

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We gather this day to receive God's gifts and to praise His holy name. If you are visiting us today, we encourage you to fill out a yellow card in the pew rack to inform us of your visit and to introduce yourself to one of the pastors. Please stop by our Welcome Center in the narthex for more information about Bethany, and to receive a gift for you from our church family. Also, be sure to pick up our weekly *News & Notes*, located on the table in the back of the church.

Bethany is a singing parish and we hope that you will join us. A fine voice is not required – just a heart for worship. As you follow the order of service in this bulletin, please note:

- LSB refers to the hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book*
- Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available. Please ask an usher.
- Front pew - hymnals are in a rack underneath your seat.
- Regarding communion. Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper where we receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Those communing are giving public witness that they are one in doctrine. In loving obedience to this Scriptural teaching, we therefore invite communicant members of all congregations in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to commune with us.

For your reference, worship participants are indicated as follows in the bulletin:

P: Presiding Minister (pastor's parts)

A: *Assisting Liturgist (pastor, choir or cantor)*

C: Congregation (or all)

AS WE GATHER

This week we have the great epistle on marriage: Ephesians 5:22-33. We will not only grow in our wisdom on what makes marriage work but will also see a clear picture of Christ and His bride the Church.

+We Stand in Our Baptismal Grace+

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

GREETING

(Please remain standing and turn to face the processional cross as it enters the church.)

ENTRANCE HYMN "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring!"

LSB #822

GLORIA

LSB #170

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. *(silence is kept)* Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

+We Sit to Meditate On God's Word+

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 29:11-19 (ESV)

¹¹And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed."
¹²And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read."

¹³And the Lord said:

"Because this people draw near with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
while their hearts are far from me,
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,
¹⁴therefore, behold, I will again
do wonderful things with this people,
with wonder upon wonder;
and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,
and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."

¹⁵Ah, you who hide deep from the Lord your counsel,
whose deeds are in the dark,
and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?"

¹⁶You turn things upside down!
Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,
that the thing made should say of its maker,
"He did not make me";
or the thing formed say of him who formed it,
"He has no understanding"?

¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while

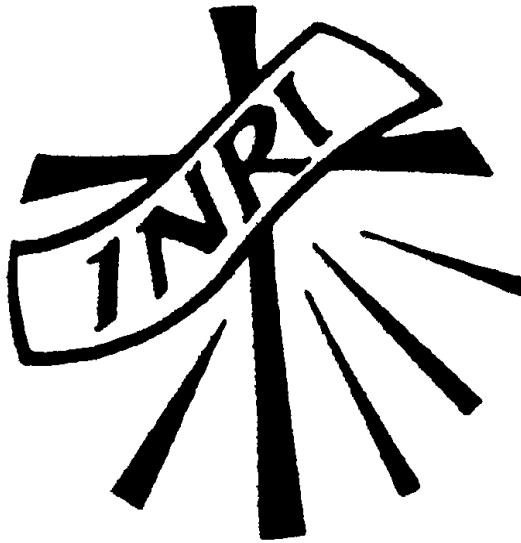
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear
the words of a book,
and out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.

¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord,
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



THE PSALM OF THE DAY



Oh, that sal - va - tion for Is - ra - el would come out of Zi - on!

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A: *antiphon*

C: **antiphon**



A: *The fool says in his heart, "There | is no God."
They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds,
there is none | who does good.*

C: **The Lord looks down from heaven on the child- | ren of man,
to see if there are any who understand,
who seek | after God.**

A: *They have all | turned aside;
together they have be- | come cor-rupt;*

C: **There is none | who does good,
not | even one.**

C: **antiphon**

A: *Have they no knowledge, all the evil- | doers
who eat up my people as they eat bread
and do not call u- | pon the Lord?*

C: **There they are in great | terror,
for God is with the generation of the | righteous.**

A: *You would shame the plans | of the poor,
but the Lord is his | refuge.*

C: **Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of | Zion!
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
let Jacob rejoice, let Israel | be glad.**

C: **antiphon**

All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit.
As it was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
C: antiphon

THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:22-33 (ESV)

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

+We Stand in Honor of the Holy Gospel+

VERSE

John 6:68

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.
C:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-13 (ESV)

¹Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ²they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

" This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;
⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'

⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men."

⁹And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' ¹¹But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban' (that is, given to God)— ¹²then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C:

Praise to you, O Christ.

+We Sit for the Proclamation of Law and Gospel+

Liturgy Spotlight In today's epistle reading, we hear about Christian marriage. The natural consequence of a marriage centered on Christ is a family rooted in the Christian faith. Today's Hymn of the Day, originally titled "Delightful Picture of a House that Serves the Lord. On the Parents of Jesus," celebrates the love and peace of a household who considers its foremost needs met by the gospel of Jesus Christ. Though the world forsakes His Word, we affirm in song this day that by faith our homes will serve the Lord.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY "Oh, Blest the House"

LSB #862

SERMON

+We Stand to Confess Our Holy Faith+

THE NICENE CREED

(see inside back cover of hymnal)

THE PRAYERS

C: Lord, have mercy.

+The Tithes and Offerings Are Received+

OFFERING AND VOLUNTARY

(All guests and members are requested to complete an attendance card.)

OFFERTORY "Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain"

LSB #865

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

LSB #177

DISTRIBUTION

(Visitors: Please refer to communion statement on page 11.)

We commune *pilgrim style* today. As space becomes available, approach the communion rail and kneel individually. After communing, you may depart whenever you wish. The blessing will be given to the whole congregation after all have communed.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

LSB #636 st. 1,2,5,6,7

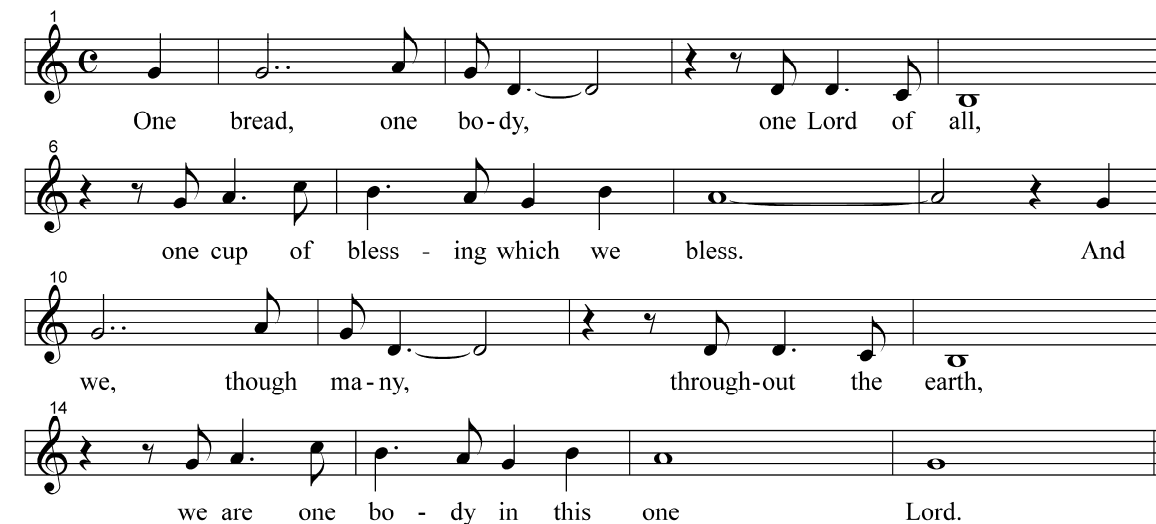
"The Church's One Foundation"

LSB #644

COMMUNION SONG

"One Bread, One Body"

John Foley



1
One bread, one bo-dy, one Lord of all,
6
one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And
10
we, though ma - ny, through-out the earth,
14
we are one bo - dy in this one Lord.

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A: antiphon

C: antiphon

A: Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.

C: antiphon

A: Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

C: antiphon

A: Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all.

C: antiphon

DISMISSAL OF COMMUNICANTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C: (sung) Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Father, We Thank Thee”

LSB #652

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY

PRESIDING MINISTER:
ORGANIST:
ACOLYTES:
SACRISTANS:
COMMUNION CARE:
USHERS:

5PM
Pastor Timothy Rossow
Tom Mueller
Jonathan Syers & Kirsten Groset
JR Wilson, Jerry Corbino
Ina Johnson
Doug Splitt, Mick Herrick, Rick Grimes, Steve Schiewe

PREACHING:
LITURGIST:
ORGANIST:
ACOLYTES:
GREETERS:
SACRISTANS:
COMMUNION CARE:
WELCOME CENTER:
USHERS:

9:00AM
Pastor Timothy Rossow
Pastor Stephen Schumacher
Tom Mueller
Andrew Mooney & Justin Killacky
Bill & Beth Hahn
Tye Fox, Keith Luhrs, Bruce Hanson, Rob Johnson
Sandy Wischmeyer & Linda Komes

Drew McKissick, Tim Lieb, Bill Hahn, Eric Gundersen,
Brett Gundersen, Timmy Lieb

ALTAR GUILD:
BUILDING OPENER:

Bella Bartelt
Bill Kokaska

COMMUNION STATEMENT

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