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

Divine Service: Setting One

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

Pre-Service Music

August Bible Verse

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD,
plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

Our Mission Statement

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

Ringing of the Church Bell

OPENING HYMN

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

LSB 765



1 God moves in a mys - te - rious way His
 2 Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, But
 3 His pur - pos - es will rip - en fast, Un -
 4 Blind un - be - lief is sure to err And
 5 You fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; The



won - ders to per - form; He plants His foot - steps
 trust Him for His grace; Be - hind a frown - ing
 fold - ing ev - 'ry hour; The bud may have a
 scan His work in vain; God is His own in -
 clouds you so much dread Are big with mer - cy



in the sea And rides up - on the storm.
 prov - i - dence Faith sees a smil - ing face.
 bit - ter taste, But sweet will be the flow'r.
 ter - pret - er, And He will make it plain.
 and will break In bless - ings on your head.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

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.

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.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 34:4–8; antiphon: v. 1

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,
and delivers them.
Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!
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.
I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

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

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22–33

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

²⁸And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

**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.**

CHILDREN'S HYMN

Children come forward during Children's Hymn

Seek Ye First

LSB 712

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you!
Allelu, alleluia!
- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, alleluia!
- 3 Man does not live by bread alone,
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,
Allelu, alleluia!

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

LSB 717



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the
 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traf - fic
 3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To spread a - broad the
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its
 runs a - main By moun - tain pass or val - ley low; Wher -
 fir - ma - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by Thy might Save
 dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 ev - er, Lord, Thy peo - ple go, Pro - tect them by Thy
 all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And keep them by Thy
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall



cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 guard - ing hand From ev - 'ry per - il on the land.
 watch - ful care From ev - 'ry per - il in the air.
 rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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SERMON

Who Do You Think You Are? – Job 38:4-18

OFFERTORY

LSB 159



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.

OFFERING PRAYER

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH



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.

May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the Lord make His face shine
upon you and be gracious to you;
May the Lord lift up His favour upon
you and give you His peace.

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

"How Shall They Hear," Who Have Not Heard

LSB 831



1 "How shall they hear," who have not heard
 2 "To all the world," to ev - 'ry place,
 3 "Whom shall I send?" Who hears the call,
 4 "Lord, here am I." Your fire im - part
 5 Spir - it of love, with - in us move:



News of a Lord who loved and came;
 Neigh - bors and friends and far - off lands,
 Con - stant in prayer, through toil and pain,
 To this poor cold self - cen - tered soul;
 Spir - it of truth, in pow'r come down!



Nor known His rec - on - cil - ing word,
 Preach the good news of sav - ing grace;
 Tell - ing of One who died for all,
 Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart,
 So shall they hear and find and prove



Nor learned to trust a Sav - ior's name?
 Go while the great com - mis - sion stands.
 To bring a lost world home a - gain?
 And make a world for Christ my goal.
 Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.

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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.

In order to be good stewards of the gifts God has given us, you can now *sign up for the newsletter to be emailed to you directly* instead of receiving a hard copy. This cuts the cost of printing and postage. If you prefer a digital copy, please scan the QR code to sign up, so we know not to print a copy for you. If you would still like to receive the print copy, there is no need to do anything.





Congregation: We give thanks to God for bringing Hunter Lee Choyce to the waters of Holy Baptism on Saturday; for the birth of Nolan Kade Schroeder, may the Holy Spirit bring him soon to the waters of Holy Baptism; for the family and friends of Cheri Dahmann; 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 students, parents, and teachers as they prepare for the start of another school year; 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week’s Schedule
August 13 – August 20

Today: *Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*
9:00 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:15 AM Divine Worship: Setting I
 Acolyte: Marc Maya
 Greeter: Sandra Schwartz
 Ushers: Henry Kettler Matt Kettler
 Michael Kettler Robert Kettler

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

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

Thursday: **7:30 PM** Special Men's Club Meeting

Next Sunday: *Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*
9:00 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:15 AM Divine Worship: Setting III with Holy Communion
 Acolyte: Lane Borgstedt
 Greeter: Dorcas Schroeder
 Ushers: Caleb Klussmann Don Koester
 Valgene Kohring Arturo Maya
11:30 AM Confirmation Meeting

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 Sandra Schwartz.



Attention all men of the congregation:
 A special Men's Club meeting will be held **this Thursday (Aug. 17) at 7:30pm** to discuss the drive-thru pork steak fundraiser. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending. Thank you.

PROMOTION SUNDAY—August 27



Mark your calendars!

Promotion Sunday is August 27.

After Sunday morning worship, we will have a fried chicken meal and games to celebrate our Lord's work among us.

Return the insert or scan the QR code to RSVP by August 20.

We hope to see you there!



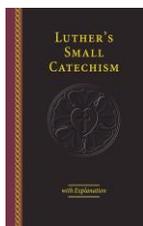
Sisters in Christ



This Bible study group is for women, young and old and in-between, to grow together in God's truth and love. We come together to study God's Word and build each other up in Christ, guided by Ephesians 4:15-16: *Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*

We meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 10 am at Marilyn Klussmann's home.

Please talk with Laura Fisher for more information.



Dear Parents,

As August is upon us, it is time once again to begin our **Confirmation** studies here at Bethlehem Lutheran Church – William Penn. I am excited to have your children in my first Confirmation class here at Bethlehem. There will be a short but informative meeting after church on August 20th to go over what Confirmation will look like. As we will be going over the requirements and expectations for the upcoming year, your attendance is important.

This meeting is for all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade parents and their children who will be going through Confirmation here at Bethlehem.

In the meantime, here is a link to the Confirmation page from our website so you can familiarize yourself beforehand with our approach to Confirmation and what to expect for the upcoming year.

<https://www.bethlehemwmpenn.org/confirmation>

In Christ's Service and Yours,

Pastor Krieg



The Board of Education is **looking for Sunday School teachers** for the coming school year, beginning the first Sunday of September.

The teacher openings are the following:

- Early Childhood (ages 2- PreK)
- Lower Elementary (kindergarten- 2nd grade)
- Youth Bible Class
- Music leaders

The sign-up sheet is located on the cabinet in the parish hall.

You are invited!

To the Texas Confessional Lutherans annual
FREE CONFERENCE on **Friday, August 25th** and **Saturday, August 26th** at
Grace Lutheran Church, located at 1212 Jefferson Street in Brenham, Texas.



Rev. Dr. Carl Beckwith, professor of historical theology at Concordia
Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN will be the speaker. He will speak on
the theme “By the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)”.

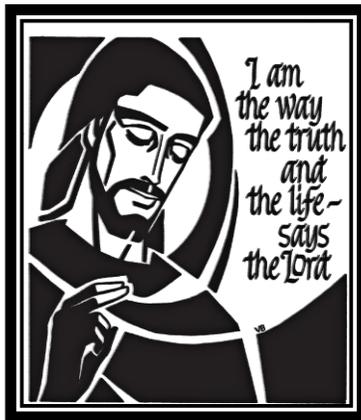
A catered luncheon of barbeque and trimmings will be served at 12:00pm on Saturday at a cost of \$15.00
per plate for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12.

Please order tickets in advance by emailing your request to William Kruger by phone at 979-421-3740;
by mail at 4781 Pieper Road, Brenham, Texas 77833 or by email at robertlangeinc@msn.com. The
tickets will be distributed at the registration table at the conference. Orders need to be received no later
than Friday, August 18.

Sunday School Corner

Parents, next week in Sunday School, we will learn the account of how “Jesus Feeds Five Thousand.”
They will learn that in His love, God promises to care for all our physical and spiritual needs and gives us
the greatest treasure—His SON and the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. In preparation for the
lesson, as a family, discuss, “In what ways has God provided for both your physical and spiritual needs?”
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)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ of Bethlehem Lutheran,

I want to start by expressing gratitude for your unwavering support and generosity toward your church. Your contributions have been essential to our ability to continue carrying out our mission and serving the needs of our congregation, our community, and the world.

I want to take this opportunity to introduce our **new e-giving platform**, Vanco. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online, and we are confident that it will make giving more convenient for many members of our congregation.

You can now give on our website under the “Give” tab at the top right of the screen or scan the QR code below.



Whether you choose to give online or in person, your support is vital to the continued success of Bethlehem Lutheran. I am so grateful for your generosity and commitment to our congregation, our community, and the world.

Thank you again for all that you do.

In Christ's Service and Yours,

Pastor Krieg

Last Week at Bethlehem

SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	GIFTS IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL
08-06 Sunday School	8	\$31.62
08-06 Youth Bible Class	3	
08-06 Adult Bible Class	24	
08-06 Worship Service	120	General Fund: \$4,970.00 LWML: \$125.00 Missions: \$25.00 Gravesites: \$3,000.00 Cheri Dahmann Memorial: \$105.00