

Sunday, August 09, 2020

# Welcome!

## 10th Sunday after Pentecost

### Welcome Facebook Live!



**Statement of Welcome:**  
**We are an Open and Affirming Reconciling in Christ Congregation**  
**This Means:**  
**We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace.** We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addiction, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, differently-abled or anything that too often divides us.  
**Our Unity is in Christ.**

**Serving today (THANK YOU):**

Lisa Lundgren  
**Serving Next Sunday**  
Doris Molchanow

**What you will need for Service (optional):**

- Candle (light at beginning of the service)
- Bread/Cracker
- Wine/Grape Juice (Juice/Water)



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Thanks to Hieu Nguyen (See Matthew 14:24-33) 05-05-2003  
**IT'S GOTTA BE THE SANDALS**

**GATHERING**

*MUTED for all except for those assisting in today's worship (ALL Please respond **in the bold**)*

(Pastor Danny)

God is with you! **And also with you.**

*Making the sign of the cross...*

We begin... **in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**We are Bethany Lutheran Church and it is our Mission: To be a welcoming community in faith, empowered by God within the life of Jesus Christ: to love God and our neighbor, as ourselves.**

A prayer created by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the Episcopal Church – Celebrating our full-communion partnership.

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.

Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.

Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.

Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Lifting arms/hands in Orans position:*

**Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people, and kindle within us the fire of your love. Amen.**

## CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF GRACE

(Pastor Danny)

Kyrie, eleison. **Lord, Have Mercy.**

Christe, eleison. **Christ, Have Mercy.**

Kyrie, eleison. **Lord, Have Mercy.**

Creator God of all life, by the outpouring of your Holy Spirit:

Help us acknowledge our immaturity as we ponder your work in our lives:

We have forgotten the command of Jesus, to love our neighbor as ourselves,

We have missed opportunities to share, your love for us,

with our family, friends and community,

We have neglected the marginalized and oppressed all around us,

We have said and done things that have hurt those we should love.

**Forgive us. Breathe new life into us. Empower us.**

Receive the forgiveness of God, freely flowing and abundant in love, through Jesus our Christ.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son+ and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## GATHERING MEDITATION

*This will be a time of silence – close your eyes allow the Holy Spirit to speak*

## GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Pastor Danny Phelps)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

(Assisting Minister)

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## WORD

(Assisting Minister)

Loving God, as we hear your Word... Empower us: body, mind and spirit, open our hearts and eyes, to see you here within each of us.

**Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

*Good morning everyone! A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Kings chapter 19:9–18*

“9 There he went into a cave and spent the night. The LORD’s word came to him and said, “Why are you here, Elijah?” 10 Elijah replied, “I’ve been very passionate for the LORD God of heavenly forces because the Israelites have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars, and they have murdered your prophets with the sword. I’m the only one left, and now they want to take my life too!” 11 The LORD said, “Go out and stand at the mountain before the LORD. The LORD is passing by.” A very strong wind tore through the mountains and broke apart the stones before the LORD. But the LORD wasn’t in the wind. After the wind, there was an earthquake. But the LORD wasn’t in the earthquake. 12 After the earthquake, there was a fire. But the LORD wasn’t in the fire. After the fire, there was a sound. Thin. Quiet. 13 When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his coat. He went out and stood at the cave’s entrance. A voice came to him and said, “Why are you here, Elijah?” 14 He said, “I’ve been very passionate for the LORD God of heavenly forces because the Israelites have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars, and they have murdered your prophets with the sword. I’m the only one left, and now they want to take my life too.” 15 The LORD said to him, “Go back through the desert to Damascus and anoint Hazael as king of Aram. 16 Also anoint Jehu, Nimshi’s son, as king of Israel; and anoint Elisha from Abel-meholah, Shaphat’s son, to succeed you as prophet. 17 Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill. Whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. 18 But I have preserved those who remain in Israel, totaling seven thousand—all those whose knees haven’t bowed down to Baal and whose mouths haven’t kissed him.””

The word of God, for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

(Pastor Danny)

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

“22 Right then, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side of the lake while he dismissed the crowds. 23 When he sent them away, he went up onto a mountain by himself to pray. Evening came and he was alone. 24 Meanwhile, the boat, fighting a strong headwind, was being battered by the waves and was already far away from land. 25 Very early in the morning he came to his disciples, walking on the lake. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified and said, “It’s a ghost!” They were so frightened they screamed. 27 Just then Jesus spoke to them, “Be encouraged! It’s me. Don’t be afraid.” 28 Peter replied, “Lord, if it’s you, order me to come to you on the water.” 29 And Jesus said, “Come.” Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. 30 But when Peter saw the strong wind, he became frightened. As he began to sink, he shouted, “Lord, rescue me!” 31 Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him, saying, “You man of weak faith! Why did you begin to have doubts?” 32 When they got into the boat, the wind settled down. 33 Then those in the boat worshipped Jesus and said, “You must be God’s Son!””

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sermon by Pastor Danny*

*Music Meditation*

*We will express our faith by using the words of the Nicene Creed...* (Pastor Danny)

**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 truly 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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.**

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE* (Assisting Minister)

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

We pray, holy God, for the Church universal, bring unity and understanding within the Body of Christ. Bless our leaders with the guidance and gifts of the Spirit; especially we pray for: Our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Our Synod Bishop Patricia Davenport, Dean Regina Goodrich, and Our Pastor Danny Phelps. O God our Sanctuary, empower the church and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray, God of all creation, for the well-being of that which you have gifted us. Give us wisdom to learn the ways and to have the will, to care for the earth; plants and animals, meadows and mountains, seas and flowing rivers. O God, Rainbow of promise, preserve the earth, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray, God of all the nations and peoples, for the leaders of the world, that they govern with compassion and love for your people; the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, and lonely; for those who suffer body, mind and spirit; allow us to be your hands and feet in the communities that surround us. O God, mother and nurse, protect the needy, heal the sick, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray, faithful God, for our congregation; empower us with your Spirit into a deeper faith and within our commitment for each other. Open our hearts and minds, to see you within us and in the eyes of our fellow disciples. We pray for our homebound, and for: Betty Jane, Valerie, Ruth, Amelia Grace, Charles, David, Frank, Vickie, Jay, Stefano, Jose, and Sammie. For all Families Grieving, especially Crum/McMaster. O God, Embracing Arms of Love, hold us, surround us in your love, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

What other prayers do we have at this time? *(Pause)*

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE GIVING OF OURSELVES

*(The giving of our offerings to God, is an act of worship. The giving of time (volunteer), talents (help others with what you like to do) and treasures (financial and/ or material support), are some of the ways we express our generosity and hospitality towards each other, and the surrounding community.)*

## DIALOGUE OF THE DISCIPLES

(Pastor Danny)

God is with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US *(learning together the modern as well as hold on to the traditional version)*

(Pastor Danny)

Let us pray as Jesus taught us,

*Lifting arms/hands in Orans position:*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*For those joining us on Facebook, thank you for sharing this time together as the body of Christ.*

May God bless you and protect you. May God smile on you and be gracious to you.

May God show you favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Please join us again.

## COMMUNION PRAYER

(Pastor Danny)

On the night Jesus was betrayed, he gathered with his disciples his friends around the table, then He took bread, *(all lifting the bread)* gave thanks and blessed it +, he broke it and gave it his disciples saying; Take and eat, this is my body broken for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

Come Holy Spirit, bless this bread and open us to receive the body of Jesus Christ.

***This IS the body of Christ, given and broken for you. All partake of the bread.***

In the same way he took the cup *(all lifting the cup)*

He gave thanks and blessed it +, Giving it to his disciples saying; Take and drink, this is the new covenant in my blood Shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sins,

Do this in remembrance of me.

Come Holy Spirit, bless this fruit of the vine and open us to receive the blood of Jesus Christ.

***This IS the blood of Christ shed for you. All partake of the cup.***

## AFTER COMMUNION BLESSING & AFTER COMMUNION PRAYER

(Pastor Danny)

The body and blood of Jesus, strengthen you and fill you always with his grace.

(Assisting Minister)

God of the welcome, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have all been united by your presence among us and within us. Allow this meal to strengthen and encourage us all. Let this feast remind us, that we are the very image and likeness of YOU. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your love with all. We pray this through Jesus our Christ. **Amen.**

*BLESSING FOR OUR JOURNEY – Turn to one another and say...(Numbers 6:24-26 NLT)*

**May God bless you and protect you.**

**May God smile on you and be gracious to you.**

**May God show you favor and give you peace.**

*Lifting arms/hands in Orans position:*

Beloved, with Paul and the communion of all the saints

We are convinced... Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,

nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

And it is in this assurance of our faith, that we receive God's blessing...

*Making the sign of the cross...*

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## *SENDING HYMN ELW 836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*

**1 Joyful, joyful we adore you,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before you,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.**

**3 You are giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
God our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are yours;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine!**

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## *SENDING INTO COMMUNITY TO ANNOUNCE GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL*

(Assisting Minister)

YOU are the body of Christ, let us go together  
And share God's love with the world around us.  
God is with us!  
**Amen. Thanks be to God.**