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**WELCOME IN THE NAME OF OUR BLESSED LORD!** We are pleased you are here, gathered around the Gospel in Preaching and the Sacraments! **GUESTS** – If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you.

**CONFESSIONAL STATEMENT:** Bethany Lutheran Church confesses all the Holy Scriptures, the Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired word of God without any errors. We also hold, without any reservation, to the teachings of the Evangelical-Lutheran Confessions contained in the 1580 Book of Concord. We confess these teachings to be the correct interpretation of Scripture and a true explanation of the one, holy, catholic (universal) and apostolic faith.

**PASTORAL CARE AND GUESTS AT THE LORD'S SUPPER:** Scripture and our Confessions teach that the Lord's Supper "is the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine" (Small Catechism). We are concerned about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table. *If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to the pastor before the service.* Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are active members of sister churches of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation. In Christ, Pastor Lawson

† In the Name of Jesus †

Prayer before Worship: Lord God, heavenly Father, we most heartily thank You that by Your Word you have brought us out of the darkness of error into the light of Your grace: We beseech You, mercifully help us to walk in that light, guard us from all error and false doctrine, and grant that we may not become ungrateful and despise and persecute Your Word, but receive it with all our heart, govern our lives according to it, and put all our trust in Your grace, through the merit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## The Divine Service: Rite Four (The Lutheran Choral Service) *Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary: p. 107*

### The Office of Preparation (Confession & Holy Absolution)

***Please Note:** When the Prelude Music begins it is a laudable custom to keep talking to a minimum and prepare for God's Service with prayer.*

*It is a laudable custom to bow the head when the holy Name of Jesus is mentioned and at other places marked with a diamond (◆)*

*It is a laudable custom to cross oneself in remembrance of baptism at those places marked by a †.*

Hymn of Invocation: 33, *We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost*

**C: We now implore the Holy Ghost**

**For the true faith, which we need the most,**

**That in our last moments He may befriend us**

**And, as homeward we journey, attend us. Lord, have mercy.**

**Shine in our hearts, O most precious Light,**

**That we Jesus Christ may know aright,**

**Clinging to our Savior, whose blood hath bought us.**

**Who again to our homeland hath brought us. Lord, have mercy.**

**Thou sacred Love, grace on us bestow,**

**Set our hearts with heavenly fire aglow**

**That with hearts united we love each other,  
Of one mind, in peace with every brother. Lord, have mercy!**

**Thou highest Comfort in every need,  
Grant that neither shame nor death we heed,  
That e'en then our courage may never fail us  
When the Foe shall accuse and assail us. Lord, have mercy!**

Invocation & Confession of Sin (spoken)

**P:** In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**P:** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

**C: A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.**

**P:** Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**P:** Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord:

Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

Kyrie Eleison: *34, Kyrie, God Father in Heaven Above*

**C: Kyrie, God Father in heav'n above, Great art Thou in grace and love,  
Of all things the Maker and Preserver. Eleison, eleison!**

**Kyrie, O Christ, our King, Salvation for sinners Thou didst bring.  
O Lord ♦ Jesus, God's own Son, Our Mediator at the heav'nly throne,  
Hear our cry and grant our supplication. Eleison, eleison!**

**Kyrie, O God the Holy Ghost,  
Guard our faith, the gift we need the most; Do Thou our last hour bless;  
Let us leave this sinful world with gladness. Eleison, eleison!**

Gloria in Excelsis (*ELH p. 44-45*)

**P: Glory be to God in the highest**

**C: And on earth peace, good will toward men.**

**C: All glory be to God on high Who hath our race befriended!  
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended;  
God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall dwell on earth again;  
O thank Him for His goodness!**

Salutation: p. 66

**P: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And with your spirit.**

Collect for the Day

**P: Lord God, heavenly Father, You preserved the teaching of the apostolic Church through the confession of the true faith at Augsburg: continue to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and finally attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.**

**C: Amen.**

The Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (June 24)

**P: O Lord God, heavenly Father, through Your servant John the Baptist You bore witness that Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, and that all who believe in Him shall inherit eternal life: we humbly pray You to enlighten us by Your Holy Spirit that**

we may at all times find comfort and joy in this witness, continue steadfast in the true faith, and at last with all believers attain unto eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

### Collect for the First Sunday After Trinity

**P:** O God, the Strength of all those who put their trust in You: mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without You, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments that we may please You both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

### Old Testament: *Nehemiah 8:1-2, 5-6, 9-12*

Now *in those days* all the people gathered together as one man in the open square that was in front of the Water Gate; and they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded Israel. So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly of men and women and all who could hear with understanding on the first day of the seventh month. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn nor weep." For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." So the Levites quieted all the people, saying, "Be still, for the day is holy; do not be grieved." And all the people went their way to eat and drink, to send portions and rejoice greatly, because they understood the words that were declared to them.

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Hymn: 551, *Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain*

**C: Lord, help us ever to retain The Catechism's doctrine plain  
As Luther taught the Word of Truth In simple style to tender youth.**

**Help us Thy holy Law to learn, To mourn our sin, and from it turn  
In faith to Thee and to Thy Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One.**

**Hear us, dear Father, when we pray For needed help from day to day  
That as Thy children we may live, Whom Thou in Baptism didst receive.**

**Lord, when we fall and sin doth stain, Absolve and lift us up again;  
And through the Sacrament increase Our faith till we depart in peace.**

Epistle: *1 Timothy 6:11-16*

**P: Brethren:** Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Chief Hymn: *549, O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word*

**C: O God, our Lord, Your holy Word Was long a hidden treasure  
Till to its place It was by grace Restored in fullest measure.  
For this today Our thanks we say And gladly glorify You.  
Your mercy show And grace bestow On all who still deny You.**

**Salvation true By faith in You, That is Your Gospel's preaching,  
The heart and core Of Bible lore In all its sacred teaching.  
In Christ we must Put all our trust, Not in our deeds or labor;  
With conscience pure and heart secure Love You, Lord, and our neighbor.**

**Lord, You alone This work have done By Your free grace and favor.  
All who believe Will grace receive Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
And though the foe Would overthrow Your Word with grim endeavor,  
What plan he tries, It always dies; Your Word will stand forever.**

**You are my Lord, And by Your Word Death holds no dreadful terrors;  
Your precious blood, My highest good, Has blotted out my errors.  
My thanks to You! Your Word is true, You keep Your promise promise ever  
While here I live, Your grace You give And heaven's bliss forever.**

Holy Gospel: *St. Matthew 10:26-33*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to † St. Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter:

**C: Glory be to You, O Lord.**

*At that time Jesus said:* Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known. Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

**P:** This is the † Holy Gospel.

**C: Praise be to You, O Christ.**

Creedal Hymn: *38, We All Believe in One True God*

**C: We all believe in one true God, Who created earth and heaven,  
The Father, who to us in love Hath the right of children given.  
He both soul and body feedeth, All we need He doth provide us;  
He through snares and perils leadeth, Watching that no harm betide us.  
He careth for us day and night, All things are governed by His might.**

**We all believe in Jesus Christ, His own Son, our Lord, possessing  
An equal Godhead, throne, and might, Source of every grace and blessing.  
Born of Mary, virgin mother, By the power of the Spirit,  
Made true man, our elder Brother, That the lost might life inherit;  
Was crucified for sinful men And raised by God to life again.**

**We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who sweet grace and comfort giveth  
And with the Father and the Son In eternal glory liveth;  
Who the Church, His own creation, Keeps in unity of spirit.  
Here forgiveness and salvation Daily come through Jesus' merit.  
All flesh shall rise, and we shall be In bliss with God eternally. Amen.**

Sermon: Christ is in our midst. He is and ever shall be.

The Intercessions: 383, *Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above*

**C: Our Father, Thou in heav'n above, Who biddest us to dwell in love  
As brethren of one family And cry for all we need to Thee;  
Teach us to mean the words we say, And from the inmost heart to pray.**

**All hallowed be Thy name, O Lord! O let us firmly keep Thy word,  
And lead, according to Thy name, A holy life, untouched by blame;  
Let no false teachings do us hurt; All poor deluded souls convert.**

**Thy kingdom come! Thine let it be In time and through eternity!  
O let Thy Holy Spirit dwell With us to rule and guide us well;  
From Satan's mighty pow'r and rage Preserve Thy Church from age to age.**

**Thy will be done on earth, O Lord, As where in heav'n Thou art adored!  
Patience in time of grief bestow, Obedience true in weal and woe;  
Our sinful flesh and blood control That thwart Thy will within the soul.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, Let us be duly clothed and fed;  
And keep Thou from our homes afar Famine and pestilence and war,  
That we may live in godly peace Unvexed by cares and avarice.**

**Forgive our sins, that they no more May grieve and haunt us as before,  
As we forgive their trespasses Who unto us have done amiss;  
Thus let us dwell in charity And serve each other willingly.**

**Into temptation lead us not, And when the foe doth war and plot  
Against our souls on ev'ry hand, Then armed with faith, O may we stand  
Against him as a valiant host Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.**

**Deliv'rance from all evil give, For yet in evil days we live.  
Redeem us from eternal death, And, when we yield our dying breath,  
Console us, grant us calm release, And take our souls to Thee in peace.**

**Amen! That is, so let it be! Strengthen our faith and trust in Thee  
That we may doubt not, but believe That what we ask we shall receive.  
Thus in Thy name and at Thy word We say, "Amen. Now hear us, Lord."**

## The Liturgy of Holy Communion

Exhortation of Holy Communion: ELH p. 77

**P:** Dear friends in Christ! In order that you may receive this holy Sacrament worthily, it is good that you consider what you must now believe and do. From the words of Christ: "This is My body, which is given for you; this is My blood which is shed for you for the remission of sins" you should believe that Jesus Christ is Himself present with His body and blood, as the words declare.

From Christ's words "for the remission of sins" you should believe that Jesus Christ bestows upon you His body and blood to confirm unto you the forgiveness of all your sins.

And finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says "Take, eat; drink of it, all of you," and "this do in remembrance of Me."

If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He therein has commanded, then you have rightly examined yourselves and may worthily eat Christ's body and drink His blood for the forgiveness of all your sins.

You should also unit in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus with the whole Christian Church have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father grant you His grace; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

*Sanctus: 40, Isaiah, Mighty Seer, in Days of Old*

**C:     Isaiah, mighty seer, in days of old  
       The Lord of all in Spirit did behold  
       High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,  
       With flowing train that filled the Temple quite.  
       Above the throne were stately seraphim,  
       Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.  
       With twain they veiled their faces, as was meet,  
       With twain in reverent awe they hid their feet,  
       And with the other twain aloft they soared,  
       One to the other called and praised the Lord:  
       ♦ "Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!  
       Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!  
       Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!  
       Behold, His glory filleth all the earth!"  
       The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,  
       And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.**

**Now let us to the Lord lift up our hearts  
By faith which God the Holy Ghost imparts,  
Now let us with the angel host unite,  
And with the company of saints in light,  
To bring our thanks and praise to God our Lord  
Almighty, Everlasting, Gracious God.  
For all creation's splendor, earth and light;  
For our redemption and eternal life,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ our King  
Whose gracious Name we magnify and sing:  
♦“Holy is God, the Lord of pow'r and might!  
Holy is God, the Lord of pow'r and might!  
Holy is God, the Lord of pow'r and might!  
His love and glory filleth heav'n and earth!  
†Blest is the One who comes in God's own Name,  
Hosanna! Save us, Lord! Your grace we claim!”**

Lord's Prayer (sung together)

**P:** Taught by our Lord and trusting in His saving promises, we are bold to pray:

**C: Our Father...**

Words of Institution: pp. 77-79

*At the words “This is My Body ... This cup is the New Testament in My Blood” the congregation **may** make the sign of the cross.*

*As each sacred species is elevated, the congregation **may** bow as an act of reverent worship toward the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ.*

*When the Pastor turns and elevates the Host and Cup, the congregation **may** bow.*

**Pax Domini & Agnus Dei: 41, Lamb of God, Pure and Holy**

**P:** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

**C: Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus!**

**Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus!**

**Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus!**

Distribution of the Body & Blood of Christ to the Faithful

*Prayers for “**Before Holy Communion**” and  
for “**After Holy Communion**” are found on page 40 in ELH.*

*The Pastor distributes the sacred host with the words “This is the true Body of Christ, given for you.” It is a laudable custom for communicants to respond “Amen” before receiving the host on the tongue. The Pastor distributes the sacred blood of Christ with the words “This is the true Blood of Christ, shed for you.” It is a laudable custom for communicants to respond “Amen” before receiving the Blood of Christ.*

*After all have communed, whatever remains of Christ’s Body & Blood is consumed  
and the Pastor reverently cleanses the sacred vessels.*

Hymn of Thanksgiving: 327, *O Lord, We Praise Thee*

**C: O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!  
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need:  
O Lord, have mercy!**

**Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;  
May this feast thereof remind us! O Lord, have mercy!  
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
All our debt Thou hast paid; Peace with God once more is made:  
O Lord, have mercy.**

**May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
To please Him with our behavior  
And live as brethren here in love and union  
Nor repent this blest Communion! O Lord, have mercy!  
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heavenly-minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see Days of peace and unity:  
O Lord, have mercy!**

Collect of Thanksgiving: p. 83

**P:** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Benediction

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

**C: Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn: *250, A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

**C: A mighty Fortress is our God, A trusty Shield and Weapon;  
He helps us free from every need That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil Foe Now means deadly woe; Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight; On Earth is not his equal.**

**With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the Valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is. Of Sabaoth Lord,  
And there's none other God; He holds the field forever.**

**Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us.  
We tremble not, we fear no ill, They shall not overpower us.  
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none, He's judged; the deed is done; One little word can fell him.**

**The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child and wife,  
Let these all be gone, They yet have nothing won; The Kingdom our remaineth.**

*It is a laudable custom to offer SILENT PRAYER  
at the end of the Divine Service. See p. 40 in the front  
of the hymnal.*

## ***Our Life Together***

**The artwork on the cover of today's service folder** is the motto of the Lutheran Reformation: *Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum* – “The Word of the Lord Endures Forever.” These words, based on 1 Peter 1:24-25, are a confident expression of the enduring power and authority of God's Word. It first appeared in the court of Luther's prince, Frederick the Wise, in 1522. He had it sewn onto the right sleeve of the court's official clothing, which was worn by prince and servant alike. It was used by Frederick's successors, his brother John the Steadfast, and his nephew John Frederick the Magnanimous. It became the official motto of the Smalcaldic League and was used on flags, banners, swords, and uniforms as a symbol of the unity of the Lutheran laity who struggled to defend their beliefs, communities, families, and lives against those who were intent on destroying them.

**The Bible Study & Sunday School** meet together for the opener at 12:30 in the parish hall. Today's study will begin a look at the immediate post-Flood world, culminating in the idolatry of the Tower of Babel and the division of the human race. The Thursday study is still working through the closing chapters of 1 Chronicles in preparation to begin 1 Kings.

**Childrens' Bulletin:** Please be sure to take a copy of the childrens' bulletin home with you, to review with your kids or grandkids the Sunday gospel (or a related gospel) during the week.

**Cleaning at Bethany**

June 16-28

Bulls

**Semi-annual Voters Meeting:** It is time to set a date for the semi-annual voters meeting for a Sunday in July or early August. We want to pick a

date when the majority of the voters will be in attendance. *If you are an officer, it is necessary for you to be at the meeting!* Please speak with Pastor or Nathan Larson about any dates you WILL NOT be able to attend. We will set a tentative date in the next couple of weeks.

**Elders:** Please speak with Pastor about a time for our monthly meeting.

**Congregation at Prayer Sheet:** Please update Pastor on the status of any of your friends and loved ones who are included in the petitions on our weekly prayer sheet so that he can edit accordingly.

**Pastor's Vacation:** Pastor Bryant will be here to preach and celebrate the Divine Service two week from today (July 6). Pastor and Kristen will be vacationing with family in Montana. That Sunday is our First Sunday Fellowship. So please bring refreshments to share and stay around for Christian fellowship. There will be no Bible Class or Sunday School that day.

**The Word of the Lord Endures Forever** is a daily 15-minute verse by verse Bible Study on demand hosted by confessional Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Pastor Will Weedon. Currently Pastor Weedon is going through Genesis 24-39. Go to [thewordendures.org/search-by-book/](http://thewordendures.org/search-by-book/) to see the extensive list of books that have already been covered.

### **Feasts, Commemorations, and Events**

**Monday:** Pastor at Concordia

**Tuesday:** FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST; Pastor at Bethany

**Wednesday:** 495TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION; Pastor at Concordia

**Thursday:** *Commemoration of OT Prophet Jeremiah*; Bethany Bible Study, 10am

**Friday:** *Commemoration of St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Confessor*  
Pastor at Bethany

**Saturday:** *Commemoration of St. Irenaeus of Lyons, Bishop & Martyr*; Pastor's Day Off

**Next Sunday:** *The Second Sunday After Trinity*

Concordia Service of the Word, 9:00am

Bethany Holy Communion, 11:00am;

Bethany Sunday School & Bible Study, 12:30pm

Youth Catechesis at Bethany, 1:45pm

## 445<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Book of Concord

June 25 is not only the anniversary of the Augsburg Confession. It is also the day on which the entire Lutheran *Book of Concord* was first published in 1580, exactly fifty years later.

The 1703 printing of the Book of Concord was one of the first to include historical and theological introductions. Leipzig master engraver C. F. Boethius prepared the intricate engraving for the occasion that you see on the last page of today's service folder.

**Top left:** Elector Augustus I of Saxony, the man responsible for publishing the Book of Concord in 1580.

**Top right:** Christian II of Saxony, who ruled 1591 – 1611; he was ruler when the Book of Concord was reprinted in 1602.

**Center:** The Saxon electors' coat of arms. Above is the Lutheran motto in Latin, *Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum*: "The Word of the Lord endures forever." Two figures hold the banner. The one holding arrows symbolizes government's duty to wage war when necessary. The other figure holds a dove's feather, symbolizing the peace government is to protect. God's Hebrew name YHWH appears in a shining triangle, symbolizing the Holy Trinity.

**Right background:** Two of the authors of the Lutheran Formula of Concord (1577), Martin Chemnitz (right) and Jacob Andreae (left) watch Elector August I sign the Book of Concord.

**Foreground:** Heinrich of Albertine Saxony (who ruled 1539-41) subscribing to the Confessions. To his left stands John the Steadfast of Ernestine Saxony, who ruled 1525-32. (The Albertine line of rulers took over the Ernestine territory in Wittenberg in 1547). John the Steadfast is holding a book that says, "The Augsburg Confession, June 25, 1530, Taught Alone."

