

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 23, 2017

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OPENING HYMN — page #14 of the Songbook—As the Deer

STAND

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



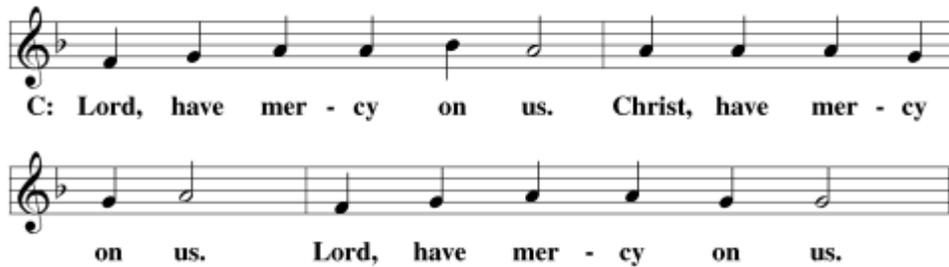
CONFESSION OF SINS

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:

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 33:12-23 (EHV)

¹²Moses said to the LORD, "Look, you yourself have been telling me, 'Lead this people up,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³So now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you, so that I may find favor in your sight. Consider that this nation is your people."

¹⁴The LORD said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

¹⁵Moses said to him, "If your Presence is not going to go with me, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶After all, how would people know that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Isn't it in this way: that you go with us, so that we are distinguished, I and your people, from all the people who are on the face of the earth?"

¹⁷The LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have said, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."

¹⁸Then Moses said, "Please show me your glory."

¹⁹The LORD said, "I will make all my goodness pass in front of you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD in your presence. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will show mercy to whom I will show mercy." ²⁰He said, "You cannot see my face, for no human may see me and live."

²¹The LORD also said, "Look, there is a place next to me, where you shall stand on the rock. ²²It will happen that, while my glory passes by, I will put you in a crevice in the rock. I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by.

²³Then I will take away my hand, and you will see my back. But my face will not be seen."

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 145*Refrain*

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;*

his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation will commend your works to another;*

they will tell of your mighty acts.

The LORD upholds all those who fall*

and lifts up all who are bowed down.

Refrain

The eyes of all look to you,

and you give them their food at the proper time.*

You open your hand

and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

The LORD is near to all who call on him,*

to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;*

he hears their cry and saves them.

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

Romans 7:15-25a (EHV)

¹⁵For I do not understand what I am doing, because I do not keep doing what I want. Instead, I do what I hate. ¹⁶And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But now it is no longer I who am doing it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸Indeed, I know that good does not live in me, that is, in my sinful flesh. The desire to do good is present with me, but I am not able to carry it out. ¹⁹So I fail to do the good I want to do. Instead, the evil I do not want to do, that is what I keep doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who am doing it, but it is sin living in me.

²¹So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is present with me. ²²**I certainly delight in God’s law** according to my inner self, ²³but I see a different law at work in my members, waging war against the law of my mind and taking me captive to the law of sin, which is present in my members. ²⁴What a miserable wretch I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia. (Luke 8:15)

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

STAND

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30 (EHV)

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

²⁵At that time, Jesus continued, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from clever and learned people and have revealed them to little children. ²⁶Yes, Father, because this was pleasing to you. ²⁷Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him.

²⁸"Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

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 #338—*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

SERMON (*sermon text Matthew 11:28-30*)

"Come To Jesus For Rest"

STAND

C: 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.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

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.

(BE SEATED)

HYMN — #202—*If God Had Not Been on Our Side* (A hymn of Dr. Martin Luther)

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 — page #26 of the Songbook—*Blessed Assurance*

News And Notes—Bethany Lutheran Church

THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

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

VBS JULY 31—AUGUST 4th

Vacation Bible School is a long standing outreach of Bethany, and we need your help to make it happen this year. There are a lot of “blanks” on our volunteer and donation signup sheets in the narthex. If you are able to help, please sign up today so our organizers know how to proceed with planning this vital Gospel ministry. Thanks!

WEST DEER COMMUNITY DAYS — FRIDAY/SATURDAY AUGUST 4th & 5th

If you are able to assist your congregation in reaching out with the Water of Life as we sell bottled water at West Deer Community Days, please sign up on the board in the narthex. We are also looking for a large dorm refrigerator, or a small standard refrigerator, to keep the water cold at the event. We also are in need of an additional 10x10 canopy.

BETHANY CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC — SUNDAY, AUGUST 13th AFTER WORSHIP

Brothers and sisters of Bethany!!! Please plan to join your fellow members at our congregational picnic, following worship at Bethany on Sunday, August 13. Details of what we are asking people to bring will be available in the coming weeks but please do set the date aside on your calendar. Thank you!

PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER(S) NEEDED FOR FALL SEMESTER

Bethany’s chairman of education, Stuart Fronk, says that we are in need of a preschool teacher for this coming fall semester. We do have several students we expect to be participating in the class, and the basement committee is planning to prepare a dedicated classroom for this group. Any Bethany member would be able to teach this class, including a teen, if they feel so led and are willing to dedicate themselves to the task. Please consider helping us with this need. Educating our children in the truths of God’s Word is at the heart of what we do out of thankfulness to Jesus! Please note: if multiple people want to “tag team” on this, that would also be fine. THANKS

FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS NEEDED TO HOST TRUNKS FOR OCTOBER 21st “TRUNK OR TREAT”

On Saturday, October 21st, Bethany’s evangelism committee is hosting a “Trunk or Treat” event in Bethany’s parking lots. The idea is that individual members and families of Bethany operate a game & treat station out of the trunk of their vehicle, including an activity/game and candy. Children from our congregation and the community will be invited to visit each trunk. Pastor and others will also be “working” the event to bring a gospel message and invitation to worship to those who attend. How many trunks can we get? The more the merrier. PLEASE consider sponsoring a trunk!

LAST WEEK’S WORSHIP

In Sunday’s worship, 43 people were fed and strengthened by the Word of God and 31 people took communion.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	7:00P Bible Study Happy birthday Stephen G. Bayer!				Happy birthday Jan Schult!	9:00a Adult Bible Study and Sunday School 10:30a Worship

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