



*Bethlehem Lutheran Church—William Penn  
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## **NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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# Divine Service: Setting One with Communion

Order of Service: *Lutheran Service Book*, pp 151-166

## Pre-Service Music

### 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.

### *Ringling of the Church Bell*

#### OPENING HYMN

#### *God Himself Is Present*

LSB 907



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him  
 2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;  
 3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His  
 See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 Trust - ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in  
 ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and  
 an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease - less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne  
 an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:  
 ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!  
 Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.  
 Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  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.**  
**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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

*Psalm 105:2–6; antiphon: v. 1*

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;  
**make known his deeds among the peoples!**  
 Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
**tell of all his wondrous works!**  
 Glory in his holy name;  
**let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!**  
 Seek the Lord and his strength;  
**seek his presence continually!**  
 Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
**his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,**  
 O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
**children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**  
**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 give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;  
**make known his deeds among the peoples!**

KYRIE

LSB 152

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**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 mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

*This Is the Feast*

LSB 155



**C** This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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

*Deuteronomy 7:6–9*

<sup>6</sup>“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

*Romans 8:28–39*

<sup>28</sup>And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

COMMON ALLELUIA

*LSB 156*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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



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

SERMON HYMN

*From God Can Nothing Move Me*

LSB 713



1 From God can noth - ing move me; He will not step a - side  
 2 When those whom I re - gard - ed As trust - wor - thy and sure  
 3 The Lord my life ar - rang - es; Who can His work de - stroy?  
 4 Each day at His good plea - sure God's gra - cious will is done.



But gent - ly will re - prove me And be my con - stant guide.  
 Have long from me de - part - ed, God's grace shall still en - dure.  
 In His good time He chang - es All sor - row in - to joy.  
 He sent His great - est trea - sure In Je - sus Christ, His Son.



He stretch - es out His hand In eve - ning and in morn - ing,  
 He res - cues me from sin And breaks the chains that bind me.  
 So let me then be still: My bod - y, soul, and spir - it  
 He ev - 'ry gift im - parts. The bread of earth and heav - en



My life with grace a - dorn - ing Wher - ev - er I may stand.  
 I leave death's fear be - hind me; His peace I have with - in.  
 His ten - der care in - her - it Ac - cord - ing to His will.  
 Are by His kind - ness giv - en. Praise Him with thank - ful hearts!

- 5 Praise God with acclamation  
 And in His gifts rejoice.  
 Each day finds its vocation  
 Responding to His voice.  
 Soon years on earth are past;  
 But time we spend expressing  
 The love of God brings blessing  
 That will forever last!
- 6 Yet even though I suffer  
 The world's unpleasantness,  
 And though the days grow rougher  
 And bring me great distress,  
 That day of bliss divine,

Which knows no end or measure,  
 And Christ, who is my pleasure,  
 Forever shall be mine.

△ For thus the Father willed it,  
 Who fashioned us from clay;  
 And His own Son fulfilled it  
 And brought eternal day.  
 The Spirit now has come,  
 To us true faith has given;  
 He leads us home to heaven.  
 O praise the Three in One!

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SERMON

*Unexplainable – Deuteronomy 7:6-9*



APOSTLES' CREED

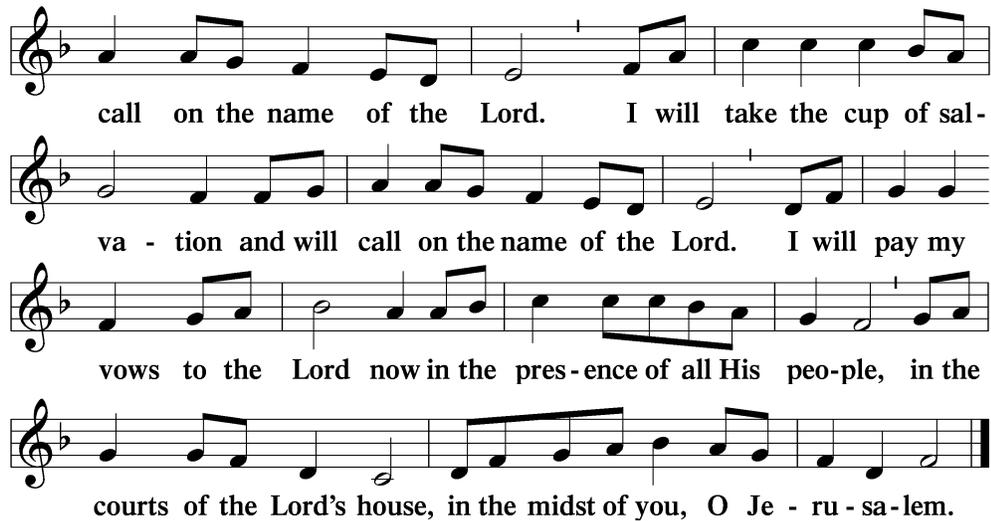
LSB 159

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth.  
 And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died and was buried.  
 He descended into hell.  
 The third day He rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
 From thence He will come 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.

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

LSB 159

**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
 me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

*LSB 160*

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so 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 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:

SANCTUS

*LSB 161*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

**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 LORD’S PRAYER

LSB 162

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 162

**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 163

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



**C** A - men.

**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*Jesus Comes Today with Healing*

1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my  
 2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and  
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the  
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to  
 door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.  
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,  
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,  
 me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.  
 He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His  
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the  
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter  
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His  
 in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."  
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.  
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.  
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
 Whose own feast of love I savor,  
 Bidden by His gracious call.  
 Wedding garments He provides me,  
 With a robe of white He hides me,  
 Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,  
 Comfort in my tribulation,  
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.  
 God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
 Cleanses me from sin and error,  
 Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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1 Who trusts in God A strong a - bode In heav'n and  
 2 Though Sa - tan's wrath Be - set our path And world - ly  
 3 In all the strife Of mor - tal life Our feet will



earth pos - sess - es; Who looks in  
 scorn as - sail us, While You are  
 stand se - cure - ly; Temp - ta - tion's



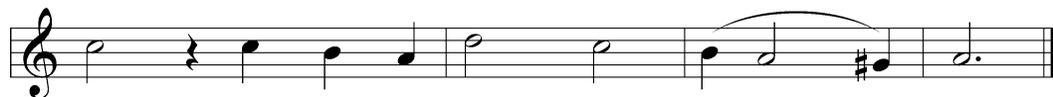
love To Christ a - bove, No fear that heart op -  
 near, We shall not fear; Your strength will nev - er  
 hour Will lose its pow'r, For You will guard us



press - es. In You a - lone, Dear Lord, we own Sweet  
 fail us. Your rod and staff Will keep us safe And  
 sure - ly. O God, re - new With heav'n - ly dew Our



hope and con - so - la - tion, Our shield from foes, Our balm for  
 guide our steps for - ev - er; Nor shades of death Nor hell be -  
 bod - y, soul, and spir - it Un - til we stand At Your right



woes, Our great and sure sal - va - tion.  
 neath Our lives from You will sev - er.  
 hand Through Je - sus' sav - ing mer - it.

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1 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His will is  
 2 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He nev - er  
 3 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His lov - ing  
 4 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He is my



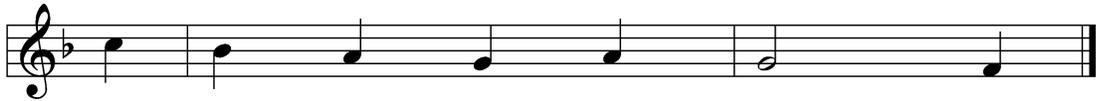
just and ho - ly. As He di - rects my life for me,  
 will de - ceive me; He leads me in His righ - teous way,  
 thought at - tends me; No poi - son can be in the cup  
 friend and Fa - ther; He suf - fers naught to do me harm



I fol - low meek and low - ly. My God in - deed  
 And nev - er will He leave me. I take con - tent  
 That my phy - si - cian sends me. My God is true;  
 Though man - y storms may gath - er. Now I may know



In ev - 'ry need Knows well how He will shield me;  
 What He has sent; His hand that sends me sad - ness  
 Each morn - ing new I trust His grace un - end - ing,  
 Both joy and woe; Some - day I shall see clear - ly



To Him, then, I will yield me.  
 Will turn my tears to glad - ness.  
 My life to Him com - mend - ing.  
 That He has loved me dear - ly.

5 What God ordains is always good:  
 Though I the cup am drinking  
 Which savors now of bitterness,  
 I take it without shrinking.  
 For after grief  
 God gives relief,  
 My heart with comfort filling  
 And all my sorrow stilling.

6 What God ordains is always good:  
 This truth remains unshaken.  
 Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,  
 I shall not be forsaken.  
 I fear no harm,  
 For with His arm  
 He shall embrace and shield me;  
 So to my God I yield me.

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

*Thank the Lord*

*LSB 164*



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, since You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us unto Yourself, grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the Good News of Your salvation that all who hear may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**C** Amen.

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

**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.

CLOSING HYMN

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

LSB 922



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.  
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.  
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos-er to Me;  
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy-ful and free. Here My  
I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-ev-er.  
heard My dear Son's sto-ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.  
Spir-it's pow-er filled you; Here His ten-der com-fort stilled you.  
Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.  
Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.  
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy-ful and free.  
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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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.*

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**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 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This Week’s Schedule**  
**July 30 – August 6**

<b>Today:</b>	<i>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</i>		
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	
	<b>10:15 AM</b>	Divine Worship: Setting I with Holy Communion	
	Acolyte:	Marc Maya	
	Greeter:	Destry Pohlmeier	
	Ushers:	Tom Hayden	Ben Holtkamp
		Lane Janner	Reid Janner
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Worship Online	
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	LWML Social	
	<b>7:30 PM</b>	LWML Meeting	
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Elders’ Meeting	
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	<i>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>		
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	
	<b>10:15 AM</b>	Divine Worship: Setting I with Holy Communion	
	Acolyte:	Lyla Kettler	
	Greeter:	Sherry Watson	
	Ushers:	Wyatt Janner	Craig Kankel
		Caleb Kettler	Clinton Kettler
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	Youth League Meeting	

**Serving in July:** Elder – Paul Richter / Trustee – Billy Ashorn  
**Serving in August:** Elder – Chris Smitherman / Trustee – Delwin Gaskamp

*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 Destry Pohlmeier.*

### **ATTENTION Youth League...**

Next Sunday, August 6th, we will have our monthly meeting at 11:30 after worship. A light lunch will be served. Please make plans to attend this meeting.



### Bethlehem Lutheran Voters' Assembly Meeting Summary—July 26, 2023

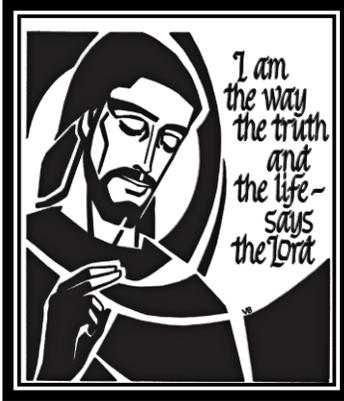


The Voters' Assembly met on July 26, 2023 at 7:30 PM. Pastor Krieg led the Voters' Assembly in a devotion focused on Romans 12:12. Corey and Amy Klussmann were received from St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Brenham, Texas to Bethlehem Lutheran Wm. Penn, Texas. Pastor Krieg presented a statistical report over June membership attendance. The previous minutes and the Treasurer's report were approved as presented. The Board of Elders reported that the offering plate will begin being passed during services starting in August. Furthermore, an online giving option will be available through the church's website starting in August and the church box will also remain in the Narthex to receive tithes. The Board of Education has scheduled Sunday School Promotion Sunday for August 27 with a fried chicken meal and games. A signup sheet for 2023-24 Sunday School teachers is available in the parish hall. The Board of Trustees reported on parsonage repairs and indicated that the fireplace is not functional. Trustees recommended installing a gas insert. The Voters' Assembly approved a contract change with UBEO copy services presented by the Trustees. A report was given from the Building Committee that the Parish Hall project is complete. The total cost of the entire construction project, including the water well, repairs to the parsonage and garage, and sprinkler system, was \$476,915.66. A balance of \$2,969.01 remains in the Parish Hall Fund. Voters' approved to dissolve the Parish Hall Fund, move the remaining balance into the Building Fund, and authorized the Trustees to use the funds to install a gas insert into the parsonage fireplace. The Voters' Assembly approved LWML's request to purchase new candelabras and candles using memorial funds from Jonnie Mae Lueckemeyer and Hannah (Koester) Stockton. Voters' also granted permission to the Board of Missions to purchase new United States and Christian flags, including the poles and stands, with a dedication and meal planned for November 12. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

### *Sunday School Corner*

Parents, next week in Sunday School, we will learn the account of Jesus and the Samaritan woman. In this lesson, we will learn that Jesus gives the Spirit, who cleanses us from sin and unrighteousness in the living water of Holy Baptism. To prepare for this lesson, talk with your children about how sin causes us to have guilt and shame before God. Emphasize that through the water and Word of Holy Baptism, all guilt and shame are removed. Discuss, "Jesus comes for all people, no matter what race or color they are. Ordinary water leaves us thirsting for more, but the living water of Jesus, which flows from His Word and the font of Baptism, quenches our spiritual thirst forever." 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



What is sin, and the difference between Original and actual sin? What was the Fall and the tactics used by the devil? How do we counter those tactics, and more importantly, how does God? What is the aftermath and final result of the Fall and sin? These are just some of the questions we answered as we began our study through Unit 3, Sin, Death, and the Devil, this morning. Next week we will continue going through Unit 3. 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
07-23 Sunday School	10	\$51.81
07-23 Youth Bible Class	3	
07-23 Adult Bible Class	30	
07-23 Worship Service	118	General Fund: \$1,700.00 LWML Fund: \$120.00 Mary Beth Holle Memorial: \$25.00 Donnie Holle Memorial: \$25.00