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11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 8, 2021

+ *God Gathers Us In His Presence* +

PRELUDE:

WELCOME:

OPENING HYMN:

“Be Still, My Soul, before the Lord”

LSB 771



1 Be still, my soul, be - fore the Lord, For
2 You need not mul - ti - ply your words Nor
3 Wait, then, in qui - et con - fi - dence, Your
4 Be still, my soul, be - fore the Lord; On



God is al - ways near. Be - fore your mind is
pray with prac - ticed art. Be - yond all speech, God
anx - ious thoughts at rest. God knows your needs be -
God in pa - tience wait. God's love, un - seen, sur -



moved to pray, God lis - tens and will hear.
un - der - stands The hun - ger of your heart.
fore you ask And works for what is best.
rounds your life; God's help will not be late.

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Based on Ephesians 1:3-4)*

Leader: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

People: Who chose us to be holy and blameless in His sight. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: (Based on Ephesians 4:1-4, 2:4-5 & 10)

Leader: Almighty God, You have commanded us to live a life worthy of the calling we have received by being completely humble and gentle; patient and bearing with one another in love.

People: I confess that I have not continually lived such a life. I have often been haughty and proud, intolerant and judgmental; regularly I lack patience and often I have not let Your love, O God, have its way with me, so my love for others has failed. Forgive my sins, be gracious and merciful to me for the sake of Christ; and through the Spirit's power enable me to walk in Your ways and delight in Your will to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Leader: God is rich in mercy! He has made you alive in Christ even when you were dead in transgressions. By grace you have been saved! Now go as His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, to live a life in and for Him.

+ God Gives Us the Gift of His Word +

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 4:17 - 5:2

So I tell you and encourage you in the Lord's name not to live any longer like other people in the world. Their minds are set on worthless things. They can't understand because they are in the dark. They are excluded from the life that God approves of because of their ignorance and stubbornness. Since they no longer have any sense of shame, they have become promiscuous. They practice every kind of sexual perversion with a constant desire for more.

But that is not what you learned from Christ's teachings. You have certainly heard his message and have been taught his ways. The truth is in Jesus. You were taught to change the way you were living. The person you used to be will ruin you through desires that deceive you. However, you were taught to have a new attitude. You were also taught to become a new person created to be like God, with a life that truly has God's approval and is holy.

So then, get rid of lies. Speak the truth to each other, because we are all members of the same body.

Be angry without sinning. Don't go to bed angry. Don't give the devil any opportunity to work.

Thieves must quit stealing and, instead, they must work hard. They should do something good with their hands so that they'll have something to share with those in need.

Don't say anything that would hurt another person. Instead, speak only what is good so that you can give help wherever it is needed. That way, what you say will help those who hear you. Don't give God's Holy Spirit any reason to be upset with you. He has put his seal on you for the day you will be set free from the world of sin.

Get rid of your bitterness, hot tempers, anger, loud quarreling, cursing, and hatred. Be kind to each other, sympathetic, forgiving each other as God has forgiven you through Christ.

Imitate God, since you are the children he loves. Live in love as Christ also loved us. He gave his life for us as an offering and sacrifice, a soothing aroma to God. – GW®

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *John 6:35-51*

Jesus told them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never become hungry, and whoever believes in me will never become thirsty. I've told you that you have seen me. However, you don't believe in me. Everyone whom the Father gives me will come to me. I will never turn away anyone who comes to me. I haven't come from heaven to do what I want to do. I've come to do what the one who sent me wants me to do. The one who sent me doesn't want me to lose any of those he gave me. He wants me to bring them back to life on the last day. My Father wants all those who see the Son and believe in him to have eternal life. He wants me to bring them back to life on the last day."

The Jews began to criticize Jesus for saying, "I am the bread that came from heaven." They asked, "Isn't this man Jesus, Joseph's son? Don't we know his father and mother? How can he say now, 'I came from heaven'?"

Jesus responded, "Stop criticizing me! People cannot come to me unless the Father who sent me brings them to me. I will bring these people back to life on the last day. The prophets wrote, 'God will teach everyone.' Those who do what they have learned from the Father come to me. I'm saying that no one has seen the Father. Only the one who is from God has seen the Father. I can guarantee this truth: Every believer has eternal life.

“I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert and died. This is the bread that comes from heaven so that whoever eats it won’t die. I am the living bread that came from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. The bread I will give to bring life to the world is my flesh.” – GW®

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN:

“By Grace I’m Saved”

LSB 566



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing; In Je - sus' prom - ise



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
I re - joice; For though I know my heart's con - di - tion,



Has Scrip-ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
I al - so know my Sav - ior's voice. My heart is glad, all



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
grief has flown Since I am saved by grace a - lone.

SERMON: *“Living in a Stained T-Shirt”*

Text: Ephesians 4:17 - 5:2



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

NICENE CREED: (* catholic means the universal Christian Church)

**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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

**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.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy *catholic 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.

+ *We Give Thanks for God's Word* +

OFFERING:

OFFERING PRAYER: (Based on Ephesians 1:17)

Leader: Gracious God receive these our tithes and offerings
and through them fund and support ministry here at Holy Cross
through which You give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation,
that we might know You better. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

LORD'S PRAYER:

**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.**

+ *God Sends Us Forth for Lives of Love and Service* +

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE BLESSING: (Based on Ephesians 3:16-18)

Leader: May He strength you with power through His Spirit in your inner being,
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith
and you, being rooted and established in love,
may have power together with all the saints to grasp
how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.

CLOSING HYMN:

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

LSB 332



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and
△ 8 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther sing, Glo - ry to the



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,
Son, our king, Glo - ry to the Spir - it be



That the Lord chose such a birth.
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
God was there up - on His throne.
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.
Now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Seth Moorman
Pianist/Organist: Ken Culley
Powerpoint Operator: Jean Stone

Bible Study Leader: Pastor Kevin Kritzer
Scripture Reader: Lily Ellis
Ushers: Mark Ruhl and Les Friend

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**We ask that as we return to a new normal,
that people do their best and continue to be aware of social distancing.
Facemasks are recommended
in accordance with local, county & state guidelines.**

Sermon Series



ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Your Summer Worship Preparation:

Aug 15th: Eph. 5:6-21 - Aug 22nd: Eph. 5:22-33

Aug 29th: Eph. 6:10-20 - Sep 5th: Eph. 6:23-24

COUCH CONVERSATIONS



Take some time this week with your family, or on your own, to have some couch conversations about our text and theme for worship: ***Ephesians 4:17-5:2*** ~ Paul encourages all followers of Jesus to put off the old self and put on the new self. The old self is filled with sin and stains. The new self has been forgiven and loved by God. Sometimes we hold on to the old too much and let it control us but Paul reminds us that we are new creations in Christ Jesus.

- What are some things that are a part of your “old self?”
- How do those things still effect you today?
- Why is it so hard to give up our “old self?”
- How does God provide for your “new self?”
- How can you be an “imitator of Christ?”



Tuesday through Thursday (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)
 (Remember to wear a face mask upon entry to the Church Office.)

- This week at Holy Cross Lutheran Church -

Today	8/8	9:45 am	Sunday School, Youth Group & Bible Study
		11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
		1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	"Staycation with Jesus" Closing BBQ and Celebration in Pam Am Park (behind Bethany)
Monday	8/9	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Boy Scouts
Tuesday	8/10	10:00 am	MAC
		10:00 am - noon	Food Pantry
Wednesday	8/11	7:00 pm	S'More Stories (Bethany Lutheran)
Thursday	8/12	5:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Salam Ministries
Friday	8/13		
Saturday	8/14	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	8/15	9:45 am	Sunday School, Youth Group & Bible Study
		11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service with HC



Pray for healing and recovery for those who have recently been injured, had surgery, been hospitalized or are suffering from a medical condition.

REQUESTS
FOR
PRAYER

STAYCATION WITH JESUS - BBQ and Celebration TODAY!

This summer Bethany invites Holy Cross to take a "Staycation with Jesus" and learn what it means to be home with the Lord. **"Staycation with Jesus" will wrap-up with a BBQ and Celebration at Pan Am Park (5157 East Centralia Street, Long Beach) today at 1pm.** Go to Bethany's website for more information: <https://www.staycationwithjesus.com>

Grief Support Group



GriefShare Update

Bethany Lutheran will be starting a new session of GriefShare Support Group on **Sunday, August 29th (1pm - 2:30pm) in the Multi-Purpose Room #215.** GriefShare is a 13-week DVD/discussion based class for those who are experiencing the grief of losing a loved one, or some other major loss in one's life. If you are interested, or know of any individuals who might benefit from a support group of this nature, **please contact Karl Fink (DCE, Bethany Lutheran)** at kfink@bethanylutheran.org or 562.421.4711 ext. 19 (Bethany Lutheran Church Office).