

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021 - 9:30am (live-stream) & 11:00am

✠ Gathering ✠

PRELUDE

(9:30) Voluntary in G Major

Charles John Stanley

(11:00) Friend of Sinners

Laura Story & Brenton Brown

Sounds of Praise, dir. Paula Wills

*You have shown us what is holy, how to bless the Father's heart,
To act justly and love mercy, to walk humbly with our God,
This is who You are.
Friend of sinners, our Deliverer, Jesus Savior of the world
Sent from heaven, King of glory, yet the Servant of us all.
So give us hearts that help the widow, give us hands that feed the poor,
Give us words that bring Your healing, to this hurt and broken world,
This is who You are.
In kindness, in meekness, you revealed the all-seeing God
In mercy You've shown us who You are.*

WELCOME

Pastor Nate Preisinger

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pastor Gary & Pastor Nate

God our parent, we thank you
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.
We bless you, God of Love, that your Spirit comes to us
in the life-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Empower your church to be a place where love overcomes all hate.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.
Make us one, risen Christ.
Fill our hearts with love for our neighbors.
Shower us with life.
To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, now and forever.

Amen.

Come, We That Love the Lord We're Marching to Zion



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets
4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;

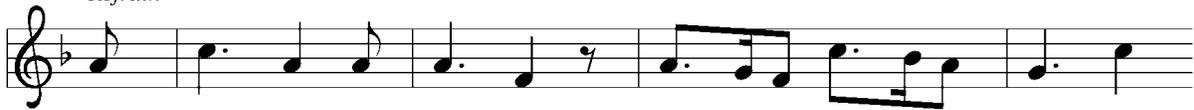


join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur - round the throne.
heav'n - ly King may tell their joys a - broad, may tell their joys a - broad.
heav'n - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:



we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain
Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

ANTHEM (9:30)

We Are Here in Church Together

anonymous

Cherub Choir, dir. Zach Rodasti

GREETING

Janet Mortinsen

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE

Confident in the peace that God's love provides, let us pray to the Lord

Lord have mercy

We pray that the saving Love of God would fill our hearts with a sense of peace

Lord have mercy

We pray for the whole world, for the church in all places, and for God's generous love to unite us all

Lord have mercy

We pray for this church. That each of us would be transformed by our experience of God's love

Lord have mercy

Help us God, Save us God, Defend us from the evils and temptations of this world.

**Have mercy and lead us Lord, that we may know your love and show your love to all creation.
Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE (9:30)



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

ANTHEM (11:00)

There is Joy in the Lord

Cheri Keaggy

Sounds of Praise, dir. Paula Wills

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

✠ Word ✠

LESSON

1 John 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you O Lord.**

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

Jesus said ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn #863

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art



1 My God, how won-der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!
 2 How won-der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—
 3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,
 4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,
 5 My God, how won-der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!
 thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!
 bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.
 for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.
 On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863
 Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

APOSTLES' CREED

Janet Mortinsen

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

✠ Offering ✠

ABUNDANTLY BETHANY

Pastor Nate Preisinger

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OFFERING

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- (4) **Mail** in your check to the office (4500 E. Hampden Ave. Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113).

ANTHEM (9:30)

There is Joy in the Lord

Cheri Keaggy

Sounds of Praise, dir. Paula Wills

*There is joy in the Lord, there is love in His Spirit,
There is hope in the knowledge of Him.
There's a fountain that flows Like a river from heaven, abounding in love to my soul.
All blessing and honor are His, all glory and power are His.
Let all wisdom and strength be the Lord's in this place,
Let all glory be given to Him.
There is joy in the Lord, there is love in His Spirit.
There is hope in the knowledge of Him.
There's a fountain I know every time I am near it,
My heart overflows to the Lord.*

(11:00) Voluntary in G Major

Charles John Stanley

PRAYERS

Pastor Nate Preisinger

✠ Meal ✠

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Pastor Gary Sandberg

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

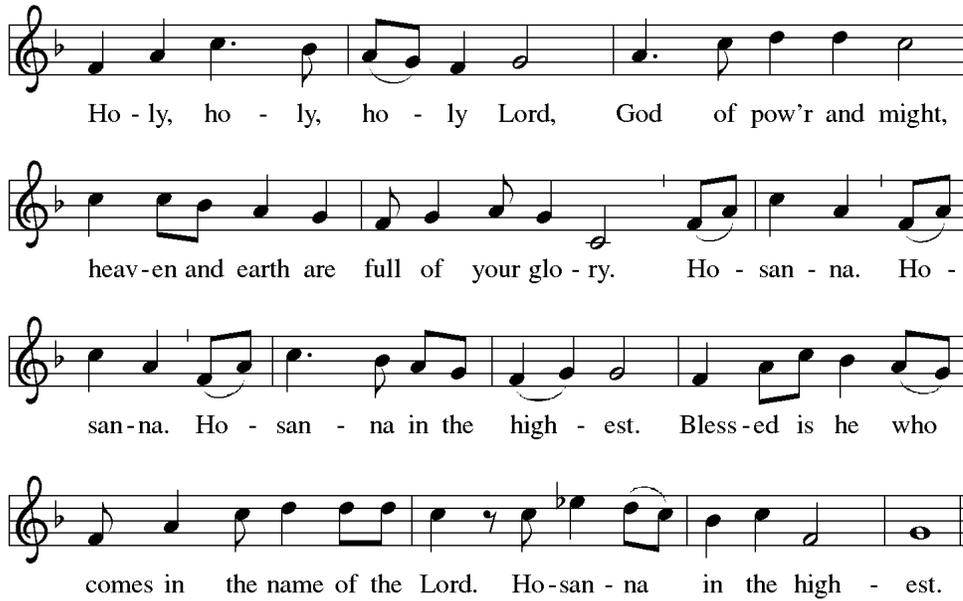
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
...we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

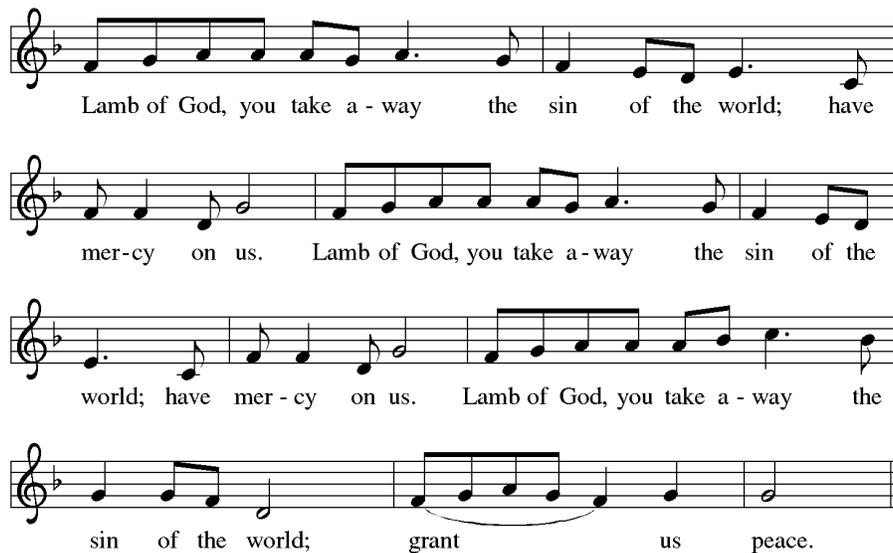
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.**

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

BLESSING

✠ Sending ✠

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Hymn #742

What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886
Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Postlude

William Mathias

Today's flowers were given by Dean and Matthew Kersten-Gray in celebration of their second anniversary.

Did You Know? *Sounds of Praise* (prev. *Contemporary Choir*) has been singing at Bethany since 1987!

Abide in Love



Jesus said, "I am the vine. You are the branches. I love you so you can love others."
How do you stay connected to God?



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Celebration of Holy Baptism

Quinn Ethan Steckler

Son of Bryce & Meghan Steckler

Born May 10, 2018

We gather at these living waters. Throughout history, God's saving action toward God's people has taken place through water. Let us pray:

Most Holy God, you created the seas, rivers, and lakes; you saved Noah and his family from the floods; you led the Israelites through the Red Sea and quenched their thirst with water flowing from a rock. Through the waters of the Jordan River, you proclaimed Jesus your own beloved son and so through these waters of baptism, you proclaim that we, too, are your own beloved children, now and forever. Amen.

Parents, do you wish Quinn to be baptized into the promises of God? *R: I do.*

We make promises and assume responsibilities at baptism. God promises us unconditional love and life forever, and we know that our journey of faith encompasses certain promises so that our lives reflect this love.

Parents, do you promise to:

Live with your child among God's faithful people, bring him to the Lord's table, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place the holy scriptures in his hands to nurture his faith and prayer life, so that he will know and trust God? *R: I do.*

Parents, sponsors, and people of God, do you promise to support and pray for Quinn in his new life in Christ?
We do.

Baptism: Quinn Ethan, child of God, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer: Sustain Quinn with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

Blessing: Quinn Ethan, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.

Let us welcome our new brother in Christ!

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a member of the body of Christ, child of God's kingdom on earth and in heaven.