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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—OCTOBER 3, 2021—9:00AM

Prelude: *"New Every Morning"* –Cindy Berry

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Gathering Song: *"God Is Here"*

ELW 526, vv. 1 & 3

Prayer of the Day

First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 8

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Gospel Acclamation: *"A Celtic Alleluia"*

ELW 174

Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

Children's Message & Sermon

Hymn of Day: *"All Creatures, Worship God Most High!"*

ELW 835, vv. 1-3

Holy Baptism: Tatum Kay Manz, Rylee Jay Stephas

The Prayers of the Church

Offering: *"I Love to Tell the Story and Jesus Loves Me!"* – Marty Parks

Offertory: *"We Are an Offering"*

ELW 692

The Words of Institution and the Lord's Prayer, Holy Communion

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer and Benediction

Sending Hymn: *"Go My Children with My Blessing"*

ELW 543

Postlude: *"The Love of God"* – Marty Parks

♪ Worship Notes ♪

Welcome to worship! Thank you for joining us today— here at Bethany and in our livestream to homes near and far away. It is our hope that each of you experience the love of Christ this morning and His presence during our worship service today. A special welcome to visitors— please sign the guest book in the narthex. Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available. If you would benefit from these, please speak with an usher.

We are in the season after Pentecost. The liturgical color for this season is green (it is also used for the season of Epiphany). Green is the color of vegetation, living things and the promise of new life. As we speak of Pentecost Sunday as the “birth of the Church,” so the lengthy Pentecost season reflects the life and growth of the Church.

Altar flowers are given by Kent, Mike and Lisa Baker in loving memory of Connie Baker.

We give thanks for our baptisms today:

- Tatum Kay Manz, the daughter of Sarah Arcand & Phillip Manz. Tatum’s baptismal sponsors are Cheyenne & Dawson Sorenson.
- Rylee Jay Stephas, the son of Lisa Van Ampting & Roger Stephas. Rylee’s baptismal sponsors are Aaliyah and Jason Van Ampting.

The roses on the altar are to honor Tatum and Rylee and may be taken home by their families.

Our service today includes Holy Communion. All who seek Christ’s true presence promised to us through the bread and wine, body and blood of Jesus Christ, are welcome and invited to commune. If you partake in Holy Communion, please complete a communion card.

Today’s worship leaders are: Pastor Jeff Geiger, Deacon Lynn Egesdal and Elina Leander Ozolins. Many thanks to our worship volunteers:

Greeter & Usher: Judy Hiemstra; Reader & Usher: Kirby Schmidt

Acolyte: Mikalah Prickett

PRAYER CONCERNS

Health Concerns:

Jed Cameron, Gary Lundquist, Kim McCune, Marv & Ethel Schmidt

Ed Duffney (*Lloyd Duffney’s son*); Jack Lyster (*Jill Meyer’s brother*)

Lawrence Johnson (*Susan Rohan’s father*)

Michele Summers (*Joan Wimmers’ daughter*)

Nancy Anderson (*V Van Ampting, L Conlon and MA Quail’s cousin*)

Emma Ritz (*Kellie Power’s mother*)

Those who mourn:

The family of Herb York (*Kellie Power’s uncle*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE ADVENTURES Attention Grade 3 Parents!! Our Bible Adventures milestone class for those who received their bible last Sunday will take place next week on Sunday, October 10 from 3–5 pm at the church. This will be a time for our students to explore their new Bible, learning through activities & games.

“GIFT” TIME Individuals and families are welcome at our Wednesday evening GIFT (Growing/Generations In Faith Together) time. This is our new spin on Sunday School and Parish Education at Bethany, which includes a meal and worship, too. A timeline for the afternoon/evening activities is as follows:

4:00–5:30 pm: WOW time for ages 4 thru Grade 6

5:30–6:00 pm: Light supper for individuals & families

6:00–6:30 pm: Informal Worship Service

6:30–7:30 pm: Confirmation Class (Grades 7-8)

7:30–8:30 pm: BYG–Bethany Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

We are working to make “church night” convenient for you and your family! Please join us!! All are welcome!!!

“CARING FRIENDS” The goal of this ministry is to extend the walls of Bethany in friendship and communion with members who are unable to attend church services. During the pandemic, Pastor Jeff & Visitation Minister, Onalee Wright, have been making visits to homebound members, however, others are invited to share in this ministry through notes and phone calls. Caring Friends meets the first week of most months to support and encourage each other. Due to GIFT time we will meet on Thursday, rather than Wednesday. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please come to our meeting on Thursday October 7 at 5pm in the church parlor.

LOOKING AHEAD We’re looking forward to a great start for the coming Season of Advent with a cantata, *“The Road to Bethlehem–A Journey to the New Born King”* to be performed on the First Sunday of Advent, Sunday, November 28. If you would like to participate or have questions, please contact our Director of Music, Elina Leander Ozolins at 712-662-1326. The music books will be available soon and rehearsal times will be announced.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ON ST. LUKE AUXILIARY Names are needed to be placed on the St. Luke Auxiliary Ballot to serve as president or secretary. The Auxiliary meets once a month. One of the tasks of the Auxiliary is to organize fundraisers which helps to purchase items needed by the residents at St. Luke Lutheran Home. If you would like to serve in either of these capacities please contact Alice Roghair at 712-933-2465 (home) or 712-363-3957 (cell) or email at aliceroghair@gmail.com by Friday, October 15 so your name may be placed on the ballot. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve.

ONE SWEET OUTREACH MISSION Bethany Lutheran Church is hosting the “Sweet Stop” again this year on Halloween night. This is a growing ministry and a great opportunity to share the Light and Love of Jesus with others in our community. Join us on Sunday, October 31 from 5-7pm! Please consider setting up a treat station this year and join in bringing smiles and laughter to children and their families in our community this Halloween. Or if you can’t be here, consider donating candy for the cause. Candy must be individually wrapped. Look for the display in the Narthex & sign up to help as you are able.

DRIVE UP RESOURCE BOX As a reminder, our drive-up resource box continues to be available near the north entry doors. Inside you will find copies of the current week worship bulletin, children’s bulletins, Christ in Our Home devotionals and other seasonal publications. These are available 24/7. If you know someone who may benefit from using this resource, let please them know.

CALENDAR:

Sunday, October 3

- 9:00 am Worship followed by Fellowship Time
- 2:00 pm Winds of Hope Conference Gathering (via Zoom)

Monday, October 4

- 2:30 pm St. Luke Auxiliary
- 6:30 pm Scouts Pack 123 Den Meetings

Tuesday, October 5

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (EO)
- 5:00 pm Service Rebroadcast-SMU Channel 2

Wednesday, October 6

- 9:30 am Bible Study and Prayer Group
- 10:00 am Service Rebroadcast-SMU Channel 2
- 12:00 pm Pastors Text Study
- 4:00 pm WOW Time for Preschool (age 4) through Grade 6
- 5:30 pm Light Supper for Families and Individuals
- 6:00 pm Informal Worship
- 6:30 pm Confirmation, Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Bethany Youth Group (aka BYG)

Thursday, October 7

- 9:30 am Spencer Ministerial Association
- 5:00 pm Caring Friends (*Note change of meeting day*)

Friday, October 8

- 6:00 pm Lundquist/Cord Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, October 9

- 7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study (In person in Archive Room or via Zoom)
- 9:00 am Service Day at Lakeside Lutheran Camp (till noon)
- 11:00 am Molly Lundquist-Amber Cord Wedding

Sunday, October 10

- 9:00 am Worship
- 3:00 pm Bible Adventures Class for Grade 3