



Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod  
14531 Old Olga Road  
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# *Bethlehem Lutheran Church*

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Sunday School & Bible Class: 9:00 AM  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM  
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Most people have someone in their life who is ill, declining in health, or in hospice care. It can be painful to experience the suffering of a loved one. Those serving in the role of caregiver can often times be exhausted and in need of a break. Do you know of someone for whom a visit, meal, or call may give them the break they need?

Pray: Compassionate God, help us to see in suffering and death the very path of life and love through Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

In Jesus' time, the cross was about death. It is not easy to understand or talk about Jesus' death on

the cross. The cross is a Christian symbol. It reminds us that Jesus is with us through easy and hard times. We see crosses in many places in our lives. As a follower of Jesus, notice the number of crosses you see in your home and in the community this week. Each time you see one, take a moment to pray: Thank you Jesus for dying on the cross to save us.



**IT IS GREAT TO HAVE YOU IN WORSHIP  
WITH US TODAY!**

Here at Bethlehem Lutheran we believe in the teachings of the Bible as taught by Jesus and the apostles and strive to live our lives in accord with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are all fellow sinners who live together in the mercy and grace of Jesus. Jesus is the heart and center of all that we say and do as we serve Him and live in Christian love with one another.

If you would like to learn more about this church, or are looking for a church family, please talk to our pastor or one of the ushers or elders. They would be happy to talk with you! Regardless of whether you join or not, we welcome you and your family to worship with us any time!

Should you have something we could privately pray about for you this week, we invite you to let our pastor or one of our members know so we can seek the Lord's face together.

Come visit us again sometime soon and may the Lord richly bless you!



## ATTENDING COMMUNION AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

The Lord's Supper was established as a meal of fellowship and confession. In this meal, we confess together our one faith in Christ and our Confessions, especially the doctrine set forth in Luther's Small Catechism. Therefore, those who are not one in membership in The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod are asked to speak with the pastor or one of the elders prior to approaching the altar. Children who are not yet confirmed are invited to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing.

For those with medical or personal reasons to abstain from alcohol, individual cups at the center of the trays contain white grape juice.

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*LSB Divine Service, Setting One*

*August 30, 2020*

## PRELUDE

✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

## HYMN OF INVOCATION

525 CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

(Stanzas 1–2)

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king  
Through all eternity.
  
- 2 Crown Him the virgin's Son,  
The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won  
Which now His brow adorn:

Fruit of the mystic rose,  
Yet of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever flows,  
The babe of Bethlehem.

(please rise)

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

**P**In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and  
of the Holy Spirit.

**C**Amen.

**P**If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.

**C**But if we confess our sins, God, who is  
faithful and just, will forgive our sins and  
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-  
examination.)*

**P**Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C**Most merciful God, we confess that we are  
by nature sinful and unclean. We have  
sinned against You in thought, word, and

deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

(please be seated)

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

## INTROIT

Psalm 26

I Will Bless the LORD

**P** Vindicate me, O LORD,  
for I have walked in my integrity,  
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

**C** Prove me, O LORD, and try me;  
test my heart and my mind.

**P** For your steadfast love is before my eyes,  
and I walk in your faithfulness.

**C** I do not sit with men of falsehood,  
nor do I consort with hypocrites.

**P** I hate the assembly of evildoers,  
and I will not sit with the wicked.

**C** I wash my hands in innocence  
and go around your altar, O LORD,

**P** proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,  
and telling all your wondrous deeds.

**C** O LORD, I love the habitation of your house  
and the place where your glory dwells.

**P** Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,  
nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

**C** in whose hands are evil devices,  
and whose right hands are full of bribes.

**P** But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;  
redeem me, and be gracious to me.

**C** My foot stands on level ground;  
in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.

(please rise)

## KYRIE

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

♪ THIS IS THE FEAST ♪

**C** This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P**The Lord be with you.

**C**And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

(please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 15:15–21

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance take me not away;  
know that for your sake I bear reproach.

<sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart,

for I am called by your name,

O LORD, God of hosts.

<sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of revelers,

nor did I rejoice;  
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,  
for you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?

Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail?

<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD:

“If you return, I will restore you,  
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is  
worthless,  
you shall be as my mouth.

They shall turn to you,  
but you shall not turn to them.

<sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,  
declares the LORD.

<sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the  
ruthless.”

**L**This is the Word of the Lord.

**C**Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

Romans 12:9–21

### Marks of the True Christian

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

<sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup>To the contrary, “if your

enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.”<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

(please rise)

### ♪ ALLELUIA AND VERSE ♪

**C** Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

### HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21–28

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

<sup>21</sup> From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and

scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

### Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup>Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

**P**This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(please be seated)

SERMON HYMN

525 CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

(Stanzas 3–5)

3 Crown Him the Lord of love.

Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.

No angels in the sky

Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes  
At mysteries so bright.

4 Crown Him the Lord of life,

Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.

His glories now we sing,

Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die.

5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,  
    Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n  
    The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns  
    As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
    For He is king of all.

SERMON

. . . Pastor Karl

(please rise)

NICENE CREED

**C**I believe in one God,  
    the Father Almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth  
    and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
    the only-begotten Son of God,  
    begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
    God of God, Light of Light,  
    very God of very God,  
    begotten, not made,  
    being of one substance with the Father,  
    by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of  
the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under  
Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to  
judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and  
apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come.  
Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Lord, in Your mercy

**C** Hear our prayer.

(please be seated)

## OFFERING

## □ OFFERTORY RESPONSE □

(please rise)

## 805 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

△ 1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
**Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:**

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

**P**The Lord be with you.

**C**And also with you.

**P**Lift up your hearts.

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

**P**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P**It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify

Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## ♪SANCTUS♪

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit.

Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** 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 the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### **♪ LORD’S PRAYER ♪**

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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
Forever. Amen.

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

♪ AGNUS DEI ♪

**C** 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.

(please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

## 619 THY BODY, GIVEN FOR ME, O SAVIOR

1 Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior,  
Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,  
These are my life and strength forever,  
By them my hungry soul is fed. Refrain

ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

2 With Thee, Lord, I am now united;  
I live in Thee and Thou in me.  
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted  
It finds its only joy in Thee. Refrain

3 Who can condemn me now? For surely  
The Lord is nigh, who justifies.  
No hell I fear, and thus securely  
With Jesus I to heaven rise. Refrain

4 Though death may threaten with disaster,  
It cannot rob me of my cheer;  
For He who is of death the master  
With aid and comfort e'er is near. Refrain

5 My heart has now become Thy dwelling,  
O blessèd, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, Thy praises telling,  
Shall live in joy eternally. Refrain

(please rise)

♪ THANK THE LORD ♪

☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell  
**ev'ryone what He has done.**  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly  
bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His  
people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia,  
alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

☐ Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You  
have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and  
we implore You that of Your mercy You would  
strengthen us through the same in faith toward

You and in fervent love toward one another;  
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who  
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

(please be seated)

## CLOSING HYMN

### 655 LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,  
For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we  
May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.

## BENEDICTION

**P** 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 favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE



Rev. Karl P. Glander

Organist: Holly Bell

Elders: Kurt Laser

Altar Guild: Pam Rugenstein

Ushers: Bob Jurs, Paul Rugenstein

Reader: Pam Rugenstein

Acolyte: Raul Puga

### ***Stewardship & Attendance***

Monthly Giving

Offerings: \$4718

Expenses: \$9045

Weekly Attendance

Worship Service - 34



The Flowers at our altar this morning was given to Glory of God by Dick and Terri Gerlach.

Wednesday Bible study will reopen in the fellowship hall this Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 a.m. and will also be on Zoom.



Flower Calendar: The 2020 Flower Chart is up in the narthex. The flowers decorating the chancel at Bethlehem are placed there as an act of worship and devotion to glorify God. They are also, an expression of the beauty and goodness of God. Members of the congregation may donate altar flowers as an expression of thanksgiving to God, in remembrance of departed loved one, on the occasion of a special event, such as a baptism, birthday, wedding anniversary, or simply to praise God. If you wish to donate flowers for use on the chancel, the cost is \$40.00 for two vases, if you would like to just purchase 1 vase at \$20.00 that's okay, but please put up there 1 vase and someone can sign up with you for the other. It is also tax deductible. Please place money in an envelope marked flowers in the offering basket.

Prayer Chain: Life presents challenges to all of us, but sometimes those challenges can feel like it's just too much. If you are experiencing situations, whether physical, emotional, or spiritual, you may give your prayer requests to Linda Kirsch 239-693-5026 or e-mail: [jlirsch3@comcast.net](mailto:jlirsch3@comcast.net) or call or email Linda if you

would like to become a part of our Prayer chain.  
“Hear my prayer, O Lord; listen to my cry for  
mercy.”