



**WHAT IS BAPTISM**  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

# Bethany Lutheran Church | Port Orchard, WA

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

June 24, 2018

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer Him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God's holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

## YOUR PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED

To participate in this service, just follow along in this service folder. Lutheran worship is specifically designed to include the participation of the assembly. We are not here to be an audience, we are here to speak and sing the Word of God to each other. Parts marked **P** are spoken by the pastor, and parts marked **C** are spoken/sung by the congregation.

## A NOTE ON COMMUNION

Bethany practices "close communion." Close communion is the biblical practice of admitting to communion only members in good standing of our congregation and those who are completely united with the congregation in faith and understanding. Close communion protects those who do not understand the danger of communing without self-examination or without recognizing the presence of the Lord's body and blood with the bread and wine, and preserves the intimate unity expressed by communing with one another. Therefore, we invite all members in good standing of an Evangelical Lutheran Synod or Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod congregation to join in Holy Communion with us, and we ask that all others please refrain and speak to one of our pastors for more information or if you are interested in joining our church. Thank you for respecting our teachings. Communicants, please remember to sign the communion register.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

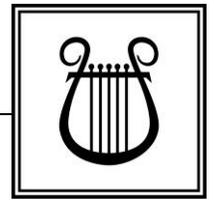
<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Tony Pittenger
<b>Liturgist</b>	Pastor David Locklair
<b>Organist</b>	Mrs. Tanya Bessler
<b>Ushers</b>	<u>Team 12</u> (Lorette)
<b>Acolytes</b>	Sarah Overfield, Logan Bowman, Lexi Elliott, Laurey Hoefler
<b>Greeters</b>	Gary & Linda Nelson
<b>Elder on duty this week</b>	Mike Overfield

 HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE – please ask for a receiver at the usher station

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# THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION



*(Rite II responses I, page 60-85 in The Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary)  
(please stand)*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word | 16*

## INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit

C: ♪ **Amen.**

## CONFESSION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: ♪ **Who made heav'n and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: ♪ **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

C: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: I ask each of you, in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?

C: **I do.**

P: Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in His name?

C: **I do.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. May He comfort your heart by His holy Absolution, and strengthen you by His Sacraments, that your joy may be full. Peace be with you!

C: **Amen.**

*be seated*

**INTROIT:**

P: Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice; You have been my Help. Do not leave me or forsake me, O God of my salvation. The Lord is my Light and my Salvation; whom shall I fear?

**GLORIA PATRI**

**C:     ♩ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.**

**KYRIE**

**C:     ♩ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

**C:     ♩ Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward men.  
We praise You, we bless You, we worship You,  
we glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For You only are holy. You only are the Lord.  
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**SALUTATION:**

P: The Lord be with you.

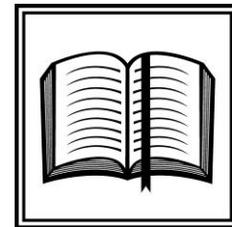
**C:     ♩ And with your spirit.**

**COLLECT:**

P: Let us pray:

P: O Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, You have given us Your holy Word and have bountifully provided for all our earthly needs: we confess that we are unworthy of all these mercies, and that we have rather deserved punishment. But we beseech You, forgive us our sins, and prosper and bless us in our various callings, that by Your strength we may be sustained and defended, now and forever, and so praise and glorify You eternally; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C:     ♩ Amen.**



## CATECHISM EXPLANATION

P: What is Baptism?

**C: Baptism is not just water, but it is the water used according to God's command and connected with His Word.**

P: Why is Baptism more than just water?

**C: Baptism is more than just water because the water in Baptism is connected with God's Word when it is applied "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" according to the special command of Christ.**

P: Who should be baptized?

**C: Jesus said that all the nations, that is, all people, young and old, are to be baptized.**

P: How do we know that little children are to be baptized?

## *The Nature of Baptism*

**C: We know this because little children are included in our Lord command to His church that all nations be baptized; because Jesus asked that little children be brought to Him; because infants are dead in sin and need to be born again; and because Holy Baptism is the means given to the church by which infants are born again and given faith.**

P: Who should administer Baptism?

**C: Ordinarily the called minister of Christ should administer Baptism, but in an emergency any Christian may and should do so. (The last page of the Hymnary includes a Short Order for Emergency Baptism.)**

*(Questions #275, 277, 278, and 280 from the ELS Catechism Explanation)*

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

*Isaiah 53(ESV)*

**W**ho has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? <sup>2</sup> For He grew up before Him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire Him. <sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. <sup>4</sup> Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. <sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of My people? <sup>9</sup> And they made His grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although He had done no violence, and there was no deceit in His mouth. <sup>10</sup> Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush Him; He has put Him to grief; when His soul makes an offering for guilt, He shall see His offspring; He shall prolong His days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. <sup>11</sup> Out of the anguish of His soul He shall see and be satisfied; by His knowledge shall the righteous One, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup> Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the many, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet He bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

*please stand*

P: The Holy Gospel for \_\_\_\_ is written in the \_\_\_ chapter of the Gospel according to St. \_\_\_\_, beginning at the \_\_\_ verse.

C: ♪ **Glory be to You, O Lord.**

### GOSPEL LESSON

*Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)*

**A**nd Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P: This is the Holy Gospel of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C: ♪ **Praise be to You, O Christ!**

### GRADUAL

P: Alleluia! Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers: praise Him and highly exalt Him forever. Alleluia!

C: ♪ **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### NICENE CREED

**C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life of the world to come. Amen.**

*be seated*

### THE SERMON HYMN

*Baptized into Thy Name Most Holy | 298*

### EPISTLE LESSON & SERMON TEXT

*Acts 8:26-39 (ESV)*

**N**ow an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place.<sup>27</sup> And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in

charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship<sup>28</sup> and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah.<sup>29</sup> And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot."<sup>30</sup> So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"<sup>31</sup> And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.<sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep He was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He opens not His mouth."<sup>33</sup> In His humiliation justice was denied Him. Who can describe His generation? For His life is taken away from the earth."<sup>34</sup> And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"<sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.<sup>36</sup> And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?"<sup>38</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.<sup>39</sup> And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

Psalm 68:31 Nobles shall come from Egypt; Cush shall hasten to stretch out her hands to God.

## SERMON

WHAT IS BAPTISM

*please stand*

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus unto everlasting life. Amen.

## OFFERTORY

**C: ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.**

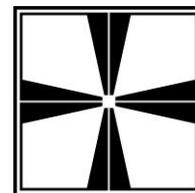
*be seated*

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

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### OFFERING

*This is a moment in our worship when members and friends of Bethany Lutheran respond to God's good news with gifts to support His saving work. If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate.*



*please stand*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*brief silence*

P: For an increase of mercy among all the baptized, that they would be empowered by the Gospel to bless and not curse;

**C: To forgive as they have been forgiven;**

P: To give as they have been given to;

**C: And to speak the truth in love, not in anger or condemnation,**

P: Let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For favorable weather and a bountiful harvest,

**C: That our crops would receive God's nurture and blessing,**

P: Let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For industries and the service sectors of this land,

**C: That their labors may be just and the work that they do may be profitable for all people,**

P: Let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who have been placed in authority over us,

**C: That they would govern with a mind focused on peace and the general welfare of all,**

P: Let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the sick, for those preparing to undergo surgery, for the elderly and shut-in, and for all who desire our prayers, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*], that according to God's good and gracious will, they may receive healing, comfort and assurance of His care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who receive the Holy Eucharist this day,

**C: That they receive their Savior with faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,"**

P: Let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT

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### PREFACE/PROPER PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.**



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: ♪ It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty co-equal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)**

**C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: 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,

**C: ♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying; "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

**C: ♪ Amen.**

### **AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)**

**C: ♪ O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, Have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, Have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, Grant us Your peace.  
Amen.**

*be seated*

### **DISTRIBUTION**

*(visitors, please note our communion practice on page 2)*

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

**C:**   ♩ Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word.

**For my eyes have seen Your salvation,**

**which You have prepared before the face of all people,**

**A Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT OF THANKSGIVING**

**P:**   O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

**C:**   ♩ **And His mercy endures forever.**

**P:**   Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C:**   ♩ **Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*please stand*

**SALUTATION**

**P:**   The Lord be with you.

**C:**   ♩ **And with your spirit.**

**BENEDICAMUS**

**P:**   Let us bless the Lord.

**C:**   ♩ **Thanks be to God.**

**BENEDICTION**

**P:**   The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you †peace.

**C:**   ♩ **Amen, amen, amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

## CALENDAR

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**SUNDAY 6/24**            9:00 am   Summer Worship  
**MONDAY, 6/25**        7:00 pm   Worship  
**SUNDAY 7/1**            9:00 am   Summer Worship

### **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:**

Through 7/12, M-F, 8am-Noon  
~Fri, July 13-Fri, July 20, office will be closed for camp week~  
7/23-8/24, M-F, 8am-Noon

\*Pastors, faculty & staff will be in the building weekdays throughout the summer on various schedules; the Early Learning Center will be open. To be certain someone can assist you outside of office hours, please call ahead.

## THE RECORD

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**Flowers on the altar today** are given to the glory of God by Brad & Sue Dailly in honor of their 33<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Last Sunday** 166 of God's people came to worship and hear His holy Word.

**Congratulations and God's blessings to Benjamin & Karalena Smith** on the birth of their first child, a son, **Bruno James Smith**, this past Monday June 18<sup>th</sup>.

## NOTE OF THANKS

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*Dear Bethany Family;*

*Thank you for all the love and support you have given me these last four years. It has been a blessing to serve here. It has been a blessing to share God's Word with His lambs. You will be in my thoughts & prayers. Take care and God Bless!*

*Rachel Nottling*

*PS: I can't wait to find a place for the beautiful picture in my new apartment!*

## STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

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*It's not a matter of how much of my money I will give to God,  
but how much of God's money will I keep for myself.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### JUANITA'S BIBLE STUDY SUMMER PICNIC

***THIS Wednesday 6/27 | 11:00 am***

All Bethany ladies are welcome to join us, whether you've been able to be part of JBS or not! Meet at Bethany at 11:00am to carpool out to Lutherhaven for lunch & fellowship. Questions? Call Cathy Sharrett at 360-710-8857.

### BEDTIME BOOKS AT BETHANY!

***Wednesdays 7/11 – 8/22 | 7:00 pm***

Parents and kiddos ages 0-8 join us in the sanctuary for a bedtime story! Each week a different guest reader will share a book with you—and when you are done, each child gets to pick out a FREE book to take home! This wonderful program is possible due to ReadUP!

### YOUTH CAMP AT LUTERHAVEN

***July 14-19 | ages 9-13***

- **Deadline TOMORROW!!!** - If your kids want to come to camp, we can't guarantee a spot (and don't 'know' even if you're signed up to help) unless you return applications/payment NOW.
- **Additional help still needed:** Please check the signup posters on the back sanctuary window. Complete/return staff or counselor application with payment today. Thank you!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

***August 6-10 | 9 am-Noon***

Thank you to all who signed up, we WILL be able to have our upcoming "Splash Canyon" VBS at Bethany! There is still a great need for helpers etc., check the signup poster on the storage closet door, and/or speak with Pastor Locklair, Candy Plyler or JoAnn Johnson.



### Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done: 1918–2018

One hundred years ago, because there were war-time restrictions in the state of Iowa prohibiting the use of any language other than English in public gatherings, a tent was erected in Minnesota, one mile north of the Lime Creek Lutheran Church. Some of the 1918 convention sessions were held in this sixty-foot square tent where the Norwegian language could be used without the appearance of disloyalty to the nation.



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Worship Schedule: Sunday 8:15 & 11am; Monday 7:00pm; Sunday School for all ages 9:45am

Summer Worship: Sunday 9:00am; Monday 7:00pm (no Sunday School in summer)