



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Bethany Church

Pastor Christopher Deines, presiding

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,
we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

ELW 597

GREETING

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.**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on nothing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

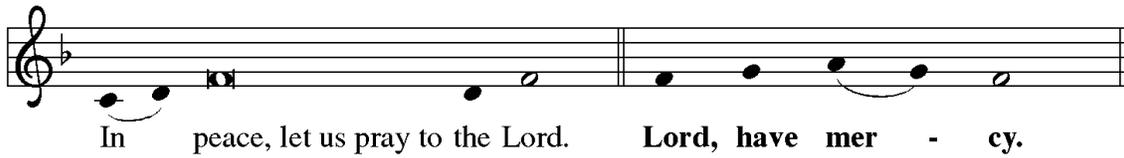
Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

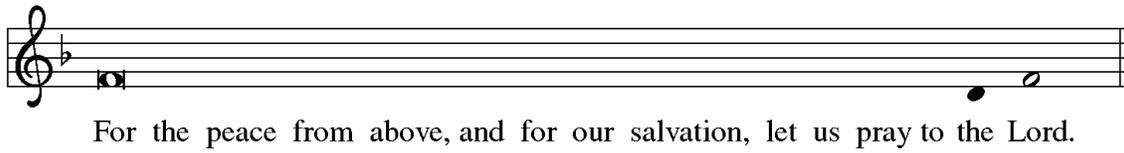
Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

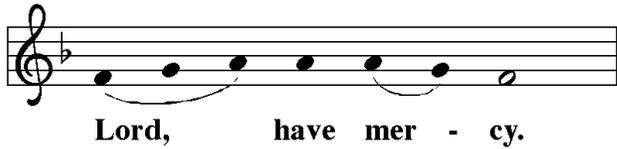
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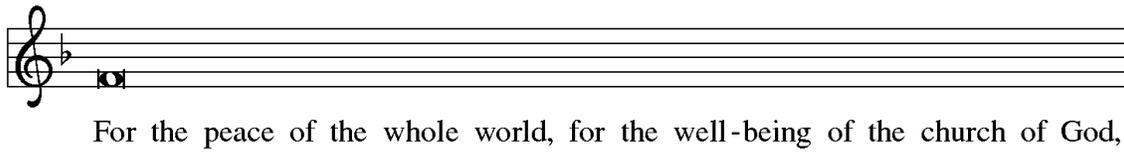
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.



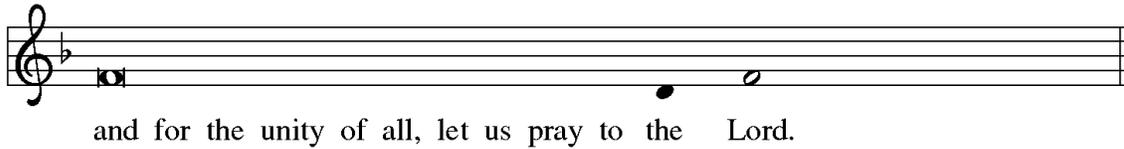
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



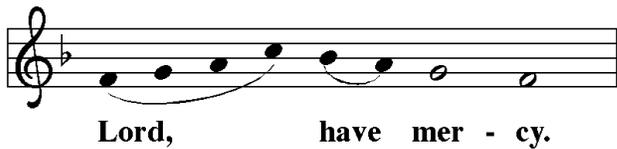
Lord, have mercy.



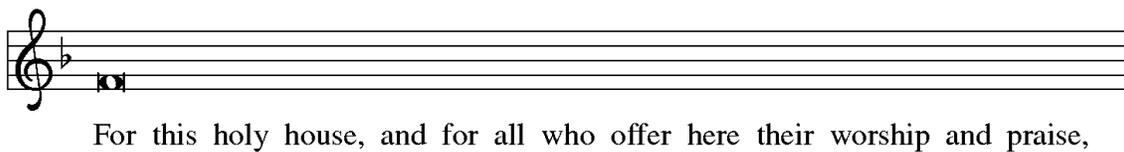
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



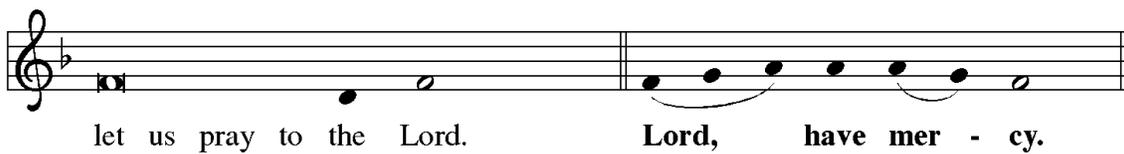
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



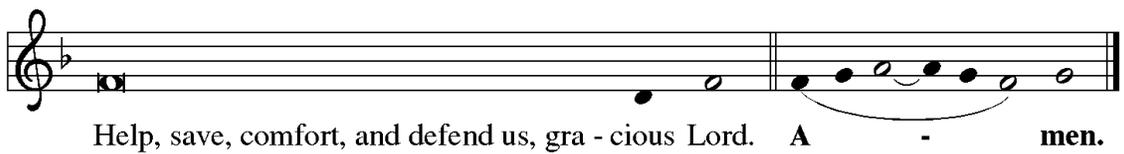
Lord, have mercy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



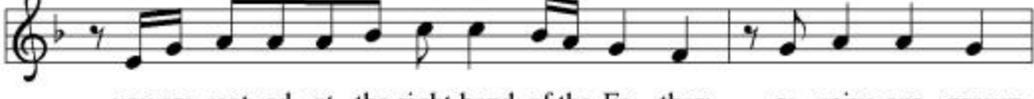
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Elizabeth Johnson

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

Rozann Cedarholm

A reading from Zechariah.

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

Elly Ostlind

A reading from Romans.

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it

is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Jesus spoke to the crowd saying: ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ ¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” ²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Joyce Peterson

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 742

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do your friends de-spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

APOSTLES' CREED

Main Worship/VID

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

John & Sharon Palmquist

OFFERTORY

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Two - part men's choir w/ trumpet and piano

Arranged by Gary Lanier

(Mike Wallen, Jim Ruble, Bill Olson, Lan Nelson, Larry Dahlsten, Fred Schneider, Daniel McKinney, Lori McKinney, Conductor, Tyler Breneman, Pianist, Mike Drier, Trumpet)

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LORD'S PRAYER

Verneda Bowman

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.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

ELW 765

Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Serving at 10:30 a.m.

Presiding & Preaching
Organist
Assisting Minister
Prayer of The Day
Children's Sermon
Lector
Prayers of Intercession
Lord's Prayer
Special Music
Recording Crew
Video Editor

Pastor Christopher Deines
Genevieve Bishop
Jim Ruble
Elizabeth Johnson
Joyce Peterson
Rozann Cedarholm & Elly Ostlind
John & Sharon Palmquist
Verneda Bowman
Jean Kozubowski
Miriam Wallen

Mike Wallen, Jim Ruble, Bill Olson, Lan Nelson, Larry Dahlsten,
Fred Schneider, Daniel McKinney, Lori McKinney, Conductor, Tyler Breneman, Pianist, Mike
Drier, Trumpet.

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus ELW 742

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Lord of All Hopefulness ELW 848

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Remember in Your Prayers

Those who are hospitalized, suffering, or recovering from illness:

Members:

Anita Nelson	Maridene Lundstrom	Ervalene Johnson
Lou Swenson	Jolene Reese	Elly Ostlind
Gladys Anderson	Jim Attleson	Allyn & Sue Gillberg
Jane Brunsell	Rev. Elwin Bergstraesser	Heath Harris
Joan Hopp	Dolores & Walter Pelz	Betty Finney
Keo O'Rourke	Mija Stockman	Marilyn Cooper
Lois Howe	Mary Parker	Isaiah Ruble
Clarice Eckstrom	Toni & Lloyd Haukom	Dave & Beth Crouse
Joyce Shields	Mary Swenson	Marvin Anderson
Judy Murphy	Clifford Carlson	Elly Briggs

Loved ones:

Mauri Courter	William Paul Lundblad (Nancy Lundblad's step son)
Arriana Benjamin	Mary McConniel (Cindy Couchman's aunt)
Anita Daniel	Ruth Ann Martin (Mary Swenson's friend)
Garry Sutton	Maxine Peter (Lori Nelson's mother)
Keith Smith	Doug Hardin (friend of Kristine Isaacson)
Kristin Hammond	Mike & Heather Engberg
Rick Bogart	Lois Long (Lori McKinney & Richard Johnson's sister)
Brent Kuehl	James Bateman (Walter & Dolores Pelz' son-in-law)
Whitney Harvey	Josie Osio & Bob Allbright (friends of Karen Carlson)
Rachel Fainter	Ed & Marge Scheufler (parents of Donna Ruble)
Edd Jackson	Melanie Ryding
	Ken Audino & Clara Kozubowski (mother & brother-in-law, to Mark Kozubowski)

Those who mourn: Family and friends of Kerstin (sheer-stin) Reinholdsson Danielson, wife of Larry Danielson passed away on June 23rd in Appleton, Wisconsin. Memorial services will be scheduled at a later date in Appleton and here at Bethany Church.

Loved ones in the Military:

Ben Youngquist	Aubreigh Hedrich	Tim Lindshield
Joshua Seery	Jason Seery	Reilly Mader
Brooke Wiley	Justin Hammond	Spencer Preston
Troy Forrester		