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Sunday Worship

9:30 am

**Sunday School &
Adult Bible Class**

11:00 am

Mission Statement:

We, Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, a family of believers in Jesus Christ, united in faith and worship by the Word of God, exist to make disciples of all people, using the Gospel to win the lost and to nurture believers for lives of service to Christ all to the glory of God.

July 10, 2022

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 10, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word.

- **Restrooms** are located down the hallway directly opposite the entrance to the sanctuary and to the left.
- **Prayer requests** – If you would like to request a special prayer to be said during the prayer of the church, please speak with Pastor Welch before worship begins.

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WORSHIP NOTES

THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

After reliving the great events of the life of Christ, the worshipping Church spends half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ. Following the red of Pentecost Sunday and the white of Trinity Sunday, the Church wears green during the season of Pentecost as the Spirit uses those teachings of Jesus to grow the faith of believers. The appointed lessons teach us the characteristics of the Holy Ministry, the Christian, the Church, our God, and the Christian life.



OUR THEME FOR TODAY

Is faithfulness to Christ worth the trouble it brings? The life of faith is lived in a godless world, and it is therefore certain to be met with persecution. Like our Suffering Savior, we too bear his cross in our daily interactions with the unholy trio. The Lord, however, uses these persecutions suffered for the sake of the Gospel to refine us into the pure, precious metal of his children. Strengthened through the means of grace, we boldly confess Jesus as the Christ in the face of any persecution or trouble. The Church prays that God in his mercy would direct the affairs of this world so that the Church might have peace, but at the same time we prepare ourselves for persecution.

BIBLE STUDY LESSON FOR TODAY

Delivered from the Lions, Daniel 6:1-23

THANKS TO GOD FOR THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Music	Pastor Welch, guitar
Hospitality	Kim Newman
Ushers	Stefan Arredondo and Jim Carscadden
Elders	Glen Krueger
Altar	Danielle Welch
Cleaners	Martin Schwenke and Styx Family
Counters	Bernie Ziegler and Doug Vasquez

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

CW HYMNAL #297, "BAPTIZED IN WATER"

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

C: **Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

M: As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

M: In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought Cameron to be baptized. Jesus told us: “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God’s Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

Cameron James Davis, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

EXHORTATION

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ: Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Cameron may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: Yes, as God gives me strength.

M: Let us pray.

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Cameron and grant him a rich measure of your Spirit that he may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

HYMN

CW HYMNAL #260, “LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

ZECARIAH 13:7-9

“Awake, sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is close to me!” declares the LORD Almighty. “Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones. ⁸In the whole land,” declares the LORD, “two-thirds will be struck down and perish; yet one-third will be left in it. ⁹This third I will put into the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are my people,’ and they will say, ‘The LORD is our God.’”

SECOND LESSON

GALATIANS 3:23-29

²³ Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. ²⁴ So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

VERSE OF THE DAY

GALATIANS 4:6

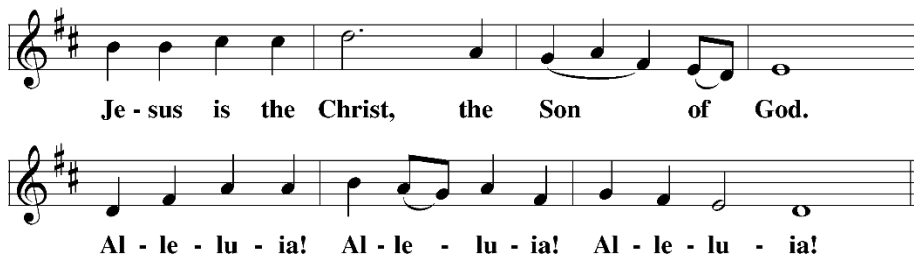
M: Alleluia. Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 9:18-24

¹⁸Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say I am?”

¹⁹They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life.”

²⁰“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “God’s Messiah.”

²¹Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. ²²And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”

²³Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. ²⁴For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

GALATIANS 3:23-27

HYMN OF THE DAY

CW HYMNAL #536, “LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE CHURCH’S HEAD”

THE SERMON

LUKE 9:18-24

“JESUS UPHOLDS THE 2ND COMMANDMENT”

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

Special prayers.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

- M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.
- C: **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

From Matthew 6:9-13, the prayer Jesus himself taught us to pray.

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.

HYMN

CW HYMNAL #358: v. 1-4, "HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS"

CLOSING PRAYER

- M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S BLESSING

- M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.
- The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.
- C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMNAL

CW HYMNAL #358: v. 5-7, "HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS"

Prayer Corner

- for **Brenda Bell**, Margie Barnes' niece, undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatment for colon cancer
- in **thanksgiving** for women and youth of our synod to gather and grow at the LWMS convention and the youth rally; God be praised for safe travels for all

Altar Flowers

The flowers this week are given to the glory of God by **Deana Valrance** in celebration of **Ken's** birthday.

In Ministry this Week

Sunday, July 10	9:30 am	Outdoor Worship and Baptism
	11:00 am	Sunday School and Bible Study
Wednesday, July 13	9:30 am	Midweek Bible Study

Offering

Last Sunday, thankful hearts offered **\$4860** to the LORD to carry out his ministry at Bethlehem and around the world. The average weekly donation so far in 2022 is **\$5350**. An average of **\$6560** is needed each week to meet the budget that we approved for 2022.

News & Notes

- Please join the Shepherd of the Bay family as they celebrate the ordination and installation of Pastor-Elect Nathan Wong.

Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church

9463 HG Trueman Road,

Lusby, MD 20657

Sunday, July 10

4:00 PM ET

Kindly RSVP for the meal by text/call to Rachel at 240-538-1666.

- Join Food with Friends on Saturday July 16 at 6 pm Deneen Rogowski's home at 9563 Oakenshaw Drive, Manassas VA 20110. The event will be a potluck dinner so bring a dish to share. Also bring your favorite beverages, water and Iced Tea will be provided. If weather permits there is cornhole and bocci ball and behind her house is a baseball field if anyone would like to play some ball. Please message or call Deneen at 703-674-7968 to let her know if you are coming. Bring lawn chairs as well.

- Did you know that November 11 is International Singles Day? Singles are invited to the 2022 WELS/ELS Singles Retreat on November 11-13 at Camp Phillip, Wisconsin for a weekend of fun and fellowship. For more information about the event and to register, talk to Pastor Welch.



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,
 2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,
 3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,



Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
 Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
 Marked with the sign of Christ our King:



Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust - ing his prom - ise,
 One with his ris - ing, Freed and for - giv - en,
 Born of one Fa - ther, We are his chil - dren;



Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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Tune: BUNESSAN (55 8 D) Gaelic melody, 19th century.



1 Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks-giv - ing
2 His law he en - forc - es; The stars in their cours - es



To God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
And sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine.



Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,



Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
The deeps of the o - cean pro - claim him di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us; His light goes be - fore us,
We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing.



A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
With glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



Till shad - ows have van - ished And dark - ness is ban - ished,
Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks-giv - ing:



As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
"To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, You are her
 2 O Lord, let this your lit - tle flock, Your name a -
 3 Help us to serve you ev - er - more With hearts both
 4 And for your gos - pel let us dare To sac - ri -



one foun - da - tion. In you she trusts, be - fore you
 lone con - fess - ing, Con - tin - ue in your lov - ing
 pure and low - ly. And may your Word, that light di -
 fice all trea - sure; Teach us to bear your bless - ed



bows, And waits for your sal - va - tion. Built
 care, True u - ni - ty pos - sess - ing. Your
 vine, Shine on in splen - dor ho - ly That
 cross, To find in you all plea - sure. Oh,



on this rock se - cure, Your Church shall en - dure
 sac - ra - ments, O Lord, And your sav - ing Word
 we re - pent - ance show, In faith ev - er grow.
 grant us stead - fast - ness In joy and dis - tress.



Though all the world de - cay And all things
 To us e'er pure re - tain. Grant that they
 The pow'r of sin de - stroy And e - vils
 Lord, for your mer - cy's sake, Let us by



pass a - way. Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Je - sus!
 may re - main Our on - ly strength and com - fort.
 that an - noy. Oh, make us faith - ful Chris - tians.
 grace par - take Of end - less joy and glo - ry.

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How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My
 4 By you my prayers ac - cept - ance gain Al -
 5 O Je - sus, Shep - herd, Guard - ian, Friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the
 shield and hid - ing place, My nev - er - fail - ing
 though with sin de - filed; Sa - tan ac - cus - es
 Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my Life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way all fear.
 hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.
 trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
 me in vain For God calls me his child.
 Way, my End, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

6 I praise in weakness from afar—
 How cold my warmest thought!
 But when I see you as you are,
 I'll praise you as I ought.

7 Till then I would your love proclaim
 With ev'ry fleeting breath;
 And may the music of your name
 Refresh my soul in death.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

Tune: ST. PETER (CM) Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877.