



**THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY; THE FEAST OF ST.
JAMES THE ELDER,
APOSTLE (JULY 25)**

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

JULY 27, 2025 † 11:00 A. M.

† In the Name of Jesus †

Prayer before Worship: Lord God, heavenly Father, we confess that we are poor wretched sinners, and that there is no good in us; our hearts, flesh and blood being so corrupted by sin that we are never in this life without sinful lusts and desires. Therefore we beseech You, dear Father, forgive us these sins, and let Your Holy Spirit so cleanse our hearts that we may desire and love Your Word, abide by it, and thus by Your grace be forever saved; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. 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: 492, *The Law of God Is Good and Wise* (tune: 589)

**C: The Law of God is good and wise And sets His will before our eyes,
Shows us the way of righteousness, And dooms to death when we transgress.**

**Its light of holiness imparts The knowledge of our sinful hearts
That we may see our lost estate And seek deliverance ere too late.**

**To those who help in Christ have found And would in works of love abound
It shows what deeds are His delight And should be done as good and right.**

**When men the offered help disdain And wilfully in sin remain,
Its terror in their ear resounds And keeps their wickedness in bounds.**

**The Law is good; but since the Fall Its holiness condemns us all;
It dooms us for our sin to die And has no pow'r to justify.**

**To Jesus we for refuge flee, Who from the curse has set us free,
And humbly worship at His throne, Saved by His grace through faith alone.**

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 of all power and might, Author and Giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in Your grace; 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.

The Feast of St. James the Elder, Apostle

P: Grant, O Lord, that, as Your Apostle Saint James readily obeyed the calling of Your Son Jesus Christ, we may by Your grace be enabled to forsake all worldly and carnal affections and to follow Him alone; through the same 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: *Exodus 20:1-17*

P: *In those days* God spoke all these words, saying: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image – any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; You shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it. Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: 490, *These Are the Holy Ten Commands, sts. 1, 11, 12*

C: **These are the holy Ten Commands Which God the Lord placed in our hands
Through faithful Moses in the cloud On Sinai’s mount, high and proud,
Have mercy, Lord!**

**To us God gave these Ten Commands That you might learn, O child of man,
Your sinfulness and also know To live for God, as you go.
Have mercy, Lord!**

**Lord Jesus Christ, now help us all, Our Mediator from the Fall,
Our works are all so full of sin, But You for us heav'n did win.
Have mercy, Lord!**

Epistle: *Romans 6:1-11*

P: *Brethren:* What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that he died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Like you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Chief Hymn: *430, By Adam's Fall Is All Forlorn, sts. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8*

**C: By Adam's fall is all forlorn Man's nature and his thinking,
The poison's there when we are born In sin yet deeper sinking.
But God's own Son, The ransom won, Freed us from condemnation,
Which Satan's lust On Eve did thrust And brought mankind damnation.**

**Now since the serpent Eve beguiled That she so low had fallen
From God's true Word, which she defiled, And made us all death's bondsmen;
Therefore the need Was great indeed, That God should mercy show us
Through His dear Son, On mercy's throne, And so to life restore us.**

**By Adam's sin we all have sinned And earn but condemnation;
So now in Christ we live again Through free and full salvation.
Like as we all Through Adam's fall Eternal death do merit,
So now has God Through Christ's dear blood Renewed what was corrupted.**

**Who hopes in God and trusts in Him Shall never be confounded;
He builds upon the Rock wherein True strength is ever founded.
Though grief and care Be everywhere – The child of God so lonely –
Ye he stands sure And shall endure Who trusts in God’s Word only.**

**I pray now, heartily, O Lord, That you would never leave me
Nor take from me Your holy Word Lest sin and Satan grieve me.
My sin and shame In Your dear name Are washed and cleansed forever.
In You I must Put all my trust, Then death shall hurt me never.**

Holy Gospel: *St. Matthew 5:17-26*

P: The Holy Gospel according to † St. Matthew, the 5th chapter:

C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

P: *At that time Jesus said:* “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny.”

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: *LSB 596, All Christians Who Have Been Baptized – Paul Gerhardt*

**C: All Christians who have been baptized, Who know the God of heaven,
And in whose daily life is prized The name of Christ once given:
Consider now what God has done, The gifts He gives to everyone
Baptized into Christ Jesus!**

**You were before your day of birth, Indeed, from your conception,
Condemned and lost with all the earth, None good, without exception.
For like your parents' flesh and blood, Turned inward from the highest good,
You constantly denied Him.**

**But all of that was washed away – Immersed and drowned forever.
The water of Your Baptism day Restored again whatever
Old Adam and his sin destroyed And all our sinful selves employed
According to our nature.**

**In Baptism we now put on Christ – Our Shame is fully covered
With all that He once sacrificed And freely for us suffered.
For here the flood of His own blood Now makes us holy, right, and good
Before our heav'nly Father.**

**O Christian, firmly hold this gift And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul, Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
And then in death completes you.**

**So use it well! You are made new – In Christ a new creation!
As faithful Christians, live and do Within your own vocation,
Until that day when you possess His glorious robe of righteousness
Bestowed on your forever!**

*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 PASTOR IS AVAILABLE for private Confession & Absolution, and for confidential pastoral counselling, or just to chat. Please feel free to stop in. (The Augsburg Confession teaches that “[private] Confession is not abolished among us. ... Our people are taught that they should highly prize the Absolution as being God’s voice and pronounced by God’s command. ... They are reminded what great consolation it brings to anxious consciences. ... They are taught that faith in Christ truly obtains and receives the forgiveness of sins.” Article 25)



Our Semi-annual Voters Meeting is today after the Service. Thank you to everyone brought food for the potluck. We only have two of these meetings each year, so please make every effort to stay until the end of the meeting. We try to keep things as brief as possible, but we also don’t want to short-shrift any items on the agenda that need discussion.

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.

A New Treasurers Report is available on the table in the entryway.

A New Hope Clinic Newsletter is available on the table in the entryway. Please note the Job Opportunity at Hope that is advertised.

The 2025 PNW Women’s Missionary Rally is at Bethany Lutheran Church in Port Orchard WA, Saturday, Sept. 27. Copies of the flyer and details are on the table in the entryway.

Congregation at Prayer Sheet: Please take a copy of the *Congregation at Prayer* on your way home today. Using this sheet is a good way to ground your daily devotional life in Sunday to Sunday worship of the congregation, and also to incorporate basic elements of Christian prayer: the psalms, Scripture, the Apostles' Creed & Lord's Prayer, and our catechism. Pastor also sends out daily prayers that roughly correspond to the daily list of prayer concerns.

Cleaning at Bethany

July 28 – August 9
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Feasts, Commemorations, and Events this Week

Monday: *Commemoration of Johann Sebastian Bach, Lutheran Musician*
Pastor at Concordia

Tuesday: *Commemoration of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany*; Pastor at Bethany

Wednesday: *Commemoration of St. Robert Barnes, Martyr*; Pastor at Concordia

Thursday: *Commemoration of NT Holy Man, Joseph of Arimathea*;
Bible Study at Bethany, 10:00am

Friday: Pastor at Bethany

Saturday: Pastor's Day Off

Next Sunday: *The Seventh Sunday After Trinity*

Concordia Holy Communion, 9:00am

Bethany Holy Communion, 11:00am

Bethany Bible Study & Sunday School, 12:30pm; Youth Catechesis, 1:45pm



Hymn for Trinity 6: “By Adam’s sin we all have sinned And earn but condemnation; So now in Christ we live again Through free and full salvation.” This week’s CHIEF HYMN *By Adam’s Fall Is All Forlorn* (ELH 430) has the distinction of being the only hymn quoted in the Lutheran Book of Concord – in article 1 (on Original Sin), paragraph 8 of the Epitome (“Brief Summary”) of the Formula of Concord. This is all the more impressive because its author,

Lazarus Spengler (1479-1534) was a layman. Spengler was the city clerk and one of the leaders of the Reformation in the city of Nürnberg. He is known, among other things, for designing Luther’s famous seal (the “Luther Rose”) after Luther’s specifications. He was one of those named in Pope Leo X’s 1520 Decree of Excommunication against Luther and his friends. A trusted friend and counselor of Luther’s, Spengler was a defender of strict Lutheranism, and was involved in the negotiations at the Diet of Augsburg in 1530 where the Lutherans presented their Confession. *By Adam’s Fall* is one of two hymns ascribed to Spengler and is better known by its brief paraphrase *All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall* (TLH 369). In fact, our ELH is the only English hymnal that contains Spengler’s full text. It is one of the most characteristic hymns of the time, conceived in the spirit of deep and intense piety. Based on Romans 5, this hymn is eminently Scriptural as it contrasts Adam’s failure with Jesus’ victory. It sets forth, in rhyme, the entire Reformation teaching on Law & Gospel, sin and grace.

Trinity 6: The death Jesus died, He died “once for all” (Romans 6:10). He purchased “all.” Thus, He gives value to “all.” Every person we encounter, no matter their size or location or condition of health, is someone for whom Jesus died. Our responsibility is to acknowledge their value and lead them to see its true source.

Prayer: *Loving Savior, reflect Your self-giving mercy and devotion in us. Amen.*

Life Thoughts in the Church Year/One Year Lectionary – Lutherans For Life