

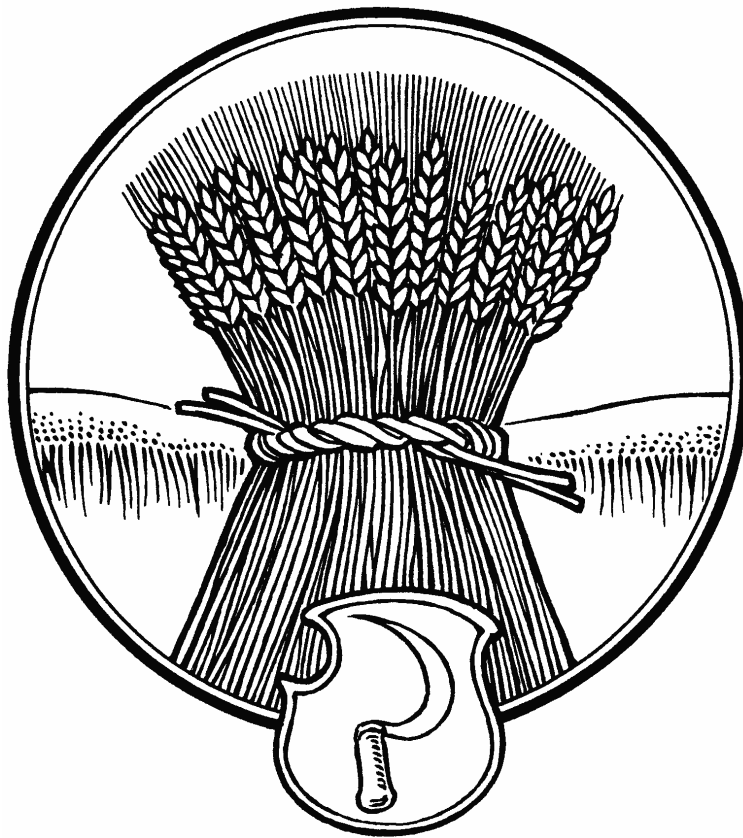


*Bethlehem Lutheran Church—William Penn  
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## **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**JUNE 14, 2026**

**10:15 AM**



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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**

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**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

*Christ the Eternal Lord*

*LSB 829*



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,  
2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,  
3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,  
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,  
5 Christ the as - cend - ed King Ex - alt - ed high a - bove,



Whose gifts of grace are free-ly poured On all who name Your name;  
 Whose time-less teach-ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip-ture's page;  
 And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;  
 Our Morn-ing Star in splen-dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;  
 Whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, Whom yet un - seen we love;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,  
 Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,  
 In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,  
 That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,  
 When mor - tal life is past Your voice from heav-en's throne



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.  
 With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.  
 That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.  
 Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour-ney ends.  
 Shall call Your chil - dren home at last To know as we are known.

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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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*LSB 184*

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

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

**C** who made heaven and earth.

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

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

*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 67:4-7; antiphon: v.3*

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**let all the peoples praise you!**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**let all the peoples praise you!**

The earth has yielded its increase;

**God, our God, shall bless us.**

God shall bless us;

**let all the ends of the earth fear 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.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**let all the peoples praise you!**

GLORIA PATRI

*LSB 186*



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.

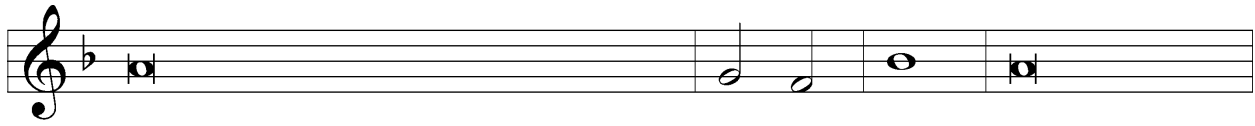
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

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.

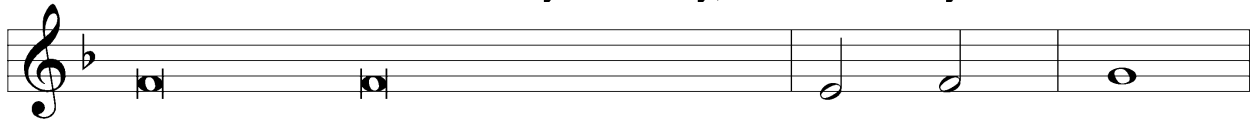
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



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, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Sit*

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Exodus 19:2-8*

<sup>2</sup>[The people of Israel] set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, <sup>3</sup>while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup>You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; <sup>6</sup>and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

<sup>7</sup>So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8</sup>All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

**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 5:6-15*

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— <sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

**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 9:35-10:8*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth and tenth chapters.



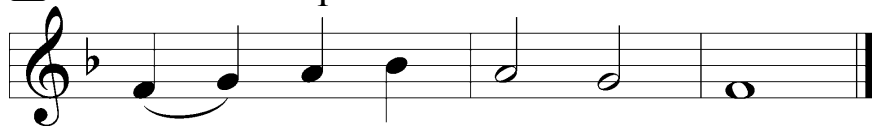
**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

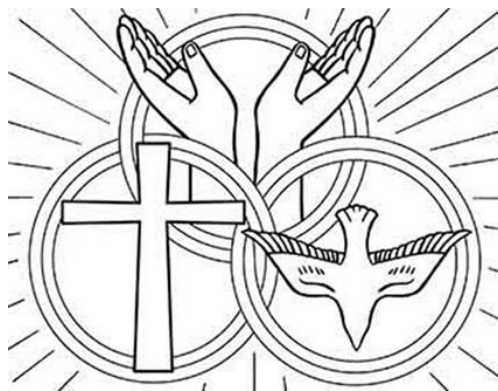
<sup>1</sup>And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. <sup>2</sup>The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ <sup>8</sup>Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.”

**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

*O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth*

LSB 834



1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, Thy liv - ing  
 2 Our fa - tal will to e - qual Thee, Our reb - el  
 3 Thou cam - est to our hall of death, O Christ, to  
 Δ 4 O Spir - it, who didst once re - store Thy Church that



fin - ger nev - er wrote That life should be an aim -  
 will wrought death and night. We seized and used in pride -  
 breathe our poi - soned air, To drink for us the dark  
 it might be a - gain The bring - er of good news



less mote, A death - ward drift from fu - tile birth.  
 ful spite Thy won - drous gift of lib - er - ty.  
 de - spair That stran - gled our re - luc - tant breath.  
 to men, Breathe on Thy clo - ven Church once more,



Thy Word meant life tri - um - phant hurled In splen - dor through  
 We housed us in this house of doom, Where death had roy -  
 How beau - ti - ful the feet that trod The road that leads  
 That in these gray and lat - ter days There may be those



Thy bro - ken world. Since light a - woke and life be - gan,  
 al scope and room, Un - til Thy ser - vant, Prince of Peace,  
 us back to God! How beau - ti - ful the feet that ran  
 whose life is praise, Each life a high dox - ol - o - gy



Thou hast de - sired Thy life for man.  
 Breached all its walls for our re - lease.  
 To bring the great good news to man!  
 To Fa - ther, Son, and un - to Thee.

SERMON  
*The Poisoned River and the Living Water*  
Romans 5:6-15

*Stand*

OFFERTORY

LSB 192



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

OFFERING PRAYER

*Sit*

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, 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 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

*Spread the Reign of God the Lord*

LSB 830



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;  
 2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,  
 3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race  
 4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.  
 How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.  
 And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
 Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

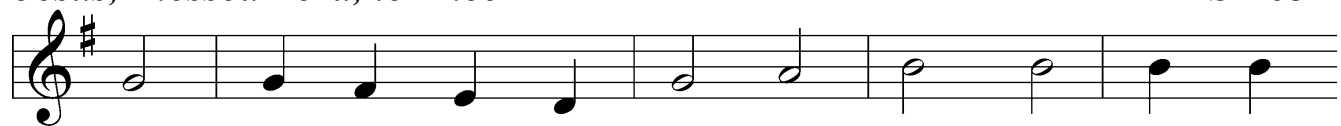
5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;  
 Ripe the promise of its yield.  
 But the reapers, oh, how few  
 For the work there is to do!

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,  
 Rouse to action heart and mind;  
 Let the gath'ring nations all  
 See Your light and heed Your call.

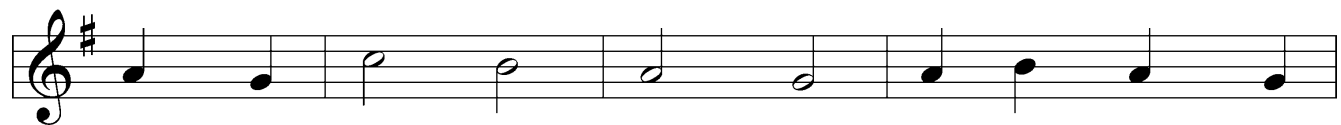
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*O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee*

LSB 632



1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt  
 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is



thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -  
 come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -



ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.  
 in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

LSB 918



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,  
Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no  
strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more;  
shield;  
Thee;  
Feed me till I want no more.  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.  
I will ev - er give to Thee.

*Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

*LSB 637*



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;  
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,  
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



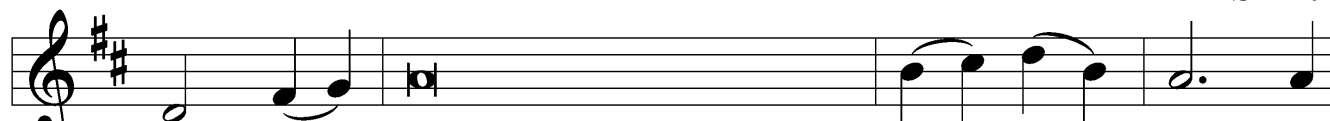
Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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*Stand*

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

*LSB 199*



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



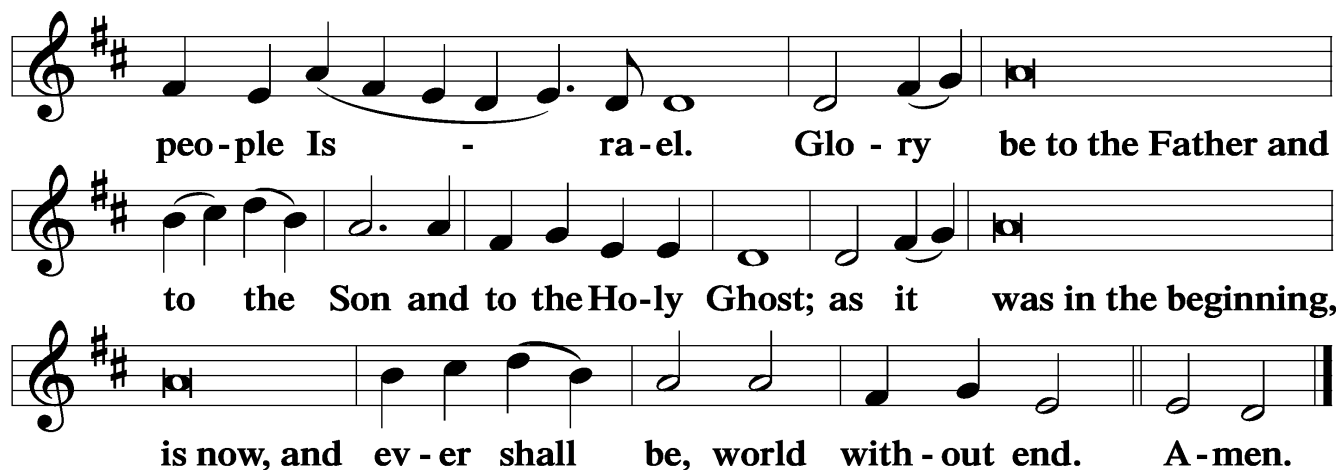
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy

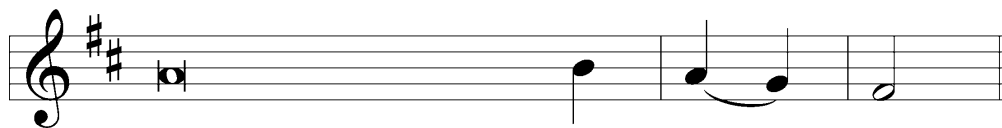


peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

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** A - men.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

LSB 201

**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



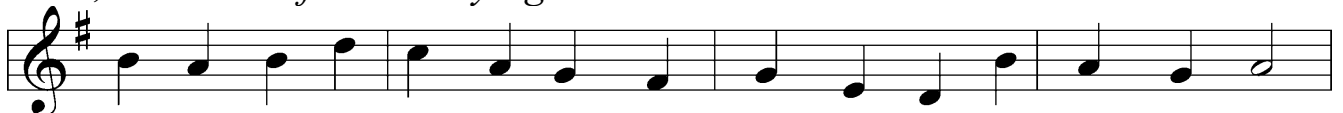
**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Sit*

### CLOSING HYMN

*Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying*

LSB 826



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?  
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,  
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,  
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth - ing I can do,"



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?  
You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.  
Point - ing out the path to heav - en, Of - f'ring life and peace to all,  
While the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing And the Mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.  
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the judg - ment's dread a - larms,  
With your prayers and with your boun - ties You can do what God com - mands;  
Take the task He gives you glad - ly, Let His work your plea - sure be;



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?  
You can lead the lit - tle chil - dren To the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.  
You can be like faith - ful Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.  
An - swer quick - ly when He call - eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

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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 Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*

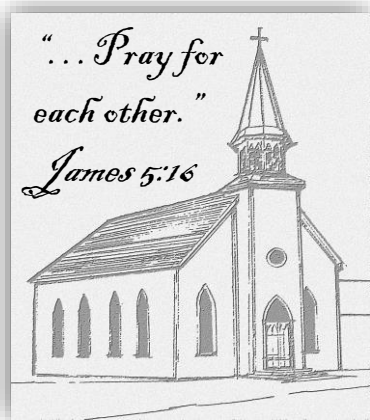
**Congregation:** strength and healing for Donna Hinze as she goes through cancer treatment; health and healing for David Boenker, healing for Terry and Becky Lueckemeyer; healing for Lillian

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:*

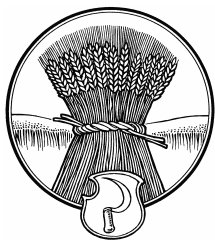
- Hardin - Julie
- Harrington – Kevin, Nancy McClure
- Luera – Jennifer, Chaylea Choyce, Benson Rodriguez, Hunter Choyce
- Luera – Kaci, Amara Torrez, Christopher Teague, Harlee Duckett, Landon Duckett
- Watkins – Brandy, Destiny Interiano
- Watson – Dan, Sherry, Montana, Daniel

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### This Week's Schedule

**June 14 – June 21**



**Today: *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

**Tuesday:**

**5:00-7:30 PM** Tropical Trek VBS



**Wednesday:**

**5:00-7:30 PM** Tropical Trek VBS

**Thursday:**

**5:00-7:30 PM** Tropical Trek VBS

**Friday:**

**6:00-7:30 PM** Tropical Trek VBS Closing

**Saturday:**

**8:30 AM** Sisters in Christ Bible Study





**Next Sunday: *Fourth Sunday after Pentecost***

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

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

Acolyte: Wyatt Schramme

Greeter: Grace Kankel

Ushers: Delwin Gaskamp Stanley Haferkamp

Kevin Harrington Keith Huber

**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 Billy and Vickie Ashorn's children in honor of their 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary.*

Mark your Calendars for...



*Tropical Trek VBS - June 16-19*

***Begins This Tuesday Evening***

Meals will be served Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday night from 5:00 – 6:00 PM. A hamburger supper will be served Friday night at 6:30 PM. Please place your RSVP forms in the basket in the narthex by **TODAY** so we can calculate the number of hamburgers needed.

**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*



Today, our Sunday School students began an exciting new adventure as they were introduced to this year's Vacation Bible School theme, Tropical Trek! Jesus Comes to Seek and Save. In our lesson, God Saves Baby Moses (Exodus 1:9–14, 22; 2:1–10), the children learned how God protected Moses from danger and used faithful people to care for him. Even when God's people faced hardship in Egypt, the Lord was working through ordinary

people and unexpected circumstances to carry out His saving plan.

Through this lesson, the children discovered that God watches over His people and keeps His promises, even when things seem difficult or uncertain. Just as God preserved Moses for a special purpose, He continues to care for us today through His grace and mercy in Christ.

This lesson serves as the introduction to our Tropical Trek VBS, which begins this Tuesday. We invite all children and families to join us as we continue exploring God's saving work throughout the 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 14 – Third Sunday after Pentecost** – Sin and death came into the world through one man, Adam. If you are able to die, you know that sin’s infection has gotten you. We are able to die from

the moment of conception because sin’s infection is so deep in our very existence. But as Paul reminds us, God’s mercy is also for all men. He sends out His servants to proclaim God’s Word and the gift of eternal life that is yours in Christ Jesus. Do not stop the little ones from hearing God’s Word and believing but let them come into the presence of God before they even exit the womb and hear God’s Word. When they exit the womb, give them God’s gift of Holy Baptism and continue to let them hear God’s Word. That is the way to cure sin’s infection and see your children in eternity.



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
June 7	Sunday School	14	\$63.00
	Youth Bible Class	2	
	Adult Bible Class	24	
June 7	Worship Service	104	General Fund: \$6,302.47 Youth League \$167.00