

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Adelaide  
Holy Communion Service**



**Sunday, 26 June 2022, 10 am  
150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bethlehem Church  
Commemoration of the  
Presentation of the Augsburg Confession**

## **PRELUDE**

Chorale Prelude: Nun danket alle Gott - *J. P. Kirnberger*

Chorale Prelude: Wir glauben all' an einen Gott, Vater BWV 740 - *J. S. Bach*  
(Commemorating the Augsburg Confession)

Trumpet Duet - *Johan Helmich Roman*

## **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**    A Mighty Fortress    LH 195

Hymn introduction – *Feike Asma*

**A mighty fortress is our God,  
A trusty shield and weapon,  
Our faithful helper in all need,  
Our stay, whate'er may happen.  
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 fall effected;  
But for us fights the valiant one  
Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye: Who is this?  
Christ Jesus it is,  
Of Sabaoth Lord,  
And there's none other God;  
He holds the field for ever.**

**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, for e'er undone;  
One little word can fell him.**

**The Word shall stand despite all foes –  
No thanks they for it merit –  
For God is with us, and bestows  
His gifts and Holy Spirit.  
And take they our life,  
Goods, fame, child, and wife:  
Though these all be gone,  
Yet have our foes not won;  
The kingdom ours remaineth.**

*Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott  
Martin Luther (1483-1546)  
Tr. 'Church Book', Philadelphia, 1868, alt.*

### **INVOCATION**

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.**

### **THE CALL TO CONFESS**

M: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.  
C: **He made heaven and earth.**  
M: I said: I will confess my sins to the Lord.  
C: **Then He forgave the guilt of my sin.**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**All: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to You all my sins, and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased You, and deserve Your punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask You, for the sake of the holy, innocent sufferings and death of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me. Amen.**

M: I ask each of you in the presence of God, Who searches the heart:  
Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?

C: **I do.**

M: Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in His Name?

C: **I do.**

M: Do you intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as in God's presence, and to strive daily to lead a holy life, even as Christ has made you holy?

C: **I do.**

M: ... Peace be with you.

C: **Amen.**

**BAPTISM** – Thomas William Klose

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All:** 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

## APOSTLES CREED

**All:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty, from thence 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.

**PSALM 46** Choir – chant by G. T. Thalben –Ball LH 690

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

**M:** Kyrie eleison.

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

**M:** Christe eleison

**C:** Christ, have mercy.

**M:** Kyrie eleison.

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

## GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

**M:** Glory to God in the highest:

**C:** And on earth, peace among those with whom He is pleased. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify you, we give thanks to You for your great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God, the Father almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For You alone are holy, you alone are Lord, You alone, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## COLLECT

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

**C:** And also with you.

**M:** Let us pray. Almighty God, in Your unfailing mercy keep Your church safe and holy. Rule and guide Your people always, so that they remain in peace. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**FIRST READING**     Isaiah 55:6-11

The word of God will not return empty

R:     This is the word of the Lord.

**C:     Thanks be to God**

**SECOND READING**     1 Timothy 6:11b-16

Fight the good fight of faith

R:     This is the word of the Lord.

**C:     Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

M:     The holy gospel is written in chapter 10 of the Gospel according to St Matthew, beginning at verse 26.

**C:     Glory to be You, O Lord.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**     Matthew 10:26-33

What you hear in the dark, speak in the light

M:     This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

**SONG**     In Christ Alone     AT 615

**In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love,  
what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled,  
when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones He came to save:  
till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied-  
for every sin on Him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
then bursting forth in glorious day,  
up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am His and He is mine-  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from His hand;  
till He returns or calls me home-  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend, AT 615  
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## **SERMON**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**    A New Covenant, Carl Crossin (1953)  
Text: Psalm 46:10; Jeremiah 31:33

“Be still and know that I am God:  
I am exalted among the nations.  
Be still and know that I am God:  
I am exalted in the earth.”

“This is the covenant I will make  
with the house of Israel,” says the Lord:  
“I will put my law within them  
and I will write it on their hearts.  
And they will be my people  
and I shall be their God.”

## **OFFERTORY**

**All:    Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord, in Your mercy.

C: **Hear our prayer.** [At end of prayer] **Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

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

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

C: **For that is fitting and right.**

M: It is truly fitting and right, and for our lasting good, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You. O Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**Holy, holy, holy,**

**Lord God of hosts:**

**heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

M: 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.

C: **For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, and said: 'Take and eat; this is † My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.' In the same way He took the cup, after the supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, and said: 'Drink of it, all of you; this is † My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'

## **PEACE**

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

## **LAMB OF GOD**

O Christ, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world;  
grant us Your peace. Amen.

## **DISTRIBUTION**

**SONG** Feed us now LHS 79

Feed us now, Bread of life,  
In this holy meal;  
Let us know your love anew:  
We hunger for you.  
Feed us now, Bread of life,  
Come and live within;  
Let your peace be ours today,  
Lord Jesus, we pray.

Piece of bread, cup of wine:  
Lord, this food is good:  
Love and mercy come to us -  
Your promise we trust.  
Piece of bread, glass of wine:  
Who can understand  
How his mercy works in these?  
Yet, Lord, we believe.

God is here, O so near,  
Nearer than our thoughts.  
Stay with us where'er we go;  
Lord, help us to grow.  
God is here, O so near,  
In this heaven's meal.  
May we always feed on you -  
On the bread that is true.



**SONG** Because we bear Your name AT 292

**Lord Jesus, we belong to You  
You live in us, we live in You;  
we live and work for You -**

*because we bear Your name.*

**Help us receive each other, Lord,  
for You receive the least of us  
and come to us in them -**

*because we bear Your name.*

**Bless those who give us any gift,  
because they know that we are Yours;  
reward them with Your grace -**

*because we bear Your name.*

**Let us acknowledge those as friends  
who use Your name to right a wrong,  
but have not joined us yet -**

*because we bear Your name.*

**Let nothing that we do or say  
offend the weak so that they fall  
and lose their faith in You -**

*because we bear Your name.*

**Keep us from missing out on life;  
give hands that help, and single sight,  
and feet that walk Your way -**

*because we bear Your name.*

**You are the salt that cleanses us,  
so clean us out, and make us fit  
for common life with You -**

*because we bear Your name.*

**HYMN** Abide O dearest Jesus LH 181

**Abide, O dearest Jesus,  
Among us with Thy grace,  
That Satan may not harm us,  
Nor we to sin give place.**

**Abide, O dear Redeemer,  
Among us with Thy Word,  
And thus now and hereafter  
True peace and joy afford.**

**Abide with heavenly brightness  
Among us, precious light;  
Thy truth direct and keep us  
From error's gloomy night.**

**Choir only:**

*Abide with richest blessings  
Among us, bounteous Lord;  
Let us in grace and wisdom  
Grow daily through Thy Word.*

**Abide with Thy protection  
Among us, Lord our strength,  
Lest world and Satan fell us  
And overcome at length.**

**Abide, O faithful Saviour,  
Among us with Thy love;  
Grant steadfastness, and help us  
To reach our home above.**

*Ach bleib mit deiner Gnade  
Johua Stegmann (1588-1632)  
Tr. August Crull*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** Great is Thy Faithfulness – *Gert van Hoef*

**DISMISSAL**

**M:** The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious blood strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life eternal. Go in peace †.

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

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

**C:** Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace: according to Your Word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation: which You have prepared in the presence of all people; a light to reveal You to the nations: and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory to the Father and the Son: and the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now: and will be for evermore. Amen.

M: The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. Hallelujah!

**C:** For His love endures for ever. Hallelujah!

M: We give You thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this healing gift; and we pray that through it You would graciously strengthen us in faith toward You and in love toward one another; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**C:** Amen.

M: Let us bless the Lord.

**C:** God be praised for evermore.

## BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour, and give you † peace.

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

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** Now thank we all our God LH 437

Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

**All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven:  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore,  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.**

*Nun danket alle Gott*  
Martin Rinckart (1586-1649)  
Tr Catherine Winkworth, 1858. alt.

Pastor: Fraser Pearce

Organist: Gina Dutschke

Trumpets: Andrew and Charlotte Newhouse

Musicians: Josh Krieg, David Hearne, Daniel Kitson,  
Mandy Mayer, Jim Overduin

Choir Director: Jillian McGregor

**Bethlehem's church building turns 150 years old in June 2022.**

Bethlehem Congregation, formed in 1860, worshipped in various locations until this church was constructed in 1872. On Sunday 23 June 1872, the Congregation marched from its old place of worship in Waymouth Street, Light Square, to dedicate this new building. Sophie Sudholz handed the key of the church to her father on a cushion. Pastor Oster was then handed the key and opened the door. The service began at 10 am and finished at 1 pm. We give thanks to God for having inspired the 25 families with the faith and willingness to build this beautiful church.