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BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH  
& EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Confirmation Sunday

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# GATHERING

## WELCOME

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Adapted from Beth Merrill Neel

L: The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace. Confident of God's love for us, let us offer our prayers, first in silence ... Holy God,

**C: We open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives: Free us from the fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us, the ignorance that hobbles us, and the doubt that plagues us. Help us find courage in unlikely places, see the world with new and gracious eyes, enter into places where love is needed, and have faith that you are with us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

L: God pours out mercy and grace into our lives with abundance, and sustains us through the trials of this life. Trust in that abiding presence, and know with certainty that your sins have been forgiven, through the redeeming and sanctifying power of Christ's love.

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

## You Are Holy – ELW 525



*Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer*  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



*än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.*  
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



*Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,*  
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



*väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.*  
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



*Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,*  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



*du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!*  
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



*Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,*  
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



*ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.*  
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray ...

C: Amen.

## CHILDREN'S TIME

# WORD

## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Soli Deo Gloria – ELW 878

5 A bil - lion voic - es in one great song, now soft and  
 gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry  
 cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and  
 space, your stead - fast kind - ness with hu - man face:  
 So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Are Called – ELW 720



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to  
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so  
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.  
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



*Refrain*  
 We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

ELW pg. 234

**Lillian (Lilly) Grace Avery:** “When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, ‘The Lord has done great things for them.’ The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.” – Psalm 126:1-3

**Roxanne (Roxy) Hope Avery:** “O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.” – Psalm 139:1-4

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always, **C: And also with you!**

## OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

*During the offertory response you are invited to prepare your communion elements.*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Take My Life – ELW 583

*Refrain/Estribillo*

Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,  
 to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;  
 let them flow in cease - less praise. *To stanzas* less praise. *Last time*

4 Take my will and make it thine;  
 it shall be no lon - ger mine;  
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall  
*Refrain/Estribillo*  
 be thý roy - al throne.

**MEAL**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you,

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts,

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

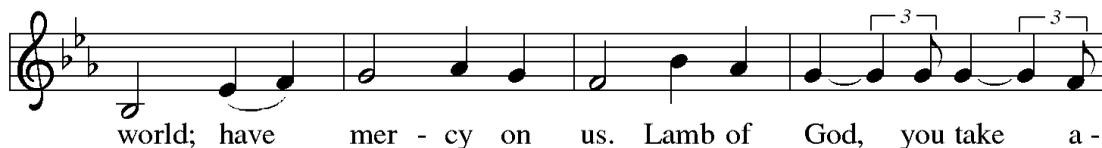
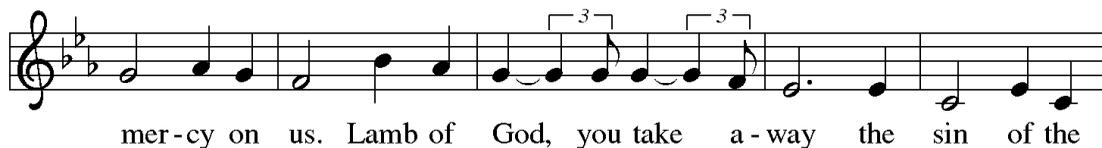
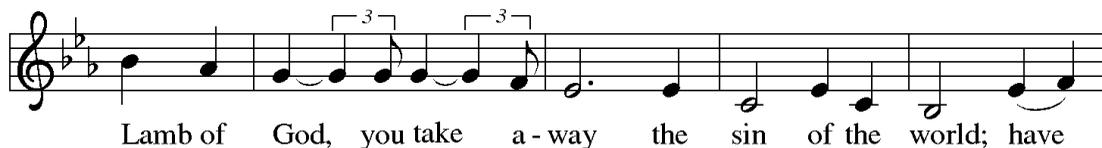
ELW pg. 112

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.

*If you have prepared communion elements, you are invited to commune during the hymn saying: "The body of Christ, given for you." & "The blood of Christ, shed for you."*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God – ELW pg. 174



# SENDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

## SENDING HYMN

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises – ELW 535



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -  
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa  
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*  
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

*Repeat stanza, then sing refrain*



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you! C: Thanks be to God!

# All Are Welcome!

We live in a diverse world. We are hurting, broken and heavy hearted. We are loving, celebrating, and above all — we are welcoming. Regardless of the color of your skin or the color of your hair, regardless of your gender identity, sexual orientation, relationship status, or political affiliation — you are welcome here.

If you are a believer, a doubter or a seeker after Christ — you have a place here.

If you own, rent, or have nothing at all — you are welcome here.

If you are fully abled, disabled, or a person of differing abilities, if you have regrets, fears, addictions, or afflictions — you have a place here.

All who are wise and all who are confused, all who have found love and all who have lost it, all who celebrate this welcome statement and all who fear it — are welcome here.

For these are all of the things that make you who you are: the person God loves. Come as you are and be celebrated for who you are. The time is now. Your place is here.

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