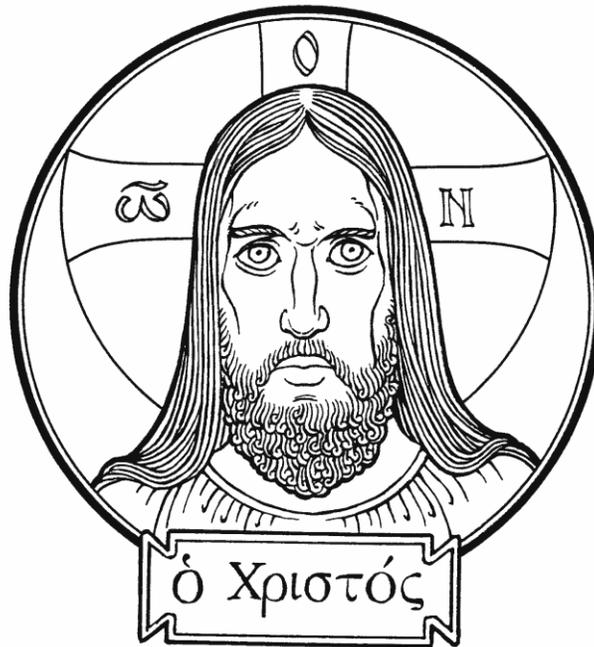




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## **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**AUGUST 27, 2023**



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## 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!



Today is *Promotion Sunday*,  
when we celebrate what God has done among us this past year  
with an eager expectation for His continued good work among us this coming year.  
Let us praise God, from whom *all* blessings flow!

### *Ringing of the Church Bell*

#### OPENING HYMN

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

LSB 909



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of  
3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faith - ful All the gifts they  
△ 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; Come with all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
ask to gain; What they gain from You, for - ev - er  
to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's  
Hear Your peo - ple as they pray; And Your full - est  
With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter  
Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and



help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.  
one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

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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 2:6–7; 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18*

But we will bless the LORD

**from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!**

As for me, I have set my King

**on Zion, my holy hill.**

I will tell of the decree:

**The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.”**

Praise the LORD, all nations!

**Extol him, all peoples!**

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. 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.**

But we will bless the LORD

**from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!**

**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*

**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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 51:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,  
 you who seek the LORD:  
 look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
 and to the quarry from which you were dug.  
<sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father  
 and to Sarah who bore you;  
 for he was but one when I called him,  
 that I might bless him and multiply him.  
<sup>3</sup>For the LORD comforts Zion;  
 he comforts all her waste places  
 and makes her wilderness like Eden,  
 her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
 joy and gladness will be found in her,  
 thanksgiving and the voice of song.  
<sup>4</sup>“Give attention to me, my people,  
 and give ear to me, my nation;  
 for a law will go out from me,  
 and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup>My righteousness draws near,  
 my salvation has gone out,

and my arms will judge the peoples;  
 the coastlands hope for me,  
 and for my arm they wait.  
<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
 and look at the earth beneath;  
 for the heavens vanish like smoke,  
 the earth will wear out like a garment,  
 and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;  
 but my salvation will be forever,  
 and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

*Romans 11:33—12:8*

<sup>33</sup>Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

<sup>34</sup>“For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
 or who has been his counselor?”

<sup>35</sup>“Or who has given a gift to him  
 that he might be repaid?”

<sup>36</sup>For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

<sup>6</sup>Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup>the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

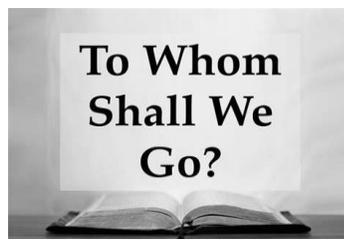
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COMMON ALLELUIA

*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.







1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most  
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His  
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how  
 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



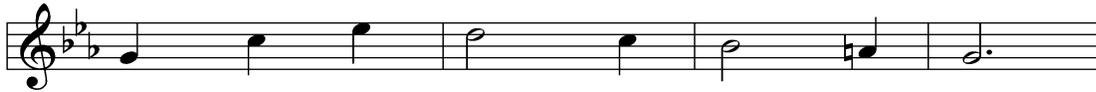
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in  
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His  
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's  
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -  
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -  
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives  
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove  
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,  
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim  
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,  
 Choos - es to live with us in love,  
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,  
 You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.  
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.  
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.  
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

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## SERMON

*You Are Blessed – Matthew 16:13–20*



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

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS



<i>Class</i>	<i>Teachers</i>
<i>Early Childhood (2 thru Pre-K)</i>	<i>Collin &amp; Amy Schroeder</i>
<i>Lower Elementary (K—2<sup>nd</sup> grade)</i>	<i>Shirley Klussmann, Emily Searle</i>
<i>Upper Elementary (3<sup>rd</sup>—5<sup>th</sup> grade)</i>	<i>Lori Schramme, Tracy Searle</i>
<i>Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> grade)</i>	<i>Vickie Ashorn, Jennifer Krieg</i>

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH



**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.

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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—  
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;  
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree  
 All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
 Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.  
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.



**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, the newsletter will now be emailed to you directly to save on the cost of printing and postage. To ensure you continue receiving the newsletter, scan the QR code to the right to verify your email address.



**Congregation:** for Roger Schroeder, a quick and successful recovery from his heart attack; for Edith Erwin, 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 Peggy Sunvison (Ann Koester’s sister) who has health issues; Sarah Farell (Millie Harmann’s daughter); 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 the people of Hawai’i who are affected by the wildfires; 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 27 – September 3**

**Today:**

***Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost***  
***Promotion Sunday***



<b>9:00 AM</b>	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
<b>10:15 AM</b>	Divine Worship: Setting I
Acolyte:	Hannah Nowicki
Greeter:	Billie Weidemann
Ushers:	Landon Duckett Charles Meyer Brad Molitor Paul Richter
<b>11:30 AM</b>	Promotion Sunday Lunch and Games

**Monday:**

<b>10:00 AM</b>	Worship Online
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Sisters in Christ Bible Study

**Tuesday:**

<b>6:30 PM</b>	Women’s Bible Study
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**Wednesday:**

<b>4:30 PM</b>	First Midweek Confirmation Class
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**Next Sunday:**

***Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

**9:00 AM** Sunday School, Confirmation, & Adult Bible Class

**10:15 AM** Divine Worship: Setting I with Communion

Acolyte: Kaisen Ashorn

Greeter: Shirley Ashorn

Ushers: Kaden Flisowski Colin Schomburg  
Collin Schroeder Dale Schroeder

**Serving in August: Elder** – Chris Smitherman / **Trustee** – Delwin Gaskamp

**Serving in September: Elder** – Charles Meyer / **Trustee** – Robert Kettler

*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 Billie Weidemann.*



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:

- Youth Bible Class
- Music leaders

If there are two teachers that sign up for a class, you would be teaching every other month. The sign-up sheet is located on the cabinet in the parish hall. Please show your love and devotion to our children so that they may know about Jesus' love for them.

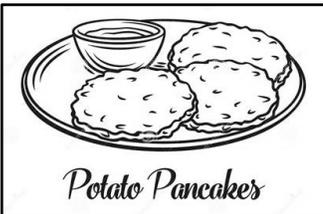
*Sisters in Christ*

Join us **August 28, at 10am** for our first Sisters in Christ Bible study this fall!

Women of all ages are encouraged to attend.

We meet at Marilyn Klussmann's home on the fourth Monday of every month, and this month we will enjoy brunch and each other's company as we decide what study to do.

Please talk with Laura Fisher for more information.



*Potato Pancakes*

One of the great traditions here at Bethlehem was our **potato pancake supper**. It was a time for the congregation to fellowship while also reaching out to our community. Like so many things, COVID brought a stop to it. I have heard from many people in the congregation who are interested in reviving this tradition again. To that end, I would like an exploratory committee to come together to look into ***what it would take to bring back this event successfully***. If you are **interested in joining this committee**, please contact **Matthew Kettler at [kettlerma@gmail.com](mailto:kettlerma@gmail.com) or 979-251-4172**. I would like to have a meeting of those interested next month so please let us know as soon as possible. Thank you.

In Christ's Service and Yours,

Pastor Krieg

Online Giving

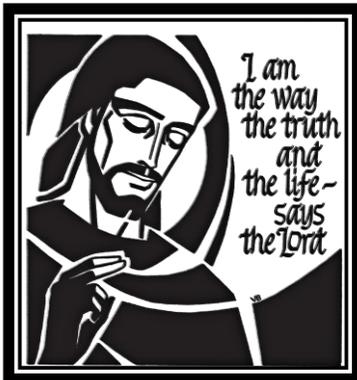


You can now give tithes and offerings on our website under the “Give” tab at the top right of the screen, or you can scan the QR code above.

*Sunday School Corner*

Parents, next week in Sunday School, we will begin our new Sunday school lessons for the Fall. The lesson will be “A Mighty Wonder.” In six days—through His spoken Word alone—the heavenly Father creates a universe so vast and complex it defies our limited human understanding. Humankind, the crown of His creation, made in His own image, comes to be through the intimate work of His hands and with His own breath. In preparation for this lesson, parents discuss the wonders of God’s creation with your family. 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 Jesus? What are His two natures? What were the Messianic prophecies that pointed to Christ coming? These are just some of the questions we answered as we began our study through Unit 5, Jesus Christ: Savior of the World, this morning. Next week we will continue with Unit 5. 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:

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**Last Week at Bethlehem**

SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	GIFTS IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL
08-20 Sunday School	14	\$31.00
08-20 Youth Bible Class	2	
08-20 Adult Bible Class	31	
08-20 Worship Service	129	General Fund: \$1,633.00 Men’s Club: \$125.00