

Bethany Lutheran Church Worship Guide for
 Sept. 20, 2020 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost
Ripples of Generosity: Who has been generous to you?

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PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invocation:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another,

Gracious God, we confess that we have held tightly to our material possessions.

Forgive us.

We confess that we have hoarded our time and talents.

Forgive us.

We confess that we don't know how to be rich toward you and our neighbor.

Forgive us.

The world says: give equally

You say: give generously.

The world says: give just enough

You say: give as if goodness will never run out.

Because it won't:

Your goodness will never run out.

Help us to live as if love and mercy and provision are unlimited.

Help us to live in the abundance of God.

People of God, the grace of God has been poured out for you. May our lives reflect God's generous love for the world.

Amen

GATHERING HYMN: 843 PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two-edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God, we know that you have been pleased to give us your kingdom.

Make us generous, as you are generous.

You have been rich toward us, with resources, with love, and with your Spirit.

Teach us how to be rich toward you and our neighbor.

We understand that greed is often rooted in fear of not having enough,

Transform our fear into radical love and open-hearted generosity. Amen

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Canticle of Praise: This is the Feast (NO Repeat on Refrain)

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

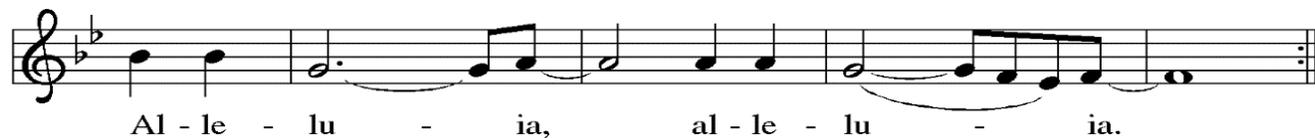
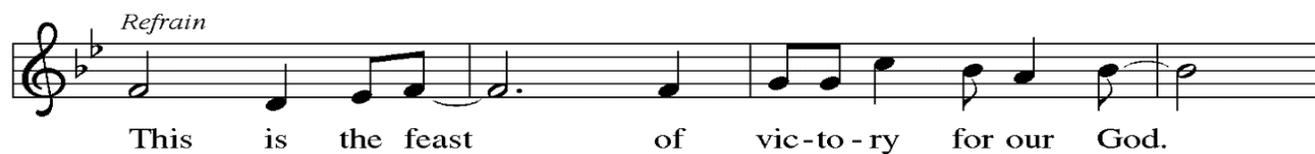
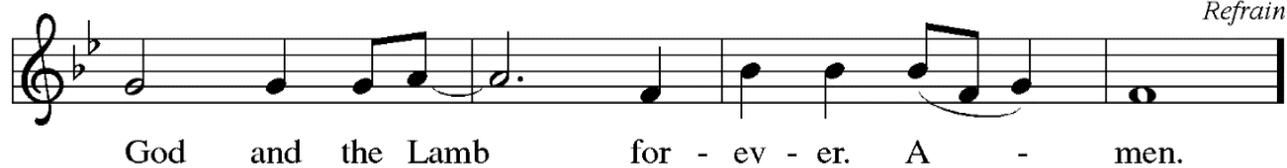
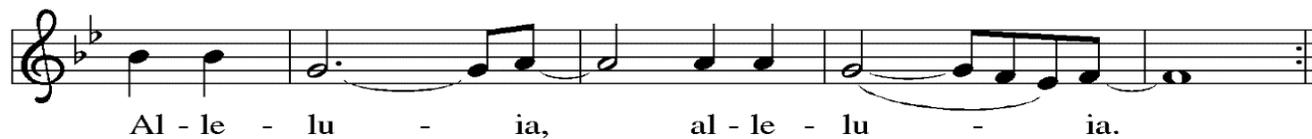
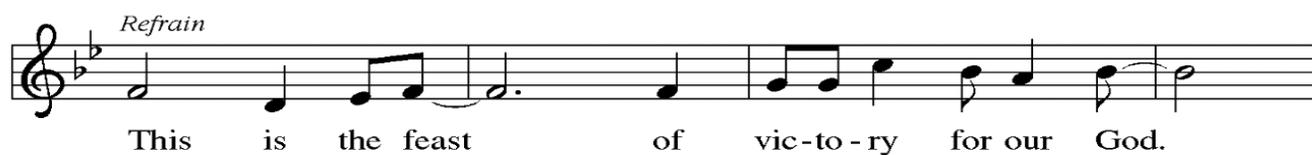


Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger,

and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live."

And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord GOD appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

The word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Refrain: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

PSALM 145:10-18

10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

**11 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,**

12 to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.

**14 The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

15 The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

**16 You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

17 The Lord is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.

**18 The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.**

Refrain:

Refrain

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

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.

GOSPEL: JOHN 6:1-14

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you O Lord.

¹After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.

⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.

⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?

¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.

¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ANTHEM: BLESS THIS GIFT
NICHOLE NORDSCHOW

SERMON: Pastor Cathy Daharsh

HYMN OF THE DAY: 695 AS SAINTS OF OLD



1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field
 2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;
 3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day



to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
 to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.
 to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.



so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
 The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:
 O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
 a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
 teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the Whole Church let us confess our faith.

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please respond "Hear our prayer" after I say "Lord, in your mercy"

Video: *Who has been generous to you? (music ministry)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

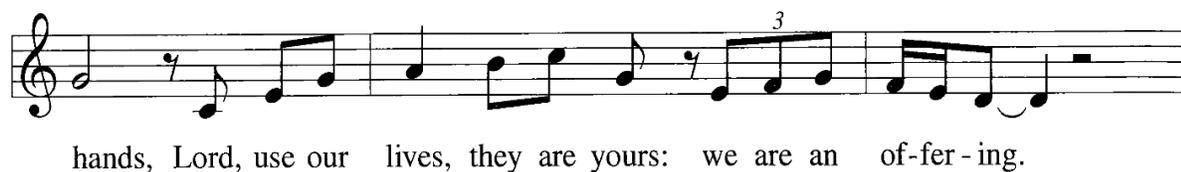
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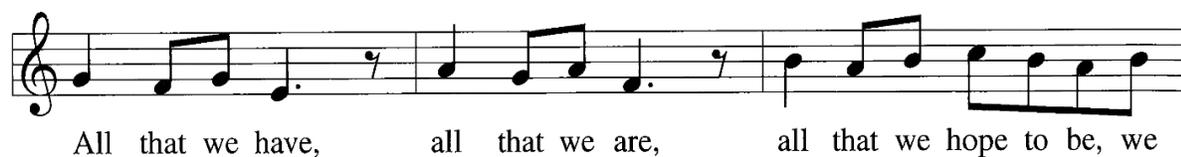
We lift our voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our



lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our



hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.



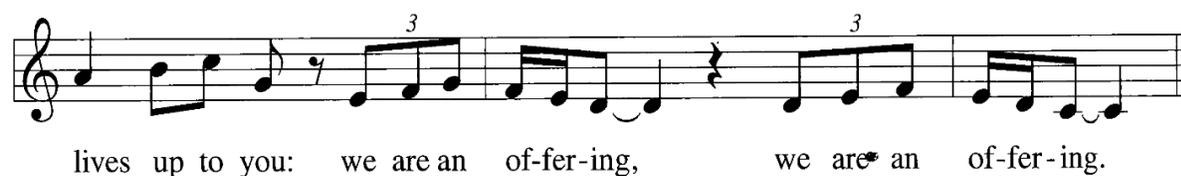
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we



give to you, we give to you.



We lift our voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our



lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord, you call us to use our gifts wisely,
To share them openly,
To give them generously.

Thank you for this celebration of giving.
Receive our offerings
And help us remember that
All we have comes from you.
Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.
And also 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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; Who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on Earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,
 You taught us about generosity
 through sending your son, Jesus,
 Who cared for those in need.
 In his death and resurrection,
 His love rippled out to all people.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 Our Lord Jesus took break,
 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.

Through this meal,
 You generously love your people.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you,
 Holy God, through Jesus Christ, by your Spirit,
 In your church without end.
Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Thanks be to God.

Eucharistic Words

The Body of Christ given for you.
The Blood of Christ shed for you.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, gracious God,
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.
Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord Bless you and keep you, the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy, the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

Amen!

SENDING SONG: GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
 give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
 give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
 rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
 now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
 rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Last time

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 Thanks be to God!

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