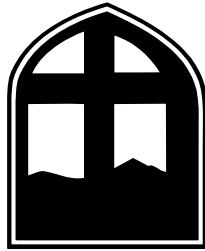


Bethany

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Let all those who seek You rejoice
and be glad in You;
And let those who love
Your salvation say continually,

“Let God be magnified!”

Psalm 70:4

THE LORD'S DAY

March 20, 2011

Worship Service

Enter with reverence, Worship in truth, Serve Christ with gladness.

Meditation

But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. Genesis 50:21

Prelude

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

Neumark

†Call to Worship & Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 70:4

Adoration

†Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Hymn 2
Madrid

†Congregational Reading

Psalm 82

The congregation will read text in italics.

¹ God stands in the congregation of the mighty;
He judges among the gods.

² *How long will you judge unjustly,
And show partiality to the wicked?*

³ Defend the poor and fatherless;
Do justice to the afflicted and needy.

⁴ *Deliver the poor and needy;
Free them from the hand of the wicked.*

⁵ They do not know, nor do they understand;
They walk about in darkness;
All the foundations of the earth are unstable.

⁶ I said, "You are gods,
And all of you are children of the Most High.

⁷ But you shall die like men,
And fall like one of the princes."

⁸ Arise, O God, judge the earth;
For You shall inherit all nations.

[†] *Doxology* *Traditional* to Regent Square
Laud and honor to the Father;
Laud and honor to the Son;
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One;
One in might, and One in glory,
While unending ages run. Amen.

Confession & Assurance of Pardon

[†] Congregational Reading Psalm 90:7-12
The congregation will read in unison.

⁷ For we have been consumed by Your anger,
And by Your wrath we are terrified.
⁸ You have set our iniquities before You,
Our secret sins in the light of Your countenance.
⁹ For all our days have passed away in Your wrath;
We finish our years like a sigh.
¹⁰ The days of our lives are seventy years;
And if by reason of strength they are eighty years,
Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow;
For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
¹¹ Who knows the power of Your anger?
For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath.
¹² So teach us to number our days,
That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Jesus Paid It All

Hymn **355**
All to Christ

Thanksgiving

[†] *Like a River Glorious*

Hymn **483**
Wye Valley

Petition

[†] Prayer of Intercession

Offering

Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading

Leviticus 8
Hebrews 12:3-11

[†] *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

Hymn
Neumark

THE SERMON

The Sovereignty of God in the Salvation of His People
Genesis 45:8—50:26

[†] *Be Still, My Soul*

Hymn **296**
Finlandia

[†] Prayer & Benediction

[†] *Congregation will stand*



All are invited to remain after the worship
service for our monthly fellowship dinner.
A brief choir rehearsal follows the dinner.

No Evening Service

The Sovereignty of God in the Salvation of His People
from Genesis 45:9—50:26
Ryan Martin

As we have looked at the Genesis' life of Joseph, we saw the sovereignty of God in the midst of hatred, lust, and deceit in chapters 37-39. In 40-45:8, we saw the sovereignty of God in the midst of good and evil. Now we look at the story as a whole, and see these chapters' emphasis on the sovereignty of God in the salvation of his people, ultimately focused on Jesus Christ himself.

Like Joseph, we must have unrelenting faith that in all human history God has good purposes to bring about the salvation of his people.

Why, according to the story of Joseph, should we have unrelenting faith in the sovereignty of God?

- Because God can be trusted when people sin against us (37-45:8). [Review]
- Because God can be trusted when external evidence is to the contrary (45:9-47:26).
- Because God can be trusted even when He works contrary to man's wisdom (47:27-49:38).
- Because God can be trusted up until the day we die, even when we have not seen the promises (49:39-50:26).



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Sunday School, 9:45; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00,
Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting, 6:00.
Fellowship Dinner 3rd Sunday of the month; no evening service.
Wednesday Evenings: Awana, visitation, fellowship groups
Please note weekly announcements for any changes to this schedule.

To Our Guests: We welcome you to Bethany Bible Church! We trust you will sense our desire to exalt the Lord in our worship, as well as our commitment to the sufficiency of the Scriptures. You and your entire family are invited to worship with us. A nursery is provided for ages 0-3 if you would like, and you may also hear the service in the foyer or fellowship room if you need to attend to small children. We would like to have a record of your visit. You should receive a guest card which you may give to Pastor Stiekes personally or hand to one of our ushers. We trust that God will richly bless you as we endeavor to magnify the Lord on His day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY –6:45 PM, AWANA; 7 PM, Youth & Evangelism Bible Studies & Visitation

MARCH 29th—7 PM, Watchmen's Meeting

APRIL 8th & 9th—Men and Boys' Camping Activity

APRIL 16th—8:30 AM, Membership Class

Please claim your orphaned items from the kitchen!

	Mar 13	Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
General Fund	\$4,779	\$3,677	\$38,727	\$40,446
Missions	\$50		\$1,506	
Deacons Fund	\$20		\$1,967	
Building Fund	\$250		\$1,285	

Weekly Catechism

23. Q. How miserable is man's condition resulting from the fall?
A. All mankind, by their fall, lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all the miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell for ever.
Gen 3:8, 24; Eph 2:3; Gal 3:10; Rom 6:23; Matt 25:41