

# Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

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STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.

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

LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;  
you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the  
King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the notes. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the first three staves. The score concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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THE WORD

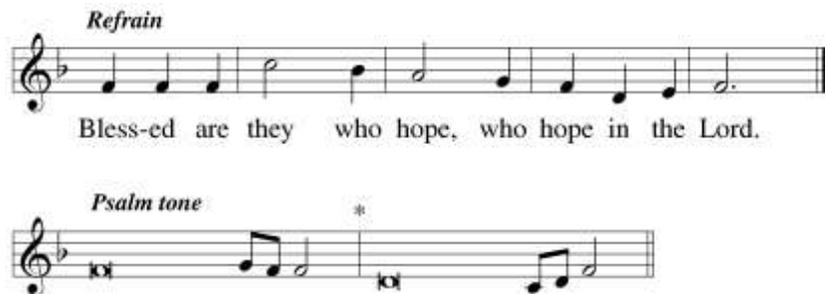
FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-5 (EHV)

<sup>1</sup>Hey, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters, even everyone who has no money! Come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend money on what is not bread, and waste your labor on something that does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good. Satisfy your appetite with rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me. Listen well so that you may come to life. Yes, I surely will make an everlasting covenant with you, the faithful mercies promised to David. <sup>4</sup>Look, I appointed him as a witness for peoples, a leader and commander of peoples. <sup>5</sup>Look, you will call out to a nation you do not know, and a nation that does not know you will run to you on account of the LORD your God, and the Holy One of Israel, because he glorified you.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 42-43



Refrain

As the deer pants for streams of water,\*  
so my soul pants for you, O God.  
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.\*  
Where can I go and meet with God?  
Why are you downcast, O my soul?\*  
Why so disturbed within me?  
Put your hope in God,\*  
for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Refrain

Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me;\*  
let them bring me to the place where you dwell.  
Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and my delight.\*  
I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.  
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 8:35-39 (EHV)

<sup>35</sup>What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup>Just as it is written:

For your sake we are being put to death all day long.

We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

<sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, <sup>39</sup>neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia! "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." Alleluia. (John 14:23)

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

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

STAND

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21 (EHV)

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place to be alone. When the crowds heard this, they followed him on foot from the towns.

<sup>14</sup>When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw a large crowd. He had compassion on them and healed their sick.

<sup>15</sup>When evening came, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place and the hour is already late. Send the crowds away, so that they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

<sup>16</sup>But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

<sup>17</sup>They told him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."

<sup>18</sup>"Bring them here to me," he replied. <sup>19</sup>Then he instructed the people to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves and the two fish. After looking up to heaven, he blessed them. He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples. The disciples gave the food to the people. <sup>20</sup>They all ate and were filled. They picked up twelve basketfuls of what was left over from the broken pieces. <sup>21</sup>Those who ate were about five thousand men, not even counting women and children.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY — #360—*The Lord's My Shepherd; I'll Not Want*

SERMON (*sermon text Isaiah 55:1-5*)

*"Have I Got a Deal for You!"*

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: 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.

### THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: **And al - so 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 right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

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."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

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HYMN —#304—*Jesus Sinners Does Receive*

THANKSGIVING

STAND

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.  
 Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name.  
 He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with  
 shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

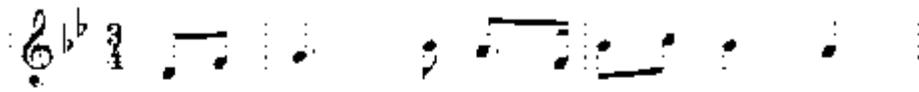
C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

HYMN — #728—(see page 11)

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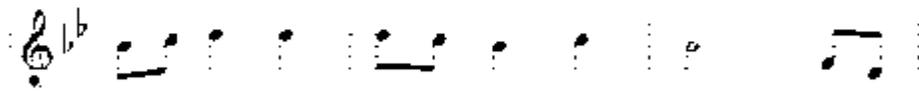
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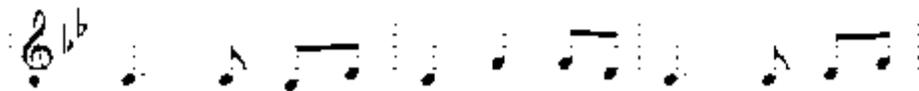
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 3 The Christ is ev - er with them: The



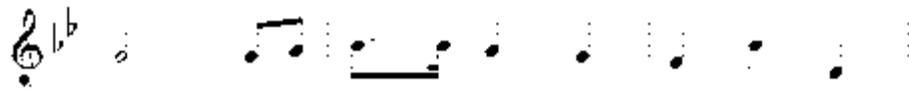
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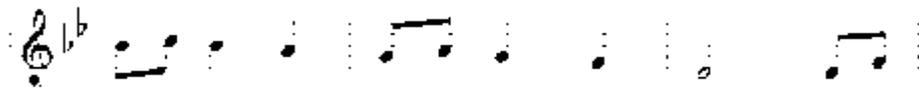
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 is the throne of Da - vid: And there from care re -



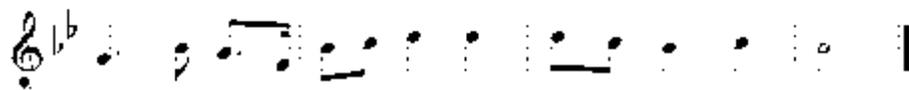
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 fight For ev - er and for ev - er Are  
 leas'd. The shout of them that tri - umph. The



bliss be yond com - pare: To sing the hymn un  
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 song of them that feast. To God en - throned in



end - ing With all the mar - tyr throng. A -  
 bring us To that dear land of rest Where  
 glo - ry The Church's voice - es blend. The



midst the halls of Zi - on Re - sound ing full with song,  
 sings the host of heav - en Your glo - rious name to bless.  
 Lamb for ev - er bless ed. The Light that knows no end.

*This twelfth century hymn, first conceived by Bernard of Clair, depicts an idyllic, heavenly scene. The hymn is gloriously set to the English folk tune THAXTED.*

Text: Bernard of Clair, 12th century  
 Tune: THAXTED (7676762) (Gustav Heintz, 1871-1931, alt.)

# 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.

PASTOR OUT OF TOWN MONDAY-WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK

Pastor Kluender will be out of town Monday through Wednesday of this week taking Hannah back to school in St. Louis. During this time, should you need assistance with a spiritual matter, you may contact one of Bethany's elders, or, in an emergency, feel free to call Pastor Kluender on his cell phone. THANKS!

CAMPING AT MORAIN STATE PARK THIS FRIDAY & SATURDAY

The Muskrat Cove group tenting area has been reserved for this coming weekend, August 25th through the 27th at Moraine State Park. Please plan to join us. If you are not able to camp, please come out to fish or fellowship with your fellow Bethany members sometime Friday evening or Saturday during the day. Ask Mamie or Christine Braho for details. Pastor will be there camping Friday night with the group. Will you join us? Please do!

ESTATE PLANNING SPEAKER FROM SYNOD AT BETHANY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Three weeks from today, John Kenyon, a Christian Giving Counselor for the WELS Michigan District, will be presenting a seminar on Christian Estate Planning. Please note that this is not about financial planning or investing such as would be addressed by an adviser such as our own Tom Proctor, but rather, a discussion of estate planning from a Christian perspective. John will be giving his presentation after our worship in the lower level fellowship hall, and we will be having a simple luncheon to accompany his presentation. All interested Bethany members are encouraged to join us for food, fellowship, and useful information.

**LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP**

In Sunday's worship, 47 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
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	<u>No Bible Study</u>		7:00p Council Meeting	Bethany Camping at Moraine State Park (speak with Brahos for info)	Bethany Camping at Moraine State Park (speak with Brahos for info)	9:00a Adult Bible Study 10:30a Worship
Pastor Weekly Day Off (traveling to St. Louis)	Pastor Vacation Day (in St. Louis)	Pastor Vacation Day (returning from St. Louis)	Happy Birthday Jean Bartsch!			
Serving next Sunday: Altar: Kluender; Greeter: Neumann Family; Ushers: Team B						