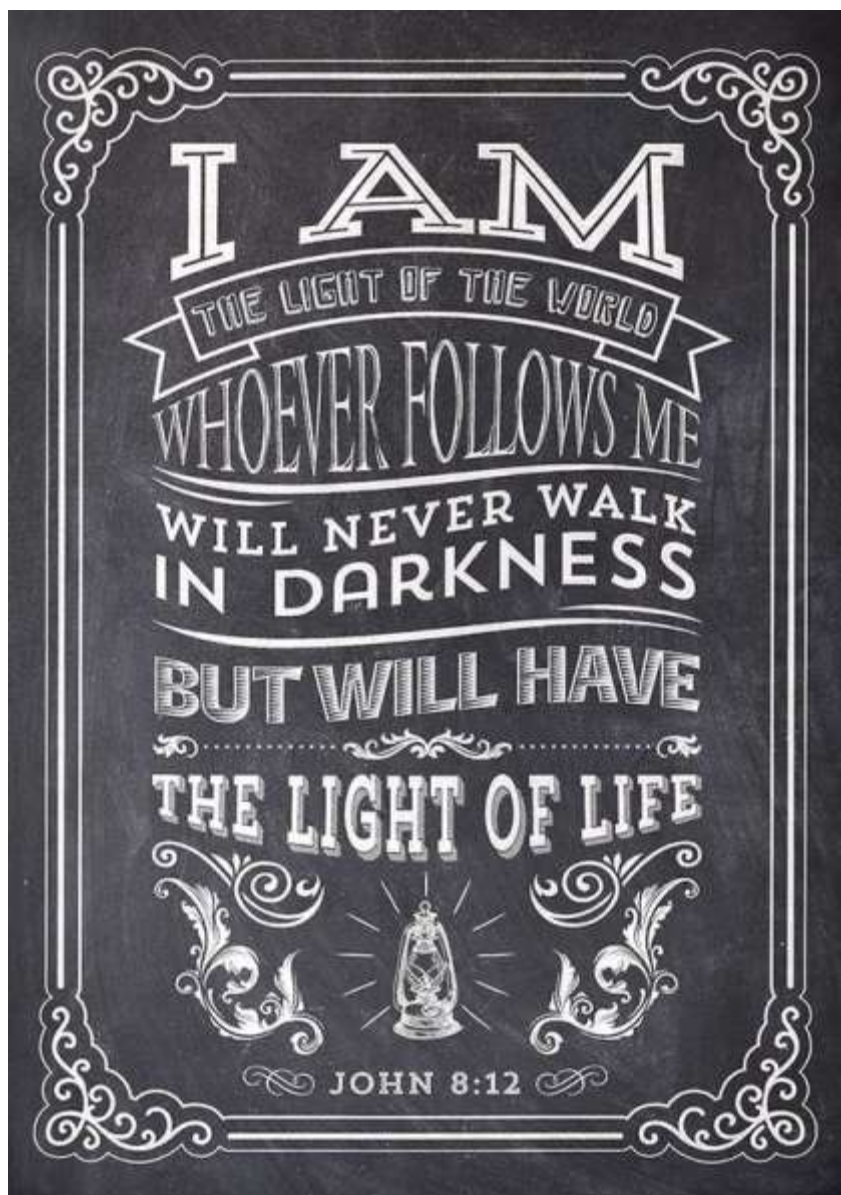


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OPENING HYMN — #84—*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

STAND

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



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



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.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

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



C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**

We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the

sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of

God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;

you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

M: The Lord be with you.



C: **And al - so 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.



BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:1-4 (EHV)

¹ On the other hand, there will be no more gloom for the one who was in anguish. In the former time, he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will cause it to be glorious, along the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.

²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in the land of the shadow of death, the light has dawned. ³You have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy.

They rejoice before you like the joy at harvest, like the celebration when people divide the plunder. ⁴For you have broken the yoke that burdened him, the bar on his shoulder, and the rod of his oppressor, as you did in the day of Midian.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 27



Refrain

Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;*
be merciful to me and answer me.
Do not hide your face from me,*
do not turn your servant away in anger;
you have been my helper.
Do not reject me or forsake me,*
O God my Savior.

Refrain

Though my father and mother forsake me,*
the LORD will receive me.
I am still confident of this:*
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD;*
be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.
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 1:10-17 (EHV)

¹⁰Brothers, I am making an appeal to you using the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I ask that you all express the same view and not have any divisions among you, but that you be joined together in the same mind and in the same

judgment. ¹¹For the news I heard about you, my brothers, from members of Chloe’s household, is that there are rivalries among you. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized into the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that I baptized you into my own name. ¹⁶(I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides them, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel—not with the wisdom used in speeches, so that the cross of Christ would not be emptied of its power.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia. (*Matthew 4:23 cf. NIV*)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

STAND

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23 (EHV)



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

¹²When Jesus heard that John was put in prison, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. ¹⁴He did this to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, along the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, ¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and on those dwelling in the region and the shadow of death a light has dawned.

¹⁷From that time, Jesus began to preach: “Repent, because the kingdom of heaven is near.”

¹⁸As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen. ¹⁹He said to them, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

²⁰They immediately left their nets and followed him. ²¹Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. Jesus called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: 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 — #85—*O God from God, O Light from Light*

SERMON (*sermon text Isaiah 9:1-4*)

"The Battle is Won"

STAND

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music in a single system, all in a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men." The music is a simple, melodic line with some rests and ties.

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.

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.

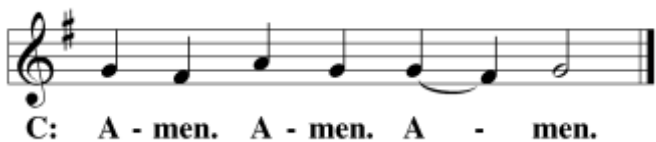
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HYMN — #279—*O Word of God Incarnate*

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



HYMN — #419—*If God Himself Be 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

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

MLS CONCERT CHOIR AT BETHANY SUNDAY, MARCH 26 — HOST HOMES 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. Erica Griepentrog and Kathy Stadler have graciously agreed to help Pastor as coordinators for their visit. The choir is seeking hosting in Bethany members' homes for as many of the 37 students and 4 adults as possible. Pastor, Erica and Kathy would like us to find housing for all of them out of thankfulness for the effort they are making for us. If you are able to help with this, please talk to pastor ASAP with number of females and/or males you could house. Please note that the students generally travel and pack in same-gender pairs, so keep this in mind as you plan for their visit.

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 Sunday's worship, 38 people were fed and strengthened by the Word of God and 32 people took communion.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	7:00P Bible Study Happy Birthday Gayle Hamilton!		Pastor attends March for Life in Washington, DC	Pastor attends March for Life in Washington, DC	Happy Birthday Andy Warner!	9:00a Adult Bible Study and Sunday School 10:30a Worship

Serving next Sunday: Altar: Kluender; Greeter: Schult; Ushers: Team A