

Bethel Lutheran Church



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Bethel Lutheran Church
Drive-in Worship
September 13, 2020 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Songs

“How Majestic is Your Name” – Michael W. Smith

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
O Lord, we praise your name.
Lord, we magnify your name,
Prince of Peace, mighty God, O Lord God Almighty. *REPEAT*

“Be Exalted, O God” – Brent Chambers

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the people.
I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.
For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens,
and Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,
let Thy glory be over all the earth.
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Confession and Forgiveness

P/ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C/ Amen.

P/ Before the whole company of heaven, in the presence of God and of one another, we confess our sins.

{Silence for reflection and self-examination}

C/ Faithful God, have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P/ Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

C/ Amen.

Apostolic Greeting

P/ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C/ And also with you.

Song of Praise - "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Patricia Cain

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.

Jesus, loving shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God.
Prince of Peace, Wonderful counselor
Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

Jesus, Way of salvation, King of kings, Lord of lords,
the Way the Truth, and the Life,
Mighty creator, my Savior and friend.

Prayer of the Day

P/ The Lord be with you.

C/ And also with you.

P/ Let us pray...O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C/ Amen.

Reading - Psalm 103:1-5, 8-13

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

L/ The Word of the Lord.

C/ Thanks be to God.

Anthem "You Are My All in All" - Dennis L. Jernigan

Reading Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

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But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister¹ from your heart."

L/ The Word of the Lord.

C/ Thanks be to God.

Homily

Hymn of the Day - "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

(Anon; Hindustani Folk Tune)

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow;
Though none go with me, I still will follow;
Though none go with me, I still will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, no turning back.

The Apostles' Creed

P/ God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C/ 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 again 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.

Prayer of the Faithful

Sharing of the Peace

P/ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C/ And also with you.

Invitation to Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus, in the night he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying; "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The Lord's Prayer

C/ 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.

Lamb of God - "Lamb of God" (St. Luke's Liturgy) – Mark Hellmann

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us, mercy on us,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

Grant us peace. Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

Distribution of the Sacrament

Post-Communion Prayer

P/ Let us pray....

C/ We believe and trust, gracious Lord, that you have fed us with your very life. Transform us, inspire us, make us your Body in the world so that the peace, mercy, and justice of God will be shown in and through our lives. Amen.

Benediction

P/ Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C/ Amen.

Sending Hymn - "God, Be With You" – Rusty Edwards

God be with you. God be with you.
In the morning when you wake, and with ev'ry breath you take,
God be with you.

God be with you. God be with you.
When you travel far away, in your daily work and play,
God be with you.

God be with you. God be with you.
And wherever you may go, as the spirit winds will blow,
God be with you.

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God be with you. God be with you.
As you listen, teach, and learn, and then safely home return,
God be with you.

God be with you. God be with you.
When the moon and stars shine light as you slumber through the night,
God be with you.

God be with you.

Dismissal

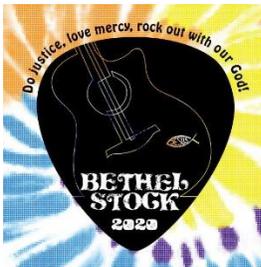
A/ Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
C/ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Worship leaders

Pastor: Timothy McDermott
Pastoral Intern: Jessica Labenski
Keyboard: Megan Engel
Vocal leader: Ellen Haefner
Guitar: Gary Lewis
Drums & bass: Dean Neuberger
A/V Technicians: Madeline McDermott, Mack Haines

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