

BETHANY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

"You have a place here! Joyfully we profess our faith through God's unconditional love. Here and now God dwells in all of our lives, bears our sins on the cross, and forgives us all."

TODAY WE CELEBRATE ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

9:00 am on Sunday, November 3, 2019

Holy Communion Worship

Pr. Dave Johnson, presiding



*"God loves us all, both big and small,"
a child's verse declares.*

*The sins of the world are covered.
We are able to stand tall before God our
righteous judge because in the person of
Jesus "salvation has come to this house"—
to our house today.*

In Christ Jesus God seeks us out to save us.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE TABLE

The family of Bethany hope that your worship experience is spiritually fulfilling and your day begins with our Lord's gifts of peace and joy. If you are visiting today, you are invited to the Communion Table.

As Christians of the Reformation tradition, we believe that the Sacrament of the Altar is the Real Presence of Christ's body and blood, instituted by Christ Himself as a sign of unity. All baptized and confessing believers are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion by intinction—the dipping of the wafer into the wine when the chalice is offered. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request. The assembly is to line up down center aisle and return to seats by side aisles.

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

Minister/Leaders speak regular print—Congregation speaks bold print

Arrow directives indicate the following: ▲ stand if able ▼ be seated

THE GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

▼ Call to Worship

“Surely the Presence” 3x

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel His might power and His grace.

I can hear the brush of angel’s wings;

I see glory on each face.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

▲ Invocation

We gather together in the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

▲ Hymn of Gathering

“Spirit of the Living God” 2x

Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on us,

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use us.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.

▲ Confession and Forgiveness

The Peace of Christ be with you always

And also with you

Let us take this time now to confess our sin in the presence of God
and in the presence of one another:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,

healer of our every ill,

source of unending mercy. **Amen**

Embraced in enduring grace and good hope,

let us turn again to God,

confessing the truth about ourselves. *(Brief Silence)*

Into our darkness, doubt, and despair
Come, Christ Jesus, be our light.

Into our sorrow, sickness, and grief
Come, Christ Jesus, be our comfort.

Into each conflict, division, and wrongs we have done
Come, Christ Jesus, be our peace.

Into our wounded lives and world
Come, Christ Jesus, be our hope.

When we call to you, hear our cry.
 Do not abandon us but draw us in, take our sin, and draw near to us.
Come, Christ Jesus, be our life.

A—Pastor

▲ **Kyrie**

C—Congregation



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: ⓐ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.
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We gather around the cross, first to hear the promises of God,
 then to speak aloud our need for healing and hope, and to pray in silence offering
 our very selves before this God who washes away the sin of the world.

On behalf of God's promises and by His authority alone,
 I declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father,
 and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

▲ *"I Love You, Lord" 2x*

*I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You, oh my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King in what You hear
Let me be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.*

▲ **Prayer of the Day**

Merciful God, gracious and benevolent,
through your Son you invite all the world to a meal of mercy.
Grant that we may eagerly follow his call, and bring us
with all your saints into your life of justice and joy,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

"I Love You, Lord " 2x (see above)

THE WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

▼ **Scripture Readings**

Pastor Dave:

From the Gospel of John, Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house, there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself so that where I am, there you may be also. (John 14:1

"Sanctuary"

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.*

Erv Sparapani:

From the Gospel of John, Jesus said, "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live." (John 14:18-19)

“Sanctuary”

Erv Sparapani:

From 1 John, John writes:

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. (1 John 3:1-3)

“Sanctuary”

Erv Sparapani:

In Romans, Paul writes:

For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. (Romans 14:7-9)

“Sanctuary”

Pastor Dave:

And in Hebrews we read:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

(Hebrews 12:1-2)

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

▼ **Sermon—God’s Word Applied to Life**

▲ **Hymn of the Day**

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee” (page 10)

Please Stand

▲ Prayers

Pastor Dave: Emmanuel; God with us; be present with us here
and now as we pray to you...

Responsory "Purify My Heart" (sung)

*Purify my heart,
Touch me with Your cleansing fire.
Take me to the cross;
Your holiness is my desire.
Breathe Your life in me,
Kind a love
That flows from Your throne.
Oh, purify my heart.
Purify my heart.*

Erv Sparapani: God our rock, be the rock of support that even if our world were to
crash down around us, you keep us grounded and leave us standing firm...

Responsory "Purify My Heart"

Erv Sparapani: Prince of peace, in families, communities, cities, countries,
and in all areas of the world, have your peace that lasts
enter in and change our hearts and minds to create healing...

Responsory "Purify My Heart"

Erv Sparapani: Healing God, we pray for all those who are sick, suffering,
and need of help and healing especially those that we name before you now
either aloud or in the silence of our hearts...

Responsory "Purify My Heart"

Erv Sparapani: Wonderful Counselor, we pray for your church,
the people gathered in Your name today, that you give us direction,
guidance, and vision to reach out to the world with your love...

Responsory "Purify My Heart"

Erv Sparapani: God of the living and the dead, we give you thanks for those people
you have placed in our lives that shared with us Your unfailing love.

Give us the reassurance that their witness lives on in our lives
and we will see our loved ones again...

Responsory "Purify My Heart"

Pastor Dave: Into your hands, faithful God, we place ourselves and our prayers,
spoken and unspoken, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

▲ **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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.

▼ **Invitation to the Cross**

*Please remain seated as the names are read in memory of those
who passed on their faith and love.*

~Candle lighting~

*(Feel free to come up and light a candle in memory of a loved one,
being reminded that, though they are not here with us, their light still shines)*

THE MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

▼ **Offering and Presentation of the Gifts**

*October— December Mission ~ Adopt-A-Family Fund
Special envelopes available—(make checks to Bethany Lutheran Church)*

▲ **The Words of Institution**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and 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**

**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.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

▲ **Invitation To Communion**

God keeps adding places to the table.
Come to the banquet that has no end!

▲ **Post Communion Blessing and Prayer**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in His grace until He comes again.
In the name of the Father, the † Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

We thank you, God our host,
for inviting us here to taste the future
when you will feed all the hungry at your table.
Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities,
so that we might bring hope to a suffering world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

THE SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

▲ **Blessing**

Signed and sealed by the Holy Spirit,
 you are Christ's message of love for this troubled world,
 written by the same Sender.
 May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father,
 who loved us and through grace gave us
 eternal comfort and good hope,
 † comfort your hearts and strengthen them
 in every good work and word.
Amen.

▲ **Hymn of Sending**

"Because He Lives" (page 11)

▲ **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Just a Closer Walk with Thee



Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;



dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



- 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
- 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Text: North American traditional

Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

Because He Lives

God sent His Son, they called him Jesus,
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died, to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride, and joy he gives;
But sweeter still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

And then one day I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

Prayer for All Saints Sunday

We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you
Whether in brush arbors or cathedrals,
Weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses
Where your name was lifted and adored.
We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise:
Manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil,
Strong hands and those gnarled with age
Holy hands used as wave offerings across the land.

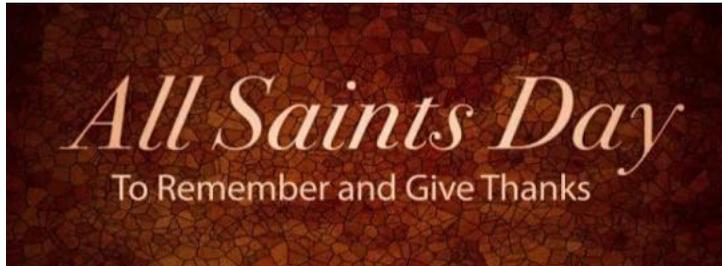
We thank you, God, for hardworking saints;
Whether hard-hatted or steel-booted,
Head ragged or aproned,
Blue-collared or three-piece-suited
They left their mark on the earth for you, for us,
for our children to come.

Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made
by those who have gone before us.
Bless the memories of your saints, God.
May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith,
dedication, worship, and love.



In Honor of All Saints Sunday

We remember those
that have gone on before us



Dorothy Temple

Richard Mollick

Betty Brocker

Charlie Modlin

Gunhild & Walter Franzen

Serafine Sparapani

James Andrew & Corona Scott

Ray & Helen Hall

Donald Anderson

Alice & Roger Treves

Ernst Seeborg

Andrew Seeborg

Linda Hahn

Grant Ebeling

Harlan Walters

Helpeda Sue Theisen & "Doc" Theisen

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Dalton Burrus

Roy & June Hawkinson

Larry Underhill

Capt. J. P. & Ruth Perkins

Charles & Leanda Christmas

W.V & Anna Lee Perkins

Jim & Mary Randall

Lester & Rosella Walsingham

Victor & Mary Borga

Marci Arnett

Cyndi Bens

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

WORSHIP ASSISTANT FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Lector—Peter Kivisaari

Prayer Assistant —Peter Kivisaari

Communion Assistant —Dave Lofholm

SOCIAL NIGHT

Social Night will be at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, at Oak Crest.

VACATION FOR PR. DAVE

Pr. Dave will be on vacation beginning Friday, November 15 and will return to the office on Monday, November 25. He will be available Saturday, November 23, preaching on Sunday, November 24.

FOOD PANTRY FOR NOVEMBER

Each month we will let everyone know what is most needed to help keep the food pantry stocked. Your support is essential and very much appreciated! Items for November are: Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce and Laundry Soap. Thank you.

BETHANY CALENDAR OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Bethany meetings and events are posted on the
homepage of www.norwaybethany.org

Sun, Nov 3	All Saints Sunday, Pr. Dave Johnson 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Coffee Social
Mon, Nov 4	10:30 pm Prayer Shawl Sisters
Tue, Nov 5	9:00 am Community Coffee 9:00 am Cover Girls 5:30 pm Social Night at Oak Crest
Wed, Nov 6	10:00 am Women's Bible Study 4:00 pm Stewardship Meeting 6:00 pm Confirmation
Thu, Nov 7	7:00 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 6:30 pm Pub Theology at Big Ten
Sat, Nov 9	22nd Sunday after Pentecost, Pr. Dave Johnson 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship
Sun, Nov 10	22nd Sunday after Pentecost, Pr. Dave Johnson 9:00 am Bible Study/Informal Worship
Mon, Nov 11	10:30 pm Prayer Shawl Sisters 6:00 pm Ladies Guild
Tue, Nov 12	9:00 am Community Coffee 9:00 am Cover Girls
Wed, Nov 13	10:00 am Women's Bible Study 10:30 am Staff Meeting 3:30 pm Parish Advisory Meeting 6:00 pm Confirmation

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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SERVE AS WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY . . .

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Prayer Assistant	Erv Sparapani
Communion Assistant	Bill Rice
Music Audio	Erv Sparapani
Altar Guild	Leslie Randall

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Loving Memory of Henry, Georgia & Jeanette Aune
by Diane & John Aune

Altar flower sign up forms at front entry - \$15 per bouquet (checks: Bethany Ladies Guild)

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