



*Bethlehem Lutheran Church—William Penn  
Founded 1860—Lutheran Church Missouri Synod*

## **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**JUNE 7, 2026**

**10:15 AM**



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*Second Sunday after Pentecost*

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**Divine Service: Setting III with Holy Communion**

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

*Pre-Service Music*



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

**June Bible Verse**

"At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light."

*Ephesians 5:8*

**Our Mission Statement**

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



**COMMUNION STATEMENT**

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.

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*Ringing of the Church Bell*

OPENING HYMN

*Salvation unto Us Has Come*

*LSB 555 sts. 1-4*



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and  
2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could  
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had  
4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They  
 ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For  
 giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And  
 ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus  
 man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those  
 by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a  
 guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the  
 pure de - sires The spir - it of the  
 mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred  
 poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.  
 Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.  
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.  
 guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

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*Stand*

*The sign of the ✠ Cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

INVOCATION

*LSB 184*

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

**C** Amen.

CONFESSON 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.

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

**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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

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INTROIT

*Psalm 50:7-10; antiphon: v. 1*

The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth  
**from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you.  
**I am God, your God.**

Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;  
**your burnt offerings are continually before me.**

I will not accept a bull from your house  
**or goats from your folds.**

For every beast of the forest is mine,  
**the cattle on a thousand hills.**

**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 Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth  
**from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

GLORIA PATRI

*LSB 186*



**G**lo-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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

*Gloria in Excelsis*

LSB 187

**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.

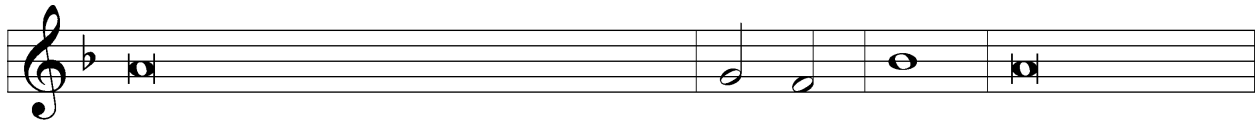
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

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.

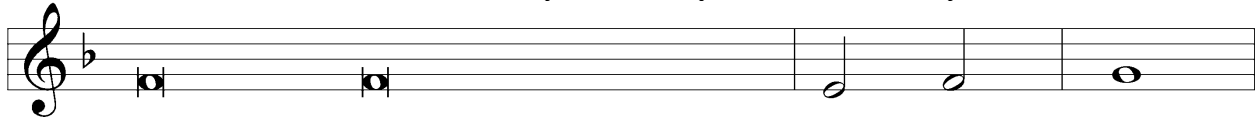
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



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.

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Sit*

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Hosea 5:15-6:6*

<sup>15</sup>I will return again to my place,  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face,  
and in their distress earnestly seek me.

<sup>16</sup>Come, let us return to the LORD;  
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;  
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

<sup>2</sup>After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.

<sup>3</sup>Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;  
his going out is sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us as the showers,  
as the spring rains that water the earth.”

<sup>4</sup>What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes early away.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;  
I have slain them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

<sup>6</sup>For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

*Psalm 145:3,5b,6b*

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.  
On your wondrous works, I will meditate,  
and I will declare your greatness.

EPISTLE

*Romans 4:13-25*

<sup>13</sup>The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>That is why his faith was “counted to him as

righteousness.”<sup>23</sup> But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup>who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

COMMON ALLELUIA

*LSB 190*



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

HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 9:9-13*

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



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

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup>But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

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



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

**☩ 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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Let Me Be Thine Forever*

LSB 689



1 Let me be Thine for - ev - er, My faith - ful God and Lord;  
2 Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, My light, my life di - vine,  
3 And Thou, O Ho - ly Spir - it, My com - fort - er and guide,



Let me for-sake Thee nev - er Nor wan - der from Thy Word.  
My on - ly con - so - la - tion, O make me whol - ly Thine!  
Grant that in Je - sus' mer - it I al - ways may con - fide,



Lord, do not let me wa - ver, But give me stead - fast - ness,  
For Thou hast dear - ly bought me With blood and bit - ter pain.  
Him to the end con - fess - ing Whom I have known by faith.



And for such grace for - ev - er Thy ho - ly name I'll bless.  
Let me, since Thou hast sought me, E - ter - nal life ob - tain.  
Give me Thy con - stant bless - ing And grant a Chris - tian death.

Text: tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.; (st. 1): Nicolaus Selnecker, 1532–92; (sts. 2–3): Gesang-Büchlein, 1688, Rudolstadt Tune: Musika Teutsch, 1532, Nürnberg Text and tune: Public domain

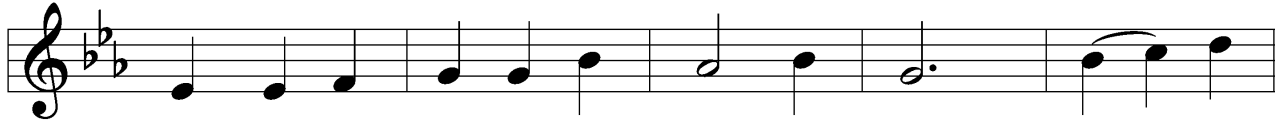
SERMON

*When Jesus Passed By*  
*Matthew 9:9-13*

*Stand*

OFFERTORY


LSB 192



**☐** 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.

OFFERING PRAYER

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OFFERING

*Stand*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

*LSB 194*

**P** The Lord be with you.



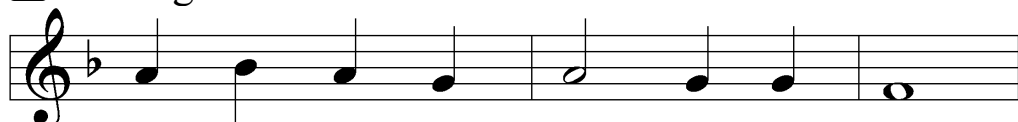
**C** And with thy spir - it.

**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. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

LSB 195



**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

LSB 162

**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 ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

LSB 197

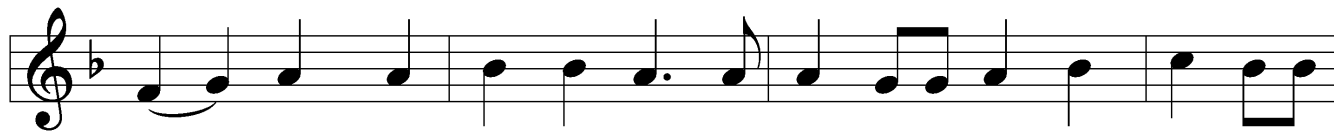
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 198



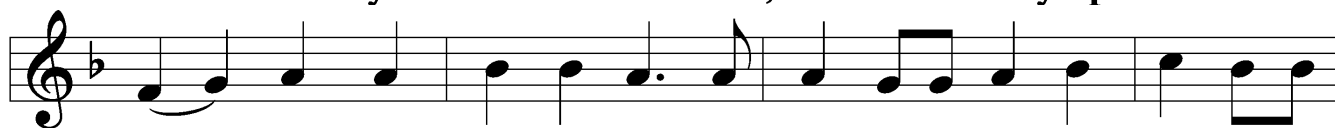
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



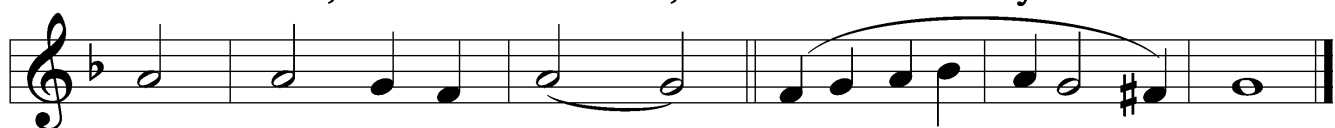
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

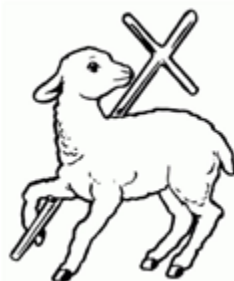


O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*“As Surely as I Live,” God Said*

LSB 614



1 “As sure - ly as I live,” God said, “I would not  
 2 And so our Lord gave this com - mand: “Go forth and  
 3 “All those whose sins you thus re - mit I tru - ly  
 4 “What you will bind, that bound shall be; What you will



see the sin - ner dead. I want him turned from  
 preach in ev - 'ry land; Be - stow on all My  
 par - don and ac - quit, And those whose sins you  
 loose, that shall be free; To My dear Church the



er - ror's ways, Re - pen - tant, liv - ing end - less days.”  
 par - d'ning grace Who will re - pent and mend their ways.  
 will re - tain Con - demned and guilt - y shall re - main.  
 keys are giv'n To o - pen, close the gates of heav'n.”

5 The words which absolution give Are  
 His who died that we might live;  
 The minister whom Christ has sent  
 Is but His humble instrument.

7 All praise to You, O Christ, shall be  
 For absolution full and free,  
 In which You show Your richest grace;  
 From false indulgence guard our race.

6 When ministers lay on their hands,  
 Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;  
 He who by grace the Word believes  
 The purchase of His blood receives.

8 Praise God the Father and the Son  
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
 As was, is now, and so shall be  
 World without end, eternally!

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*Just as I Am, without One Plea*

LSB 570



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my  
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a  
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
 Because Thy promise I believe,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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*Today Your Mercy Calls Us*

*LSB 915*



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
 2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
 Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
 His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
 What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
 The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
 No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
 When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
 A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
 Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
 We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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*O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing*

LSB 635



1 O gra - cious Lord, I firm - ly am be - liev - ing  
2 Lord, I have sinned, a thou - sand times of - fend - ing;  
3 You see my sin yet seat me at Your ta - ble;  
4 O Lamb of God, my faith - ful, lov - ing Sav - ior,  
5 Heav - en - ly Bread, my life and ben - e - dic - tion,



Your bound - less love will bless each faith - ful soul,  
My thank - less thoughts and words and deeds e - raise,  
Lord, as a guest, I sure - ly am the least:  
You I em - brace in faith and ho - ly love;  
This cup You give can take a - way each ill.



As from this al - tar we are here re - ceiv - ing  
To me Your hand of mer - cy now ex - tend - ing,  
Un - clean, un - fit, of wor - thy deeds un - a - ble—  
Grant me the strength to show by my be - hav - ior  
Come and re - lieve my soul from all af - flic - tion;



Your bod - y and Your blood to make us whole,  
O God, my Sav - ior, I im - plore Your grace,  
My heart pre - pare for this most ho - ly feast,  
A life now hid - den in Your reign a - bove,  
Calm ev - 'ry sigh un - til my heart is still,



Your bod - y and Your blood to make us whole.  
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## NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199

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.

BENEDICTION

LSB 202

**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.

*Sit*

CLOSING HYMN

*Salvation unto Us Has Come*

LSB 555 sts. 5–10



5 Yet as the Law must be ful - filled Or we must die de -  
 6 Since Christ has full a - tone - ment made And brought to us sal -  
 7 Let me not doubt, but tru - ly see Your Word can - not be  
 8 The Law re - veals the guilt of sin And makes us con - science -



spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled, Our  
 va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad And  
 bro - ken; Your call rings out, "Come un - to Me!" No  
 strick - en; But then the Gos - pel en - ters in The



hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for us the  
 build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear  
 false - hood have You spo - ken. Bap - tized in - to Your  
 sin - ful soul to quick - en. Come to the cross, trust



Law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's  
 Lord, I plead, Your death is now my  
 pre - cious name, My faith can - not be  
 Christ, and live; The Law no peace can



ven - geance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.  
 life in - deed, For You have paid my ran - som.  
 put to shame, And I shall nev - er per - ish.  
 ev - er give, No com - fort and no bless - ing.

9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone  
 And rests in Him unceasing;  
 And by its fruits true faith is known,  
 With love and hope increasing.  
 For faith alone can justify;  
 Works serve our neighbor and supply  
 The proof that faith is living.

△10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise  
 To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
 The God who saved us by His grace;  
 All glory to His merit.  
 O triune God in heav'n above,  
 You have revealed Your saving love;  
 Your blessed name we hallow.

Text: Paul Speratus, 1484–1551; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Tune: Etlich Cristlich lider, 1524, Wittenberg Text and tune: Public domain



#### 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 blessings on the baptism of Lachlan Reed Kimmel; for health and healing for David Boenker; health and healing for Jerry Kohring; healing for Terry and Becky Lueckemeyer; healing

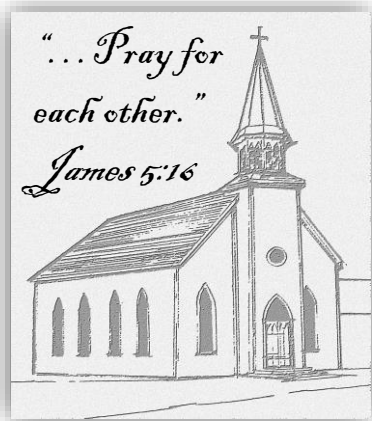
for Lillian Hayden from knee surgery; for Tom Hayden's recovery after surgery and continued healing; for Adeline Platt's health; and Deloris Griffin; for our shut-in members: Renee Brinkmann, Mildred Holle, Elvera Schroeder, and others who are unable to come to church.

**Community:** blessings on William and Skylar Killinger as he continues his courses in preparation for his Holy Ministry and prayers for Skylar as she recovers from her injury; for Grace Lutheran School, that they may continue to be a place for the children of our community and congregation to learn and grow in their faith and knowledge of God's world; may our Lord continue to deliver to us favorable weather; for Brenham Pregnancy Center and those whose lives they touched; Faith Mission; families and individuals cared for by Child Protective Services.



**World:** for all those suffering through war, may God watch over and protect His children, and by His Holy Spirit, may they all come to know Christ as their Savior and thus enjoy eternity with Him, 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.

### Bethlehem at Prayer



Prayer is a vital part of our life together in Christ. To that end, *Bethlehem at Prayer* is a means to encourage more intentional prayer for one another. This is an opportunity for us to support one another in faith, lifting up each household by name before our gracious God. While members can always request prayers at any time, this effort ensures that every family at Bethlehem is prayed for regularly. We invite you to join us in encouragement and intercession, praying for our brothers and sisters in Christ each week.

*Please remember these families in your prayers this week:*

- Hafer - Amanda
- Haferkamp – Stanley, Julie, Kinsley, Tanner
- Latham - Colleen
- Lueckemeyer – Terry, Becky
- Thornton – Rosemary
- Van Eman – Lynn

*May the Lord bless and strengthen them in faith and life.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### This Week's Schedule

**June 7 – June 14**

**Today: *Second Sunday after Pentecost***

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

**9:00 AM** Youth League Meeting

**10:15 AM** Divine Worship: Setting III with Holy Communion

Acolyte: Michael Hinze

Greeter: Donna Hinze

Ushers: Jason Ashorn

Kaisen Ashorn

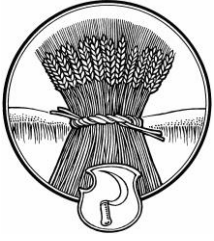
Melvin Ashorn

Eric Berglund



**Wednesday:**

**8:30 AM** Sonshine



**Next Sunday: *Third Sunday after Pentecost***

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

**10:15 AM** Divine Worship: Setting III with Holy Communion

Acolyte: Norman Krieg

Greeter: Diane Jaehne

Ushers: Brian Crabb                      Daryl Dahman

Doyle Dahmann                      Glenn Foster

**Serving in June: Elder – Chris Smitherman / Trustee – Michael Schroeder**

*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 David and Cathy Hodge in celebration of the birthdays of Jennifer and Norman Krieg.*

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH  
THE POTATO PANCAKE SUPPER

*A Special*  
**THANK YOU**

*This year's Potato Pancake Supper was a huge success and we could not have done it without your help! We give thanks God for His goodness and generosity!*

*Mark your Calendars for...*



*Tropical Trek VBS - June 16-19*

We need adult volunteers to help lead music, crafts, games, and the kitchen. If you are interested, please reach out to Ann Smitherman or sign up in the parish hall. Also, if you are interested in your child or grandchild taking part in VBS this summer, please sign them up in the parish hall.

## Lutheran Education Scholarship Announcement



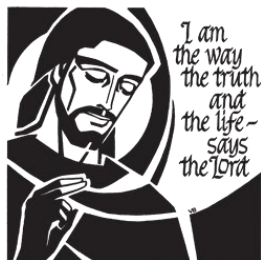
The Board of Missions is pleased to announce the establishment of a Lutheran Education Scholarship for the members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. This scholarship is available to all members who attend an LCMS daycare, parochial school, university, or seminary. Funds will be distributed at the beginning of the 2026–2027 school year.

If you would like to support this mission and help encourage faithful Lutheran education, you may contribute by placing your gift in the offering plate and designating it for the *Lutheran Education Scholarship Fund*. For more information, please see Pastor Krieg.



Through our congregation's participation in the Adopt-a-Seminarian program, we have been blessed to be paired with seminarian William Killinger and his wife, Skylar. We will continue to collect gifts all year long, sending them each quarter. Simply place your gift in the offering plate and designate it for "Seminarian William Killinger". An update of his progress is posted in the Parish Hall. Please keep them in your prayers.

### Sunday School Corner



In our Spring unit, we conclude our study of the New Testament, beginning with the appearance of the resurrected Christ and continuing through the growth of the Early Church. This morning, the kids studied the lesson "Paul's Prison Protection – The Plot to Kill Paul." When Paul's nephew overhears a plot by the Jews to assassinate Paul, he tells Paul, who tells his prison guards. They take the young man to the Roman tribune, who takes action to protect Paul from the plot. Now guarded by at least 470 soldiers, spearmen, and horsemen, Paul is safely moved to Caesarea to await a hearing before Governor Felix. To reinforce this lesson with your kids, as a family, discuss: God promises to protect us from our enemies, but who exactly are our enemies? What's the difference between an opponent and an enemy? It's no accident that God chose Paul, who had been a Pharisee, who was also a Roman citizen and had a unique ability to reach a wide variety of people. It was no accident that it was Paul's nephew who heard the plot to kill Paul. God put all these people in just the right place at just the right time. God does exactly the same with your life. What are some of the unique gifts that God has given you to tell of the Good News of Jesus right where you are? Also, parents, you can join Pastor Krieg in the adult Sunday School class. See you next week!

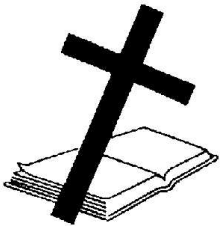
## High School Lesson

Our High School Sunday School class is beginning a new study series using Not-So-Nice Bible Stories: Master Criminals. In this engaging and thought-provoking study, students will explore the stories of some of Scripture's most notorious wrongdoers, and discover how God's mercy and grace still shine through even the darkest human deeds. Each lesson points us to Christ, who took the punishment for all sin upon Himself and gives us forgiveness, life, and salvation. Join us as we dig into God's Word, wrestle with tough questions, and see how even "master criminals" reveal our need for the one true Savior, Jesus Christ.

### **Lesson 18 – The Jail Breaks Without a Jailbreak (Acts 16)**

In this week's lesson, our High School Sunday School class studied Paul and Silas in prison and the remarkable events that followed. Students explored how the apostles remained faithful even while suffering unjustly for the sake of Christ. When God sent an earthquake to open the prison doors, Paul and Silas did not flee. Instead, they stayed and proclaimed the Gospel to the terrified jailer, who asked the most important question of all: "What must I do to be saved?" We discussed how salvation comes not through our works, but through faith in Jesus Christ, who died and rose again for sinners. This account reminds us that God often works through trials and hardships to bring His saving Word to those who need to hear it, transforming lives through the power of the Gospel.

## Adult Sunday School Lesson



**Join us as we begin a new Adult Sunday School study on the Means of Grace**, the wonderful gifts through which Christ delivers forgiveness, life, and salvation to His people. Together, we will study the Word of God, Holy Baptism, Holy Absolution, and the Lord's Supper from Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.

What makes Lutherans speak so strongly about Baptism? Why do we believe Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper? Why is it proper to commune every Sunday? What is Absolution, and why is hearing forgiveness spoken aloud such a comfort? How does God actually create and strengthen faith?

These are not merely academic questions. The Means of Grace are at the very heart of the Christian life because they are the very ways Christ comes to serve sinners with His mercy and forgiveness. Even if you have not attended Sunday School recently, now is a wonderful time to begin. Whether you are a lifelong Lutheran or newer to the faith, this study will help deepen your understanding of Christ's gifts and strengthen your confidence in His promises. Come and receive the comfort and certainty Christ gives through His Means of Grace!



**June 7 – Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
– Sin is the cause of all our woes in this life. God says so. Does it mean we can pick out particular sins as being the cause of particular woes? Quite often not. But we do

know the cure to all our woes: the death of Jesus. His death paid for all our sins. His death gives us eternal life, no matter what sins we carry and no matter what woes we suffer. Jesus is greater than them all, and Jesus has paid the price for them all. So, as St. Peter says, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself” (Acts 2:38-39). Repent of your sins and let Him cure all your woes.



*Online Giving*

You may give tithes and offerings online by clicking the “Give” tab on our website (<https://www.bethlehemwmpenn.org/>), or just scan the QR code to the left.

**Last Week at Bethlehem**

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	GIFTS IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL
May 31	Sunday School	12	\$81.75
	Youth Bible Class	2	
	Adult Bible Class	24	
May 31	Worship Service	117	General Fund: \$3,263.03