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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—OCTOBER 10, 2021—9:00AM

Prelude: *"Yours Is the Kingdom"* Cindy Berry

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Gathering Song: *"Come to Me All Pilgrims Thirsty"* ELW 777, vv. 1 and 3

Prayer of the Day

First Reading Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalm 90:12-17

Second Reading Hebrews 4:12-16

Gospel Acclamation: *"Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet"* Refrain only

Gospel Mark 10:17-31

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *"I Love to Tell the Story"* ELW 661, all (3)

The Apostles' Creed and the Prayers of the Church

Offering: *"Blessings"* Ruth Elaine Schram

Offertory: *"We Are an Offering"* ELW 692

Offertory Prayer

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

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer and Benediction

Sending Hymn: *"Rock of Ages"* ELW 623, vv. 1-3

Dismissal

Postlude: *"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"* George J. Webb; arr. Cindy Berry

♪ 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.

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: Sue Andersen; Reader: Don Moore

Ushers: Kirk & Sue Andersen; Acolyte: Ryan Reardon

PRAYER CONCERNS

Health Concerns:

Gary Lundquist, Greg Manwarren, Kim McCune, Ellen Sorenson

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*)

Sheila King (*Tim Youngdahl, Lyle Youngdahl & Brenda Miller’s sister*)

Those who mourn:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY EVENING “GIFT” TIME We are working to make “church night” convenient for you and your family! Join us 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. All are welcome! Please come!! 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); Choir Rehearsal

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

BIBLE ADVENTURES Attention third grade 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. If you have a third grade student and they did not receive a new Bible, please call the church office (262-2327). Thank you!

“CHRISTMAS AT BETHANY—YESTERDAY & TODAY” Plan now to be a part of this biennial tradition at Bethany set for Saturday, December 11 from 11am-3pm! To find out how you can help, come to our next planning meeting on Thursday, October 14 at 6pm (*date was noted incorrectly in the newsletter*) in the church parlor or contact Sue Boblit (262-8244) or email: sdboblit@gmail.com.

FUN & FELLOWSHIP Women of Bethany who work a labor of love assembling, sewing and tying quilts for the missions of Lutheran World Relief will meet on Thursday, October 14 in the dining room downstairs at 9:00am. If you would like to help with these efforts, please come! Extra hands are welcome and needed. If you have questions, please give a call to Sandi Schmidt – 262-7975.

CALLING ALL SINGERS An Advent cantata, “*The Road to Bethlehem – A Journey to the New Born King*” is planned for the First Sunday of Advent, Sunday, November 28. We have the music and practice CD’s. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm. If you want to participate please let Elina know with a call at 712-662-1326 and come to the rehearsals.

ONE SWEET OUTREACH MINISTRY Bethany Lutheran Church is hosting the “Sweet Stop” again this year on Halloween night, 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.

LET’S VISIT Pr. Jeff is visiting members of the congregation, trying to meet & get to know you. If you would like a visit and haven’t heard from him, please contact Pr. Jeff or the church office and he would be happy to set up a time to visit.

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 there is someone who may benefit from using this resource, let please them know.

ST LUKE AUXILIARY The St. Luke Auxiliary is looking for a president and secretary to serve in the coming year. For more info or if you are interested in running for either of these positions, call Alice Roghair by October 15 (ph. 712-933-2465).

CALENDAR:

Sunday, October 10

9:00 am Worship

3:00 pm Bible Adventures Class for Grade 3

Monday, October 11

6:30 pm Scouts Pack 123 Den Meetings

Tuesday, October 12

10:00 am Staff Meeting (MQ)

5:00 pm Service Rebroadcast-SMU Channel 2

Wednesday, October 13

7:30 am Foster Care Review Board (parlor)

9:30 am Bible Study and Prayer Group (nursery)

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, Scout Den Meeting

6:30 pm Confirmation, Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm Bethany Youth Group (aka BYG)

Thursday, October 14

9:00 am Fun & Fellowship LWR Mission Workday (quilts)

9:30 am Spencer Ministerial Association

6:00 pm Christmas at Bethany Planning Meeting

Friday, October 15

5:00 pm Klenken/Johnson Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, October 16

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study (In person or via Zoom)

3:00 pm Jenny Klenken-Adam Johnson Wedding

Sunday, October 17

9:00 am Worship

12:00 pm Baby Shower for Kara Bartholomew