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## **SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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## Divine Service: Setting Three with Communion

Order of Service: *Lutheran Service Book*, pp 184-202

*Pre-Service Music*

*Ringling of the Church Bell*

### July Bible Verse

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

*Romans 12:12*

### Our Mission Statement

Representing God's Love to our Congregation, Community, and the World!



In Light of 1 Cor. 11:23-26, Bethlehem Lutheran Church maintains the historical practice of "closed" communion in the belief that the Sacrament requires faith in Christ's words that His body and blood are truly present. Furthermore, participation in the Sacrament is a sign of our unity in the faith with all those who join us at the altar. *For that reason, we ask that those visitors desiring to commune be members in good standing of a congregation of the LCMS and speak to the pastor or an elder before the beginning of the service.* Our denial of admission to those who are members of another confession is not a judgment upon their faith but a recognition that we hold to different confessions concerning God, salvation, and the Sacrament itself. Such individuals are invited to speak with the pastor following the service.

### OPENING HYMN

*Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear*

LSB 908



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your  
 2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants  
 Δ 3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the



Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -  
 heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and  
 Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or



tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.  
 bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.  
 be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\cdot\text{I}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Psalm 103:15–19; antiphon: Ps. 103:8*

The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

As for man, his days are like grass;  
**he flourishes like a flower of the field;**  
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
**and its place knows it no more.**

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,  
**and his righteousness to children's children,**  
to those who keep his covenant  
**and remember to do his commandments.**

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,  
**and his kingdom rules over all.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**  
as it was in the beginning,  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

### GLORIA PATRI

*LSB 186*



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

### KYRIE

*LSB 186*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



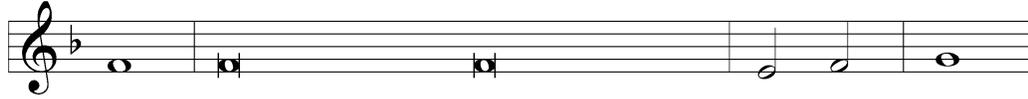
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Gloria in Excelsis*

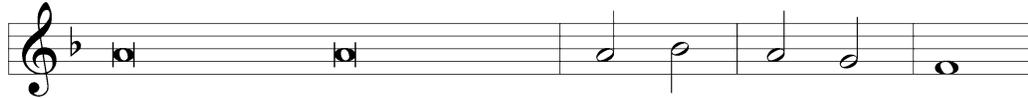
**P** Glory be to God on High,



**C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



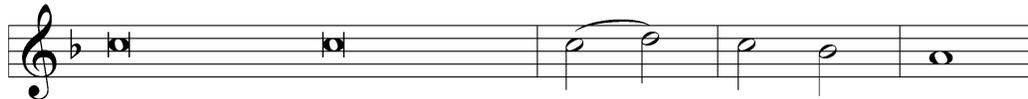
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



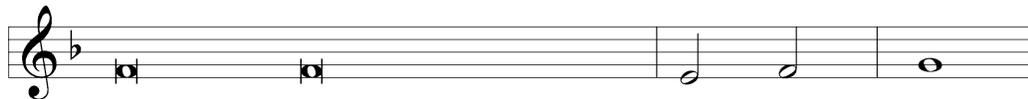
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 55:10–13*

<sup>10</sup>“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
<sup>12</sup>“For you shall go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall break forth into singing,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
<sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for the LORD,  
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

*Romans 8:12–17*

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

*LSB 190*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup>but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

<sup>18</sup>“Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup>yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup>As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

*Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast*

LSB 577



1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like  
 2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This  
 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The  
 4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of  
 ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in  
 ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a  
 giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.  
 ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.  
 hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.  
 truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

SERMON  
*Rain from Heaven – Isaiah 55:10–13*

NICENE CREED

LSB 159

**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.

BLESSING OF NEW COMMUNION VESSELS AND LINENS

**P** Beloved in the Lord, in perfect love for us Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, became incarnate, died, and rose for our sake. He bestows the benefits of His redeeming work on us as He places His body and blood into our mouths in the Sacrament of the Altar. It is therefore fitting and right that the vessels and linens used to convey to us His body and blood should be sanctified by the Word of God in prayer.



*Psalm 103:15–19; antiphon: Ps. 103:8*

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

**Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

What shall I render to the Lord

**for all his benefits to me?**

I will lift up the cup of salvation

**and call on the name of the Lord.**

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

**and call on the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord

**in the presence of all His people,**

in the courts of the House of the Lord,

**in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit**

**as it was in the beginning**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Oh taste and see that the Lord is good!

**Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Most gracious God and Father, whose only-begotten Son instituted the blessed Sacrament of His body and blood, bless this chalice, paten, ciborium, pyx, and flagon for use at the altar of Your Church. Granted all who eat and drink the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ from these vessels may rejoice in the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation given to them in this Sacrament; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit one God now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Most gracious and merciful God, You strengthen us with Your most holy Sacrament. We implore You to sanctify these chalice palls, purificators, and chalice veils for use in the consecration and distribution of the body and blood of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The Lord Almighty, the Father the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless these vessels and linens and all who receive the life-giving Sacrament.

**C** **Amen.**



**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

*Holy, Holy, Holy*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 197

**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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

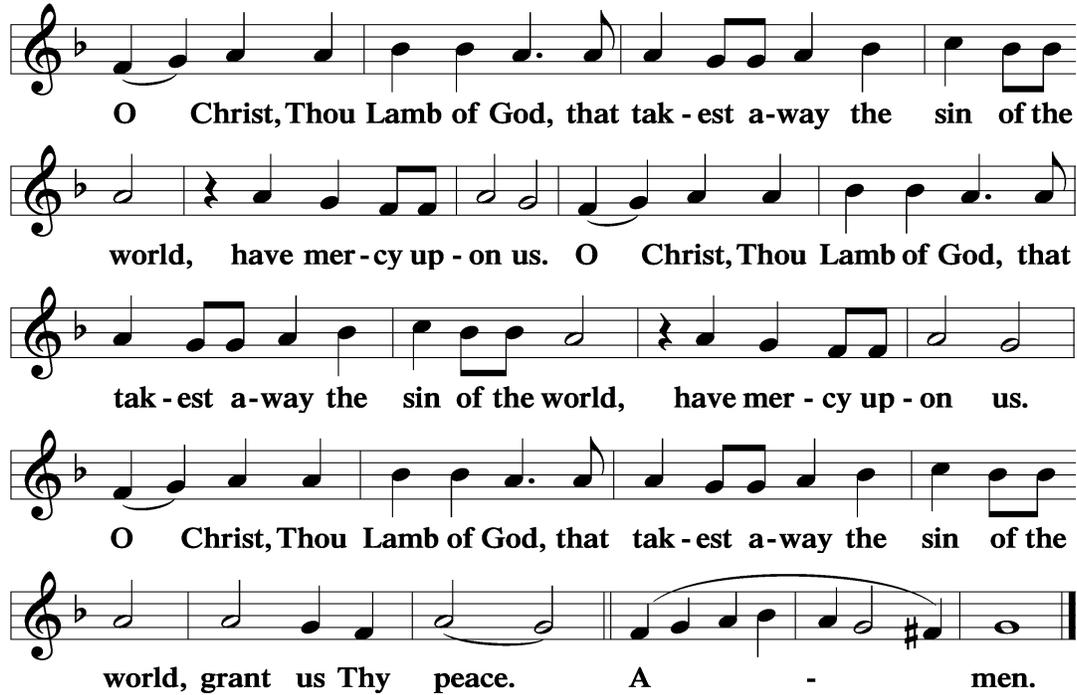
## PAX DOMINI

LSB 197

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



**C** A - men.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*Come, Let Us Eat*  
Leader



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
3 In His pres-ence now we meet and rest,  
4 Rise, then, to spread a-broad God's might-y Word,

*All*



Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.  
In His pres-ence now we meet and rest.  
Rise, then, to spread a-broad God's might-y Word.

*Leader*



Our Lord's bod-y let us take to-geth-er,  
Je-sus' blood poured let us drink to-geth-er,  
In the pres-ence of our Lord we gath-er,  
Je-sus ris-en will bring in the King-dom,

*All*



Our Lord's bod-y let us take to-geth-er.  
Je-sus' blood poured let us drink to-geth-er.  
In the pres-ence of our Lord we gath-er.  
Je-sus ris-en will bring in the King-dom.

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You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and  
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and  
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of  
 4 The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal  
 5 You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then self - less



heed his voice; So when You call Your  
 grat - i - tude That You should count us  
 Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one  
 tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -  
 let us be, To serve each oth - er



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.  
 wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.  
 loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?  
 not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.

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1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from  
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to  
 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our  
 4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth  
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,  
 mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;  
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,



Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,  
 Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the  
 Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in  
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.  
 world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.  
 pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.  
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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*Father, We Thank Thee*

LSB 652



1 Fa - ther, we thank Thee who hast plant - ed Thy ho - ly  
 2 Watch o'er Thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, Save it from



name with - in our hearts. Knowl - edge and faith and life im -  
 e - vil, guard it still, Per - fect it in Thy love, u -



mor - tal Je - sus, Thy Son, to us im - parts.  
 nite it, Cleansed and con - formed un - to Thy will.



Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy plea - sure, Didst  
 As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides, Was



give us food for all our days, Giv - ing in Christ the  
 in this bro - ken bread made one, So from all lands Thy



Bread e - ter - nal; Thine is the pow'r, be Thine the praise.  
 Church be gath - ered In - to Thy king - dom by Thy Son.

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**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** 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 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.

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

LSB 201

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

- 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** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

*On What Has Now Been Sown*

LSB 921



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;  
 2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
 3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou  
 Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -  
 May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!  
 es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.  
 low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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## POSTLUDE

*Welcome to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, where we worship in the name of the crucified and risen Lamb of God, Jesus Christ our Lord. Blessings to you as you worship with us today.*



**Congregation:** for Edith Erwin and Deloris Griffin; for our Shut-in members Renee Brinkmann, Mildred Holle, James Schoenemann, Lorine Schroeder, Floris Whittaker, Lathel Norris, and for others who are not able to come to church

**Community:** for Sarah Farell (Millie Harmann's daughter), for those who are traveling during the summer for vacations, that they are safe; for all those who need rain, that the Lord would bless our lands so that they may produce in abundance; for Brenham Pregnancy Center and those whose lives they touched; Faith Mission; St. Matthew's Lutheran Church (vacancy); families and individuals cared for by Child Protective Services

**World:** for those who have been led astray into false belief; for those facing crisis pregnancies, that they would find the strength to choose life for their unborn child; for the leaders of the nations, that they would make godly decisions for their people and countries; for peace in Ukraine



*A special thanks to Mrs. Amanda Hafer for allocating funds from her late husband Al's memorial, donated by his friends and family here at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. They were used to add to our already beautiful communion pieces. The pieces which will be blessed in the divine service today are a chalice, paten, ciborium, pyx, flagon, chalice pall, purificators, and chalice veils in the different colors of the church year. These pieces will add to the beauty and reverence of the Eucharist. They are dedicated to*

*Christ and His church, in memory of Al Hafer, to the glory of God and the salvation of man. May they be a blessing for years to come!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This Week's Schedule**

**July 16 – July 23**

**Today:** *Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*  
**9:00 AM** Sunday School & Adult Bible Class  
**10:15 AM** Divine Worship: Setting III with Holy Communion  
 Acolyte: Lane Janner  
 Greeter: Nancey McClure  
 Ushers: Daryl Dahman Michael Dieterich  
 Landon Duckett Kaden Flisowski  
**11:30 AM** Youth Brown Bag Special

**Monday:** **10:00 AM** Worship Online

**Tuesday:** **6:30 PM** Women's Bible Study

**Next Sunday:** *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*  
**9:00 AM** Sunday School & Adult Bible Class  
**10:15 AM** Divine Worship: Setting I  
 Acolyte: Caleb Kettler  
 Greeter: Peggy McDonald  
 Ushers: Delwin Gaskamp Greg Gaskamp  
 Kevin Goessler Stanley Haferkamp

**Serving in July: Elder – Paul Richter / Trustee – Billy Ashorn**

*If you have a question or thought concerning spiritual care or the church property, please contact the appropriate elder or trustee.*



*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Nancey McClure.*

**Today after worship**, the youth are selling baked potatoes with beef brisket and toppings with a dessert **for \$10.00**. This event is a fundraiser for the youth to attend "Higher Things" next summer. *Thank you for your support!*

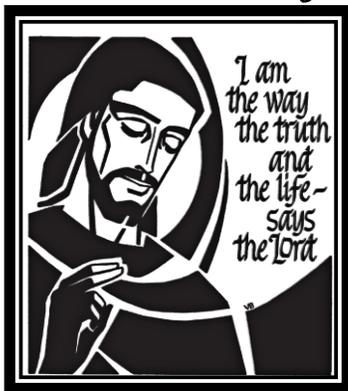


The July Quarterly **Voters' Meeting** is next Wednesday, **July 26, at 7:30pm.**

## Sunday School Corner

Parents, next week in Sunday School, we will be learning about Jesus' first miracle at the wedding in Cana (John 2:1-12). While Jesus and His mother are guests at a wedding in Cana, Mary asks Him to assist the wedding hosts, who have run out of wine. In Jesus' first recorded miracle, He changes a large volume of plain water into wine that is superior to what has already been served. Those who witness this miracle marvel at what He has done. In preparation for this lesson, parents, consider discussing with your child, "What wonders does God still work through His people?" So don't miss out on this exciting lesson, and parents, you can stay and join Pastor Krieg in the adult Sunday School class. See you next week!

## New Adult Sunday School Lesson



Who is God? What are the attributes of God? What about evolution, creation, and angels? What is the image of God, and what does it mean to be male and female? These are just some of the questions we answered as we continued our study through Unit 2, *God and Creation*, this morning. Next week we will begin Unit 2, over sin, death, and the devil. If you could not attend today, please join us next Sunday during the Adult Bible Study hour before church, starting at 9 am, to learn the answers to these questions and so much more. Now is the time to commit yourself to a deeper and more meaningful understanding of God's Word and your relationship with Him. I hope to see you all next Sunday as we continue our studies. And if you would like a free digital copy of the *Life with God* book, you can get it here:

<https://storage.snappages.site/HBG39K/assets/files/LifeWithGod-part1.pdf> (part 1)

<https://storage.snappages.site/HBG39K/assets/files/LifeWithGod-part2.pdf> (part 2)

## Last Week at Bethlehem

SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	GIFTS IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL
07-09 Sunday School	13	\$34.50
07-09 Youth Bible Class	5	
07-09 Adult Bible Class	26	
07-09 Worship Service	92	General Fund: \$3,938.00