

Welcome to Bethania Lutheran Kirke



Reformation Sunday *Affirmation of Baptism*

October 30, 2022

10:30 a.m.

BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:

<http://www.bethanialutheran.org/bulletins/>

Thank you for worshipping with us today, in an effort to keep everyone safe:

1. Masks are Optional

2. The offering plate will be at the door of the sanctuary.

3. Worshippers are to take bulletins home with them or deposit in recycle bin near the narthex doors.

4. Communion will be by intinction. Dipping the wafer into the wine filled chalice. Grape juice and Covid cups will be available for those who request them.

5. Use of Hand sanitizer is required when entering and leaving the sanctuary.

6. Contact Tracing -

A digital image of the congregants will be taken during the service to act as a reference should an individual become COVID positive within 5 days of church service.

Prayer List

Heather Joshi, Dan Cruz,
Ann Marie, Pat & Pete Nelson,
Jeff & Sue O., Brad, Bonnie Jensen, Terri Jones,
Eileen, Tom Thornton, Eli Imhoff, Austin Imhoff



TODAYS WORSHIP LEADERS:

Pastor: Pastor Allison Johnson

Communion Assistant: OPEN

Lector: OPEN

Acolyte: Dominic Shawhan

Coffee Hour: Bethania

Altar Flowers: Bethania

Building Host: Ed Young

	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
Worship Leader	Pastor Kara Baylor	Vicar Debbie Hartfield	Pastor Allison Johnson	Pastor Chad Kline
Communion Assistant				
Lector	Anne Woodward			
Acolyte	Ryan Hagerman	Brooke McIntosh	Aaron Kechter	Dominic Shawhan
Coffee Hour		Altar Guild		
Altar Flowers		Ed & Jacci Young		
Building Host	Kelly Imhoff	Brad Larsen	Aldersons	John Barnes

Order of Worship for Sunday, October 30, 2022

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

GATHERING

(Please rise and face the back of the church)

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Based on Ephesians 2)*

P: God who is rich in mercy,

C: out of God's great love for us,

P: even when we were dead to sin

C: God has made us alive with Christ.

P: By grace you have been saved.

C: This is not our own doing.

P: It is the gift of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

PROCESSIONAL & GATHERING HYMN -

“Love Divine, All Love Excelling”

Lutheran Book of Worship –Green Hymnal

#315

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Let us pray,
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.

C: Amen.

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us.

We have harmed your good creation.

We have failed to do justice,

love kindness,

and walk humbly with you.

Turn us in a new direction.

Show us the path that leads to life.

Be our refuge and strength on the journey,

through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

P: Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven ✝ and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ,

who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love

through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

WORD

OUR FIRST LESSON is from the book of Jeremiah, chapter 31, verses 31 through 34.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PLEASE READ RESPONSIVELY - PSALM 46.

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

OUR SECOND LESSON is from the book of Romans chapter 3, verse 19 through 28.

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L: This is the Spirit speaking to the church.

C: Thanks be to God!

(Please rise)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ACS# 972

Refrain
Leader

All

Lis - ten now for the gos - pel! Al - le - lu - ia! It is

God's word that chang - es us! Al - le - lu - ia!

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 19th chapter.
C: Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 19:1-10

¹[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it.²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” ⁹Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

MESSAGE

Pastor Allison Johnson

(Please rise)

HYMN OF THE DAY - "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

#229

Lutheran Book of Worship –Green Hymnal

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Introduction

Candidates making public affirmation of baptism, sponsors, and parents gather at the font together with the minister. The assembly may be seated.

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Ryan, who is one with us in the body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of his baptism.

Sponsor: I present [Ryan Nicholas Hagerman](#), who *desires* to make public affirmation of *his* baptism.

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *Ryan*,
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called *him* to yourself,
enlightened *him* with the gifts of your Spirit,
and nourished *him* in the community of faith.

Uphold your *servant* in the gifts and promises of baptism,
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen.

Sharing of His Bible Verse

Each person making affirmation of their baptism will read their confirmation verse.

Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly may stand and join in the responses.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

(Congregation Please be seated)

Affirmation of Baptism

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

P: You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Ryan: *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

P: People of God, do you promise to support Ryan in Christ and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C: **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Those making affirmation may kneel. The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Parents and sponsors lay a hand on the person making the affirmation of baptism when the presiding minister may lay both hands on the head of each person making affirmation of baptism and say:

P: Stir up in Ryan 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.

C: Amen.

Welcome

A lighted candle is given to each of the newly affirmed baptized as a representative of the congregation says:

A: Ryan Nicholas Hagerman, Jesus said, I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Those making making public affirmation stand and face the assembly.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized
and rejoice with *his* making public affirmation of his baptism.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Please Rise

PRAYER SONG

(ELW #178)



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

PRAYERS

P: In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

P: God our fortress, we pray for the church. Write your law of love on the hearts of your people, that we remain steadfast in our witness to your grace. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God our liberator, we pray for your earth. Bring new life to overused land and contaminated rivers. Reform and reorient our relationship with the environment, that we faithfully care for all of your creation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God, our refuge and strength, we pray for the nations. Where they are in an uproar, bring wise leadership and comfort for those in distress. Make wars to cease and peace to enter every land. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God, our very present help in trouble, we pray for those in need. Show mercy to refugees and all fleeing from danger. Shelter any without homes. Calm all who are facing illness, surgery, or a new diagnosis *especially* Heather, Dan, Ann Marie, Pat & Pete, Jeff & Sue O., Brad, Bonnie, Terri, Eileen, Tom, Eli, Austin and those we name in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God our redeemer, we pray for our congregation. Bless all who are celebrating their affirmation of baptism today, especially Ryan. Open their hearts to your Holy Spirit, teach them your word, and remind them of your presence. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God our stronghold, we give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith, especially Martin Luther and all reformers. Renew and reform us as we strive to continue in your word. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYER SONG (repeated)

(ELW #178)



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

Because of Covid the offering is collected at the center door before worship and will be brought down the center aisle during the repeated prayer song.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Gracious God,

in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,

and make us ready to share with all in need;

through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

C: Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO THE MEAL

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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 in remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
And gave it for all to drink , saying;
This is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you
And for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.

P: Let us join together in the prayer that our Lord taught us to pray:

*(You may join hands if you are comfortable doing so, please remember
that your neighbor may not be though.)*

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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

P: Christ invites you to this table.

Come, taste and see.

(Please be seated)

SHARING THE MEAL

For in person, come up the center aisle, receive your communion wafer, carefully dip your wafer into the wine. If grape juice/ covid safe is preferred let the assistant know.

For at home using plain bread/crackers and wine/grape juice.

COMMUNION HYMN -

“What A Fellowship, What A Joy”
With One Voice—Blue Hymnal

#780

(Please rise)

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.

Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: AMEN!

SENDING HYMN - “Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation” #367

Lutheran Book of Worship –Green Hymnal

RECESSIONAL

A: We follow the cross of Christ into the world.
(Congregation turns as the cross passes them—so they are facing the back of the church)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Those Affirming their Baptism today:

Ryan Nicholas Hagerman -

"In everything, treat others as you would want them to treat you, for this fulfills the law and the prophets. " ~Matthew 7:12

Ryan is the son of Dan & Sara Hagerman. Ryan was born December 21, 2007 and was baptized at Bethania on January 24, 2008. His baptismal sponsors are Eric & Gina Bartel.



THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY ARE TO THE
GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF MY DAD,
MY MOM AND MY BABY HELEN BY BRAD

THE FLOWERS BENEATH THE CROSS
ARE IN HONOR OF RYAN ON HIS
CONFIRMATION BY BETHANIA
LUTHERAN CHURCH.



Thanksgiving Baskets

Oct. 9th canned vegetables

Oct. 16th canned fruit

Oct. 23th canned gravy

Oct 30th Mac' N chees

Nov. 6th Peanut & Jelly

Nov. 13th box of instant potatoes or 5# bag of potatoes



We will also be accepting monetary donations that will be used to purchase grocery store gift cards which will be attached to each basket. Thank you in advance for continuing to make Thanksgiving special for families who are less fortunate. If anyone knows of a family that could benefit from a Thanksgiving Basket, please make the church office aware.

COOPERATIVE CONFIRMATION **CLASSES**



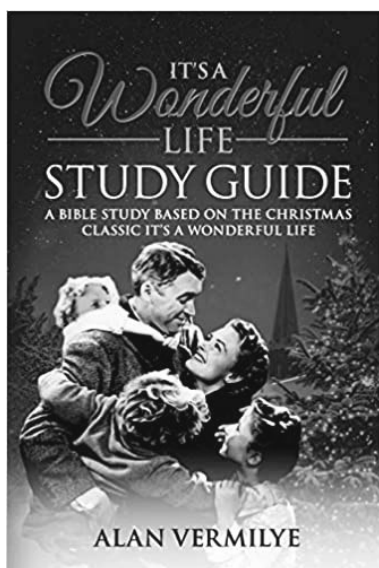
November 20, 12:30 to 2:30

at United Lutheran Church, 3825 Erie Street

December 18, 12:30 - 2:30

At Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2417 Drexel Avenue

Watch bulletins and Blades for more information and classes



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Beginning November 16, 2022 at
6:00 p.m.

It's a Wonderful Life is one of the most popular and heart-warming films ever made. It's near universal appeal and association with Christmas has provided a rich story of redemption that has inspired generations for decades.

It's a Wonderful Life Study Guide examines this beloved holiday classic and reminds us how easily we can become distracted from what is truly meaningful in life. This five-week Bible study experience comes complete with discussion questions for each session, Scripture references, detailed character sketches, movie summary, and related commentary.

There's no better time than at Christmas to be reminded that every human life has value and that true wealth, spiritual wealth, comes from a right relationship with God and selfless love toward others. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the Hearth Room.

Paperback book \$12.99 / *Kindle for \$5.99*

NOTE: There will be No Bible STUDY on November 23 due to Thanksgiving.

Help Us Decorate Our Church For Christmas...

With Red Poinsettias in Gold foil for \$12.00 each. We will decorate the church for Christmas Eve with the poinsettias that are ordered and then you may pick up your poinsettia after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service or leave it for a shut in. **ORDERS DUE BY: NOVEMBER 27.** Please make checks payable to **Bethania Lutheran Church.** Any questions contact Cathi Webster.

_____ Poinsettias x \$12.00 = _____

In Memory
of: _____

In Honor of:

By: _____

_____ I will take my plant on Christmas Eve.

_____ I will leave my plant for a shut in.



Sunday, October 30, 2022 -

9:30 a.m. – COFFEE HOUR

10:30 a.m. -Worship In Person & on Facebook Live

Monday, October 31, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 242 - F.H.

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.-Office Open

10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.—Thread By Thread OPEN

Thursday, November 3, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Friday, November 4, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.—Racine Unified

Sunday, November 6, 2022 -

9:30 a.m. – COFFEE HOUR

10:30 a.m. -Worship In Person & on Facebook Live