He Gave*





News And Notes

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!

VOTERS' MEETING NEXT SUNDAY, 1/22, AFTER WORSHIP

All voters of Bethany, please plan on attending the 1st Quarter voters' meeting next Sunday after worship. This is our annual meeting, at which we will be approving a 2017 budget and our 2017 slate of officers.

NORTHERN REGIONAL BIBLE STUDY THIS FRIDAY EVENING — PLEASE JOIN US!

Please join us this Friday, 7:30 P.M. at the Hamilton home, 520 Luke Court, Cranberry Twp., for our Northern Regional Bible Study. As we pass through the 500th Anniversary year of the Lutheran Reformation, let's not forget that Reformation begins at home and in God's Holy Word. We will be continuing our look at Luther's Smalcald Articles.

MLS CONCERT CHOIR AT BETHANY SUNDAY, MARCH 26 — COORDINATOR AND HOSTS NEEDED

On Sunday, March 26th, the Michigan Lutheran Seminary Concert Choir will be singing at our Sunday worship service. This is an amazing privilege for such a small congregation as Bethany. To keep the travel costs down, the choir is seeking hosting in Bethany members' homes for as many of the 37 students and 4 adults as possible. They are prepared to pay for hotel accommodations for those whom we can not host, but the more we can host the better. If you are able to help with this, please talk to pastor ASAP with number of females and/or males you could house. Also, we are seeking one person to be the coordinator for all of our efforts in hosting, feeding and fellowshiping with them.

WELS SCHOOL OF OUTREACH — PLEASE JOIN THE CONTINUING EFFORT — SECOND SESSION MARCH 18

2017 brings us many new opportunities to reach out with the gospel of Jesus Christ in our community and Pastor is looking for new people to join him in (a) working on materials we received at the first session of the school of outreach and (b) preparing for (and possibly attending) the next session in Strongsville, Ohio on Saturday, March 18th. If you are interested in any part of this work, please speak with Pastor Kluender ASAP. Thanks!

NEW MINISTRY IDEAS? PASS THEM ON!

Do you have ideas for any new or enhanced ministries at (or through) Bethany? Do you have thoughts how we might improve our current ministries? If so, please take the opportunity to communicate your thoughts to Pastor Kluender in the near future. Now is the time to get working at this. THANK YOU.

LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP

In last Sunday's worship, 42 people were fed and strengthened by the Word of God.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
16 <i>Happy Birthday Natalie Kurth!</i> <i>Pastor at Conference in Jenera, OH</i>	17 <u><i>No Bible Study</i></u> <i>Pastor returning from Conference in Jenera, OH</i>	18	19	20 <i>7:30p Northern Regional Bible Study at Hamilton Home, 520 Luke Ct., Cranberry Twp</i>	21	22 <i>9:00a Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30a Worship</i> VOTERS' MEETING <i>Happy Birthday Judy Tisdale-Yoest!</i>
<i>Serving next Sunday: Alter: Stadler; Greeter: Ringler; Ushers: Team E</i>						