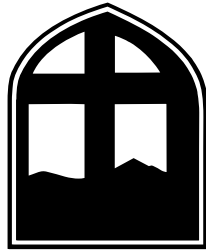


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LET MOUNT ZION REJOICE,

Let the daughters of Judah be glad,
Because of Your judgments.

Psalm 48:11



THE LORD'S DAY

May 8, 2011

WORSHIP SERVICE

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

MEDITATION

Can a mother forget her nursing child, and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you. *Isaiah 49:15*

PRELUDE

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

LIEBSTER JESU

†CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Psalm 48:11

ADORATION

†Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah

Hymn **40**

PRAISE JEHOVAH

†CONGREGATIONAL READING

Psalm 97:7-12

The congregation will read text in italics.

⁷ Let all be put to shame who serve carved images, who boast of idols. Worship Him, all *you* gods.

⁸ *Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice because of Your judgments, O LORD.*

⁹ For You, LORD, *are* most high above all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods.



¹⁰ *You who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.*

¹¹ Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

¹² *Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.*

[†] *Doxology*

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.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“In Times Like These”

CONFESSON & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Hymn **255**

GERMANY

THANKSGIVING

[†] *This Is My Father's World*

Hymn **116**

TERRA PATRIS

PETITION

[†]Prayer of Intercession

Offering

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Leviticus 13:29-59

Mark 1:40-2:12

[†]*Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*

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LIEBSTER JESU

THE SERMON

The Parental Compassion of God

Hosea 11:1-11

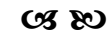
[†]*Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*

Hymn **399**

ELLESDIE

[†] PRAYER & BLESSING

[†]*Congregation will stand*



Prayer Meeting, 6:00 PM



The Parental Compassion of God—Hosea 11:1-11
 Greg Stiekes, Pastor

Although the nation of Israel wandered from the covenant like a prodigal son, God, their Father, continued to love them with great *compassion*. Likewise, when we come to God through faith in *the Son*, the Lord Jesus, He becomes *our compassionate Father* who is devoted to us. Through the heart-cry of our Father in this evocative text, we recognize God’s great compassion for His own in at least three ways:

1. His nurturing compassion (11:1-7)

2. His enduring compassion (11:8-9)

3. His saving compassion (11:10-11)

Planned Hymns for Next Week:
 And Can It Be (134); My Song is Love Unknown; Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (7); Nearer, Still Nearer (382); The Church’s One Foundation (165)



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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 –7 PM, Summer series begins

NEXT SUNDAY—Combined Sunday School with missionary appointee Gary Kittredge; fellowship dinner follows morning worship

MAY 21st—8 AM, Men & Boys’ Prayer Breakfast

MAY 24th—6 PM, Membership Class

	May 1	Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
General Fund	\$4,903	\$3,677	\$63,958	\$62,508
Missions	\$78		\$2,262	
Deacons Fund	\$556		\$3,244	
Building Fund	\$145		\$2,685	

Weekly Catechism

30. Q. How does Christ execute the office of a king?

A. Christ executes the office of a king in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, in conquering all his and our enemies, and in reigning on the throne of David for a thousand years.

Psa 110:3; Matt 2:6; 1 Cor 15:25; Heb 10:12-13; Rev 20:4

