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HYMN— #223—*As We Begin Another Week*

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.

O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 39:6b-12, 16-23 (NIV)

⁶ So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph's care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.

Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, ⁷ and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!"

⁸ But he refused. "With me in charge," he told her, "my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. ⁹ No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" ¹⁰ And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her. ¹¹ One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. ¹² She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.

¹⁶ She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home. ¹⁷ Then she told him this story: "That Hebrew slave you

brought us came to me to make sport of me. ¹⁸ But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house."

¹⁹ When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, "This is how your slave treated me," he burned with anger. ²⁰ Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined.

But while Joseph was there in the prison, ²¹ the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. ²² So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. ²³ The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 22

Refrain

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Psalm tone

Refrain

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

Why are you so far from saving me?

I am a worm and not a man,*

scorned by men and despised by the people.

All who see me mock me;*

they hurl insults, shaking their heads:

"He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.*

Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

Refrain

My strength is dried up, and my tongue sticks
to the roof of my mouth;*

you lay me in the dust of death.

A band of evil men has encircled me,*

they have pierced my hands and my feet.

They divide my garments among them*
and cast lots for my clothing.

But you, O LORD, be not far off;*

O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

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

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"
Alleluia. (*Galatians 4:6 cf. NIV*)

STAND

GOSPEL

Luke 9:18-24 (NIV)

M: The Gospel according to Luke chapter nine.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

¹⁸ Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say I am?"

¹⁹ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life."

²⁰ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "God's Messiah."

²¹ Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. ²² And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."

²³ Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

BE SEATED

HYMN— #536—*Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head*

SERMON *Hebrews 11:24-26 — "Is it Worth It?"*

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 of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

C: Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.

M: Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

C: Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.

M: Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

C: Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.

M: Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

C: Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

Silent prayer.

M: Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

C: Lead us in thankful living today and always. 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 on this day poured out his promised Holy Spirit to testify to the truth and to remind his followers of everything he had said to them. 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.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

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 the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united 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.)

HYMN 313—*Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior*

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 #333—*Abide, O Dearest Jesus*

Spanish websites expand reach

Internet and smartphone usage is on the rise in Spanish-speaking countries; there were more than 70 million smartphone users in Mexico at the end of 2015. WELS World Missions is using these tools to reach out to Spanish speakers around the world, connecting them with each other and their Savior.

The One Latin America team (1LA) and Multi-Language Publications, with help from national Spanish-speaking church bodies, have developed the following online resources.

Academiacrismo.com (Christ Academy) offers free Spanish video and audio resources that share the gospel message and teach lessons on Christianity and the Bible. The two most popular downloads are Spanish versions of the recent WELS movies *Come Follow Me* and *My Son, My Savior*. National pastors and missionaries are online for live chats with those visiting the site.

Leaders' guides are available for Bible studies so that local lay leaders can use the materials in their communities. "We want to empower people to start churches that faithfully teach Christ," says Rev. Mike Hartman, field coordinator for Latin America. "Our main focus is working with contacts who reach out to us." In April, the site began offering live weekly online classes to train leaders how to conduct Bible classes in their communities. More than one

hundred people have already signed up for these courses.

The Academia Cristo Facebook page is used to get the name "Lutheran" out in Latin America as well as to promote resources. With limited advertising, the site reaches an average of more than 400,000 people a day with Christ-centered messages and links to the Academia Cristo website.

Iglesialuteranacrismo.com (Christ Lutheran Church) enables people to participate in live-streamed Christ-centered worship, prepared especially for the online viewer. Visitors can also download resources such as liturgies and hymns for their own use.

The Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Church in Colombia has taken the lead on this project, broadcasting the services from Most Holy Trinity in Medellín. Spanish speakers from ten different countries have gone through instruction classes and joined Most Holy Trinity.

Cristopalabradevida.com (Christ Word of Life) serves as a digital newsletter for Spanish-speakers. Meant mainly for those already in our fellowship, the site contains daily audio devotions, Christian resources in Spanish, and news about confessional Lutheranism.

While the Internet is being used to distribute information, Hartman is quick to point out that this doesn't replace face-to-face communication. It's actually meant to promote it. "We are seeking to use online means of communication God has given

us to empower more people to do on-the-ground ministry," he says. Several members of the 1LA team live in Mexico and work directly with contacts to start new churches. Another team member works with Spanish-speaking members in the United States who want to reach out with the gospel to their families back in Latin America.

The sites also allow any WELS member to spread the gospel to their Spanish-speaking neighbors. "You don't have to know Spanish," says Hartman. "We're giving you the resources to help you share your faith with someone who prefers to speak Spanish."

Multi-Language Publications prepares the resources for these sites, while the 1LA team makes connections and follows up on contacts. Rev. Nate Seiltz, director of Multi-Language Publications, says this model of using digital media may be used in other areas of the world in the future.

Learn more about outreach in Latin America in the June *WELS Connection*. 🌐

A look ahead to the WELS Youth Rally

More than 2,500 WELS teens, chaperones, and speakers will be arriving in Fort Collins, Colo., on June 28 to kick off the biennial WELS International Youth Rally. The event, which runs June 28-July 1, will be the largest youth rally since 2005 and is the largest gathering of WELS members for any regular event.

Attendees will hear two keynote speakers, including Rev. Jared Oldenburg who will be taking the stage for the first time with a presentation titled "I've Got Nothing."

Oldenburg's presentation addresses the idea that "we all enter the world in more or less the same immediate circumstances, but somehow our lives are so different. Why? We read about the characters in the Bible and their lives seem so, well, epic. Why isn't my life like that? Why is my life so ordinary? Could it be that our lives are not all the much different at all?"

He says this is timely to discuss in America today. "It is really easy in America to obsessively compare ourselves with others. Other people are smarter, better athletes, prettier, or more successful. However, in our most important relationship with God, we are all the same," says Oldenburg.

In addition to two full-assembly presentations, several breakout workshops are offered, designed to help teens face the challenges in their lives using God's Word as a guide. Some topics include "My Superhuman Life," which examines the popularity of super heroes through the lens of Christianity; "#lovewins, #lovewon," which gives participants the spiritual tools they need to address the LGBT culture; and "Standing Up to Bullying," which is becoming an increasing problem in a social media-driven culture.

"A youth rally is an awesome event because we have thousands of

teens who can be encouraged and know that they are not alone. Here is a mass of kids just like them, who feel the same way, but more important, they have an awesome God who is always there and will always be there," says Oldenburg.

Follow the rally as it happens at facebook.com/WELSYouthRally; on Instagram @WELSLutherans; and on Twitter @WELStweets, using #WELSYouthRally2016.

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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. 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.

2016 PASTORAL VISITS

Pastor Kluender will be scheduling home visits with all Bethany members this summer and early fall, and if you would like to have "first dibs," feel free to speak with him about when your visit could be scheduled. Otherwise, expect to receive a call from Pastor to have a visit scheduled sometime between now and mid-fall.

VOTERS' MEETING THURSDAY 6/30 AT 6:30 P.M. -- IMPORTANT ITEMS TO BE VOTED ON

On Thursday, 6/30/16, at 6:30 P.M., Bethany's voters will be holding their second quarterly voters meeting. On the agenda will be a number of items of important church business, including: [1] The issuing of a one-year divine call to Mrs. Vicki Fronk to continue being our preschool teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. [2] A proposed change to the bylaws, Article 1, Section 1, as follows -- from "The regular Voters' Assembly meetings of the congregation shall be four (4) in number during each calendar year, *to be held in the following months: March, June, September, and December*" to "The regular Voters' Assembly meetings of the congregation shall be four (4) in number during each calendar year, to be held as soon as possible after each quarter of the calendar year." This change is being proposed to give more flexibility in setting meeting dates in the future, and also to allow a full review of each prior quarter's final financial results at the regular voters' meetings. [3] A second change to the bylaws, which would be required along with this proposed change, is as follows for Article 1, Section 4 -- from "The December meeting of the Voters' Assembly shall be designated as the annual meeting, where the annual election of officers and the approval of a budget for the next year occur" to "**The meeting of the Voters' Assembly following the fourth quarter** shall be designated as the annual meeting, where the annual election of officers and the approval of a budget for the next year occur." Voters, please plan on attending if at all possible. All members of Bethany are invited to express their concerns to the council, the pastor, or the elders prior to or during the voters' meeting.

LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP

In last Sunday's worship, 46 people were fed and strengthened by the Word of God.

Our Walk For God

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY...

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<u>No Bible Study</u>					9:00a Adult Bible Study 10:30a Worship
	Pastor on Vacation	Pastor on Vacation	Pastor on Vacation	Pastor on Vacation	Pastor on Vacation	Pastor on Vacation
					Happy Birthday Tara Busch and Marlene Bayer!	

Serving next Sunday: Alter: Stadler; Greeter: Bayer; Ushers: Team A