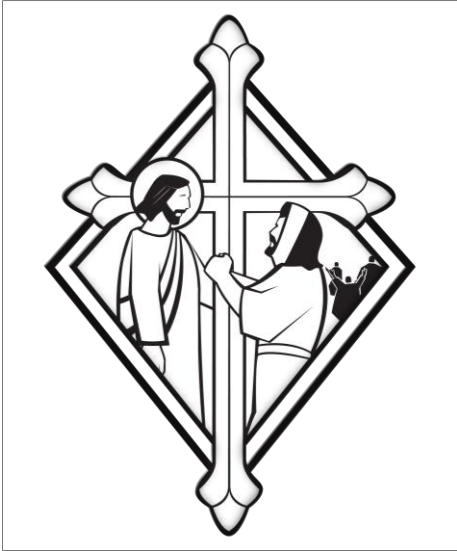

Bethany Lutheran Church

Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

September 1, 2024



ORDERS OF WORSHIP:

Sunday: The Divine Service, *Rite Two*, starting on page 60.

*Please follow along in the hymnal
or above the altar*

Monday: The Office of Compline, pg. 128

HYMNS:

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INTROIT: O God, behold our shield, and look upon the face of Your Anointed. A day in Your courts is better than a thousand. How lovely is Your tabernacle, O Lord of Hosts! My soul longs, yes, even faints, for the courts of the Lord.

COLLECT: Keep Your Church, we beseech You, O Lord, with Your perpetual mercy; and because our weak flesh without You can only fail, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen

Epistle Lesson

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. *Galatians 5:16–24 (ESV)*

GRADUAL: Alleluia! Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers: praise Him and highly exalt Him forever. Alleluia!

Gospel Lesson

On the way to Jerusalem He was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as He entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴ When He saw them He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ And He said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.” *Luke 17:11–19 (ESV)*

Prayer of the Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

By the atoning death of Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In thanksgiving for His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For hearts that always long for the dwelling place of the Lord’s glory, that we would find our healing and eternal peace in the lovely courts of Christ’s Church, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the fathers of the Church, that with the boldness of Solomon they would exhort their children to wisdom, justice and persistence in the way of salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mothers of the Church, that with the tenderness of Lois and Eunice they would make their children wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our land and its people, that God would deliver us from violence and discord; and for all who work to bring peace, including law enforcement and members of the armed forces, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick, hospitalized and recovering, [*especially* _____,] that the God of comfort would heal them and strengthen them to endure their afflictions, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Gracious God, Your Son once healed 10 lepers, only one of whom returned to give thanks. As we celebrate the harvest and Your blessings to us, forgive our shallow gratitude and our lack of humility before Your generosity, and create right hearts within us to give You all glory, honor and praise. In the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

“The size of the bank account matters much less than the generosity of the bank account steward.”

A note from the Stewards:

As summer comes to an end, things are busy with activities with family and friends, travel and vacations. But the life of our special congregation at Bethany goes on week after week. In all of the ‘busyness’, please don’t forget the Lord with your offerings.

SUMMER SWEET TREATS & FELLOWSHIP

Following Sunday worship, join us for our last time of refreshments and visiting in the entry for this summer. Kids are invited to gather for a ‘mini-Sunday School’ activity on the lawn. To help provide treats, sign up on the hallway bulletin board or click the QR code below.

GATHER-GROW-GO

- Gather** to hear God’s Word.
- Grow** in our faith and love for one another.
- Go** and serve neighbors as God enables us.



Scan this QR code to access our SignUPGenius page, where you can volunteer for worship roles, Bedtime Books, and property beautification. *Not sure how? Stop by the office or find Pastor and Rosemary and we can show you.*

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10

WORSHIP SLIDE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you climb the stairs to the choir loft, sit in a comfy chair and push a button? An easy way to assist Bethany with worship is to be part of the team rotating the slides that are displayed above the altar during the Sunday service. If we have a 5-person team for each service, no one serves more than one Sunday a month! Anyone confirmation age–retiree is welcome; talk to Pastor today.

You Know A Combat Veteran - LMSG is hosting their annual spiritual retreat November 14-17, at Camp Shiloh, Texas entitled *Building Bridges, A Spiritual Retreat for Battle Buddies*. Attendees are encouraged to come with their "battle buddy" - a trusted friend, spouse, or caregiver, but may come on their own and meet a future battle buddy there.

Registration ends October 1st. Assistance with travel is available. Retreat details and registration information can be found at www.lutheranmilitary.org.

Invite the person you know today.



LUTHERAN MILITARY
SUPPORT GROUP
Shoulder to Shoulder in Service

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 9/1 *Trinity 14*

9:00 am Worship
(livestreamed)
Sweet Treats & Fellowship following

MONDAY, 9/2

No School, office closed
(*Labor Day observed*)
7:00 pm Worship

WEDNESDAY, 9/4

8:25 am Chapel

SUNDAY, 9/8 *Trinity 15*

9:00 am Worship w/communion
(livestreamed)
10:15 am Sunday School for all ages

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS RESUME

Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm

Flowers on the Altar this week are given to the glory of God by Matt and Katie Hoefler in celebration of Hudson's 6th and Ethan's 22nd birthday.

SERVING YOU TODAY

Preacher

Pastor Pittenger

Organist/Accompanist

Mrs. Kelli Gracia

Acolytes

Circelli, Nantz

~Communion is offered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays & Mondays of the month~

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