



# BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ORGAN DEDICATION  
&  
REFORMATION FESTIVAL  
October 28, 1984

GREETINGS. This is a great day for the Christian world and especially for us at Bethany. Today we observe, with all Christians, the festival of the Reformation. This is the celebration of the event of Martin Luther's nailing the 95 thesis to the door of the Castle Church, Wittenburg, Germany as the beginning of the reforming of the Church. With this event the doors were open to all people, to read and hear the Truth of God's Holy Word - the Bible. This event, and Luther the Reformer, stated clearly that we are all saved by GRACE ALONE, FAITH ALONE, WORD ALONE. Today is also a special day for Bethany, for we are dedicating the new 30 rank pipe organ, to the Glory of God. This pipe organ was built by Mr. Michael Quimby and Mr. Leo Endel. It was built as part of the project of our 25th Anniversary. The cost is \$95,000.00 We are still in need of gifts to complete the payment of this organ. Please make your gift to the 25th Anniversary Fund.

WELCOME to all our visitors and guests. We're happy to have you worshipping with us this morning, especially on this special occasion of the Dedication of the new pipe organ. Please sign the Guest Card and Guest Register. Stay after the service to give us an opportunity to get acquainted with you. If you are visiting in our community, we pray for an enjoyable stay and safe traveling. If you are living in our community but have no regular church home, we invite you to make Bethany your place of regular worship. If we can be of any assistance, please contact the pastors or call the church office.

ORGAN CONCERT 7:00 p.m. TONIGHT by Mrs. Janet Bucher our church organist. This is also Janet's 6th anniversary as Bethany's organist. We congratulate her. We invite everyone to come out this evening. A reception will be held immediately after the concert in the narthex.

GREAT COMMISSION CONVOCATION of our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is being held at St. Louis. 8 members of Bethany are attending. It is this weekend.

Rev. David Sawhill, has notified us that he has received our call and he writes "I am deeply honored that you have extended this divine call to me. I want to assure you that I will give it the utmost consideration and prayer." We also remember him in our prayers and we ask God, if possible, to lead Pastor Sawhill to see our challenge and need; and be willing to accept it.

FLOWERS are given today by Debbie Morris in memory of her father.

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PROCESSIONAL

CALL TO WORSHIP: "O Be Joyful in the Lord" - Hopkins  
(sung by Chancel Choir)

WORDS OF WELCOME

RITE OF DEDICATION (spoken responsively):

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: AMEN.

P: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands; Serve the Lord with gladness, come before His presence with singing.

C: KNOW THAT THE LORD IS GOD: IT IS HE WHO HAS MADE US, AND NOT WE OURSELVES: WE ARE HIS PEOPLE AND THE SHEEP OF HIS PASTURE.

P: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and unto His courts with praise: Be thankful unto Him and bless His name.

C: FOR THE LORD IS GOOD: HIS MERCY IS EVERLASTING: AND HIS TRUTH ENDURES TO ALL GENERATIONS.

P: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth; Make a loud noise and rejoice and sing His praise.

C: SING UNTO THE LORD WITH THE HARP: WITH THE HARP AND THE VOICE OF A PSALM. WITH TRUMPETS AND SOUND OF CORNET: MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE BEFORE THE LORD, THE KING. GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.

P: Beloved in the Lord; Our great and glorious God and the Father of us all in Jesus Christ, has made today a special day of rejoicing for us. Let us give God thanks as we dedicate this new pipe organ to His glory, and continual service on this festival of the Reformation.

C: WE DEDICATE THIS ORGAN.

P: To the glory of God who has redeemed us and made us His children through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, and through the power of His spirit, in the Word and Sacrament.

C: WE DEDICATE THIS ORGAN.

P: For the ministry of music to people; for the stimulation of sincere prayer and celebrative praise; for clear guidance of singlehearted worship of the Triune God in prayer and song.

C: WE DEDICATE THIS ORGAN.

P: To awaken the sincere spirit of devotion; to give cheer to the downcast and comfort to the sorrowing; to kindle courage for high and holy purpose and Christian living in those who hear it.

C: WE DEDICATE THIS ORGAN.

P: To humble the hearts of worshippers in awe before our great God and heavenly Father; to thrill the soul with the message of the harmonies of God's love; to stimulate the heart with the victory in Christ who has overcome the world and who promises triumph to His faithful followers.

C: WE DEDICATE THIS ORGAN.

P: And now this organ, set apart by the word of God and prayer, is henceforth dedicated to the worship of our Great God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Let us now use this organ in leading us in singing praises to our great God. The opening hymn, "GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY".

HYMN #398 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS:

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, so that we may perfectly love You and worthily worship and magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sins to our great God.

C: ALMIGHTY GOD, MERCIFUL FATHER: I, A TROUBLED AND PENITENT SINNER, CONFESS TO YOU ALL MY SINS AND INIQUITIES WITH WHICH I HAVE OFFENDED YOU AND FOR WHICH I JUSTLY DESERVE YOUR PUNISHMENT. BUT, I AM SORRY FOR THEM, AND REPENT OF THEM, AND PRAY FOR YOUR BOUNDLESS MERCY. FOR THE SAKE OF THE SUFFERING AND DEATH OF YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, BE GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL TO ME, A POOR SINFUL BEING: FORGIVE MY SINS, GIVE ME THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE AMENDMENT OF MY SINFUL LIFE, AND BRING ME TO LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.



P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us, and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. Through His Holy Spirit, He cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of His light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive all of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE FIRST LESSON OF THE DAY: Jeremiah 31:31-34

HYMN #328 - "Thy Strong Word" - v. 1,2,5,6.

THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 3:19-28

ANTHEM: "Hallelujah" - - - -Beethoven

THE GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN #298 (standing) "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

THE MESSAGE: . . . . . Rev. Elmer Kroening

HYMN OF REDEDICATION #291, "Build on the Rock"

v. 1. Congregation; v.3 Choir; v.5 Congregation - Choir sings Amen

THE PRAYERS

THE GATHERING OF THE OFFERING

SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP CARDS: Everyone is asked to sign card when presented by the ushers.

THE OFFERTORY: "Fin feste Burg ist unser Gott" - Hanff

8:30 - THE PRAYERS

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN #311

11:00 - THE PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE AGNUS DEI (L.W.)

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN #289; 302; 305

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN #311

ORGAN POSTLUDE: . . . "Agincourt Hymn" . . . . .Dunstable

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ORGAN CONCERT TONIGHT. . . 7:00 p.m. by Mrs. Janet Bucher - Bethany organist. A reception will follow in the narthex. Plan to attend. Bring family and friends.

REFORMATION RALLY being held at Peace Lutheran Church, 8240 Blue Ridge Blvd., KCMO - 3:00p.m. on Sunday, November 4th(next week). Dr. Gerhardt Hyatt, Second Vice President of LCMS will be guest speaker.

REFORMATION RALLY sponsored by MLM today at 3:00 p.m. at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, 67th & Nall. Everyone invited.

HOSPITALIZED: Mr. Lyle Ronfeldt was a patient at St. Lukes; Mr. Charles Beachler is recuperating from surgery at Shawnee Mission.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to Mrs. Diane Person and family on the death of her mother, Mrs. Johnson. Funeral was held this past Monday.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Everyone is asked to pick up their statement at the west end, by the church office. Thank you kindly.

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS, Our 1985 Loyalty program is in its final stages. About half of the commitments are now in. We ask EVERYONE to make their commitments and return them as soon as possible. We need EVERYONE'S GENEROUS gifts if we are to do the work the Lord has for us to do. The Lord is CHALLENGING BETHANY, He is challenging YOU. Make your commitment, a GIFT OF LOVE. How much do YOU LOVE the Lord. Our goal for 1985 is \$405,000. This will require all of us to extend ourselves more than we have in the past. Are YOU ready to accept the Lord's challenge?

CHURCH GROWTH KICKOFF next Sunday. Bethany has been involved for the past 2 years in preparing our congregation to realize and accept the purpose and mission of the church, which is also our mission. Yes, "God's people, the Church, has been entrusted with life and life's resources for the purpose of MAKING DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS." Is Bethany in the business of "making disciples of all nations"? Is EVERY MEMBER of Bethany involved MAKING DISCIPLES of the people with whom we come in contact? How can we help Bethany to carry out this mission? How can we help every member of Bethany to be a disciple maker? Bethany has a great past but even a greater FUTURE. COME & LET US WORK TOGETHER. The Lord needs YOU: Bethany needs YOU! the people of our community need YOU. With God's help and our willingness, GREAT things lie ahead for us. . . CHURCH GROWTH TASK FORCE meeting Thursday at 7:30 in Lounge.

JUNIOR YOUTH LEAGUE BAKE SALE TODAY in lower narthex. Help support our youth.

ADULT INFORMATION & MEMBERSHIP CLASS this morning at 9:45 in the chapel.  
BETHEL BIBLE STUDY in Balcony at 9:45.  
SUCCESSFUL CHRISTIAN LIVING SERIES in lounge 205 at 9:45a.m.

SYNODICAL SUNDAY - UNDER ONE CROSS. Pick up a brochure and envelope after the service from an usher. Read about the growth and needs of YOUR CHURCH. Become more familiar with your church. Give a special gift, Sunday, Nov. 4.



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### OUR SCHEDULE

Divine Worship ..... 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.  
 Sunday School and Bible Classes ..... 9:45 A.M.  
 Holy Communion:  
   First and Third Sunday ..... 8:30 A.M. Service  
   Second and Fourth Sunday ..... 11:00 A.M. Service  
 Midweek Bible School (Grades K through 8) ..... Wednesday  
     A nursery for preschool children provided during each worship.  
 Weekday Preschool: Two or Three Mornings A Week ..... Call Church Office  
 Mothers' Day Out ..... Thursday and Friday

### THE STAFF

Rev. Andrew Sabo, Pastor - 648-1949 ..... 9200 Somerset Drive  
     Worship, Administration, Stewardship, Counseling  
 Rev. Elmer Kroening, Assistant to the Pastor - 721-2278 ..... 12337 Donahoo, KCKS  
 Mr. Paul Brill, DCE - 381-5307 ..... 4709 W. 77 Terr., PV  
     Adult Education, Family Life, Social Ministry, Evangelism, Counseling

### OUR GREETING — In the name of the Savior, Dear Friend:

Bethany Church welcomes you to its services and counts it a privilege to share with you the riches of God's Holy Word and the faith and love of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Should you be burdened with sorrow, troubled, perplexed, or have any spiritual need, Bethany Church invites you to use freely the services of its pastor for spiritual cheer and guidance.

Bethany Church is eager to receive into its membership and serve with the Lord's Supper all who accept the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior and who are willing to follow the Word of God in faith and life. For those not acquainted with the teachings of our church we offer Bible Hours in which the fundamental teachings of the Christian faith are discussed so that your membership can mean more to you.

Bethany Church provides a program of Christian education for all ages in the Sunday School, Bible Classes, Midweek Bible School, Confirmation classes and the Vacation Bible School. The organizations and choirs provide opportunities for serving the Savior, fellowship, as well as cultural and spiritual development for those who participate. Every meeting of its organizations and choirs, as well as every service of the church, is open to everyone and a warm welcome awaits all who come.

We say: "God be with you 'till we meet again" and hope that this may be soon and often.