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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 17, 2022**

# BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JULY 17, 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**W**elcome! 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.
- **There is a live video feed** of the service in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Prayer requests** – If you would like to request a special prayer to be said during the prayer of the church, please fill out one of the blue prayer cards found in the hymnal racks and place it in the offering plate.
- **The Sacrament of Holy Communion.** Please see the note on page 14 for instructions. Use page 156 in the front of the hymnal for personal preparation for the Sacrament.

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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

Following Christ calls for total commitment. The life of faith walks in lock step with the will of God and does not following the meandering ways of this world. Elisha's response to the Lord's call stands in contrast to the initially willing, but ultimately uncommitted "followers" of Jesus. Our Prayer of the Day says it well, "Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises..." and our Verse of the Day aptly summarizes the Sunday.

## BIBLE STUDY THEME FOR TODAY

Jesus Is Baptized into God's Plan (Matthew 3:13-17)

## THANKS TO GOD FOR THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Music	Organist Peter Kiesel
Hospitality	Lynnette Hupman
Ushers	Tim Wehausen and Aaron Styx
Elders	Martin Schwenke and Aaron Styx
Altar	Lynnette Hupman
Cleaners	Welch and Wildfong Families
Counters	Linda Fragale and Stefan Arredondo

# SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

## OPENING HYMN

CW SUPPLEMENT #749, "THE LOVE OF CHRIST, WHO DIED FOR ME"

## INVOCATION

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

**C(ongregation)**: And also with you.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M**: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**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.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY (KYRIE)

**M**: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**C**: Lord, have mer - cy.

**M**: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



**C**: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - men.



Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;  
my hope comes from him.

*Refrain*

Though your riches increase,  
do not set your heart on them.

My salvation and my honor depend on God;  
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

**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.**

*Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

## GALATIANS 5:1, 13-25

<sup>1</sup>It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup>You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. <sup>14</sup>For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

<sup>16</sup>So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

<sup>19</sup>The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup>idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup>and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

**VERSE OF THE DAY****MARK 8:34B**

M: Alleluia. If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 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



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**GOSPEL LESSON****LUKE 9:51-62**

<sup>51</sup>As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" <sup>55</sup>But Jesus turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then he and his disciples went to another village.

<sup>57</sup>As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." <sup>59</sup>He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." <sup>62</sup>Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

**THE SERMON**

**LUKE 9:51-62**

***"JESUS UPHOLDS THE 9TH COMMANDMENT"***

**THE NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**THE OFFERING**

*Members of Bethlehem have joined together to spread God's message both in our community and around the world. Guests and visitors, you are welcome to give an offering, but please do not feel obligated to participate. You enrich us simply by being here, and we thank God for the chance to share God's Word with you.*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another.

Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

**C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

**C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

*Special prayers.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **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.**

# THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, he empowered his Church to be witnesses of Christ to the ends of the earth. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*SANCTUS*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be-come my sal-  
 va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
 The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)**

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you  
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us your peace. A - men.

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*To our guests and visitors: Holy Communion is an expression of our oneness as a body of believers. Members of Bethlehem join to receive the body and the blood of the Lord and commune with our God, expressing the same faith as God has taught in the Scriptures. Following God's Word, we ask that those who are not yet members of Bethlehem refrain from taking the Lord's Supper until they are ready to profess that oneness with us. Thank you for respecting our practice. Pastor Welch would be happy to answer any questions.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

CW SUPPLEMENT #740, "DRAW NEAR"

## THANKSGIVING

### THANK THE LORD

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.  
He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## CLOSING PRAYER

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

## 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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

CW HYMNAL #482, "FORGIVE US, LORD"

## 749

## The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me



1 The love of Christ, who died for me Is  
 2 My sins I on - ly see in part, My  
 3 O liv - ing Lord of life, for whom The



more than mind can know, His  
 self - re - gard - ing ways; The  
 heav - ens held their breath, To



mer - cy mea - sure - less and free To  
 se - cret pla - ces of my heart Lie  
 see, tri - um - phant from the tomb, A



meet the debt I owe. He  
 bare be - fore his gaze. For  
 love that con - quers death, Pos -



came my sin - ful cause to plead; He  
 me the price of sin he paid; My  
 sess my heart that it may be Your



laid his glo - ries by, For  
 sins be - yond re - call Are  
 king - dom with - out end, O

me a home - less life to lead, A  
 all a - like on Je - sus laid, He  
 Christ who died for love of me And

shame - ful death to die.  
 died to bear them all.  
 lives to be my friend.

*This hymn examines the true nature of God's grace. While human love is directed toward people and things that bring pleasure, "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).*

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Tune: RESIGNATION (CM D) *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, Winchester, VA, 1832

## Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken



1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en,  
 2 Let the world de - spise and leave me;  
 3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure!  
 4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry,



All to leave and fol - low you. Des - ti -  
 They have left my Sav - ior, too. Hu - man  
 Come, dis - as - ter, scorn, and pain! In your  
 Armed by faith and winged by prayer. All but



tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, You on  
 hearts and looks de - ceive me; You are  
 ser - vice pain is plea - sure; With your  
 heav'n is tran - si - to - ry; God's own



earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry  
 not, like them, un - true. And since you have  
 fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you  
 hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this



fond am - bi - tion, All I've ev - er  
 smiled up - on me, God of wis - dom,  
 Ab - ba, Fa - ther! You my all in  
 earth - ly sto - ry; Swift shall pass the



hoped or known; Yet how rich is my con -  
 love, and might, Foes may hate and friends may  
 all shall be. Storms may howl, and clouds may  
 pil - grim days, Hope soon change to heav'n - ly



di - tion! God and heav'n are still my own.  
shun me— Show your face, and all is bright.  
gath - er; All must work for good to me.  
glo - ry, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, abr., alt.  
Tune: HYFRYDOL (87 87 D) Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–87.

*Refrain*

Draw near, draw near! Take the bod - y

of your Lord. Draw near, draw near!

Drink the blood for you out - poured!

*To verses* | *Last time*

*Verses*

- 1 Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,
- 2 Christ our Re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,
- 3 Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere
- 4 With heav'n - ly bread he makes the hun - gry whole,

And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.  
 Has by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won.  
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.  
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.

Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly blood, With  
 He gave his life for great - est and for least, Him -  
 Christ, who in this life all the saints de - fends, Gives  
 Lord of the na - tions, to whom all must bow, In



souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.  
self the of - f'ring and him - self the Priest.  
all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.  
this great feast of love be with us now.

*This paraphrase of an ancient Communion hymn is set in responsorial fashion.*

Text: *Sancti, venite, Christi corpus sumite*, 7th century hymn; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Tune: DRAW NEAR (10 10 10 10 and Refrain) Steven R. Janco, b. 1961 © 1992 World Library Publications.

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1 For - give us, Lord, for shal - low thank - ful - ness,  
 2 Teach us to thank you, Lord, for love and grace,  
 3 For - give us, Lord, for self - ish thanks and praise,  
 4 O - pen our eyes to see your love's in - tent,



For dull con - tent with warmth and shel - tered care,  
 For life and vi - sion, for a pur - pose clear,  
 For words that speak at var - i - ance with deeds.  
 To know with minds and hearts its depth and height.



For songs of praise for world - ly wealth - i - ness,  
 For Christ, your Son, and for each hu - man face  
 For - give our thanks for walk - ing pleas - ant ways,  
 Let thank - ful days in lov - ing la - bor spent



While of your rich - er gifts we're un - a - ware.  
 That shows your mes - sage ev - er new and near.  
 Un - mind - ful of a bro - ken broth - er's needs.  
 Re - flect the tru - ly Christ - like life and light.

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 Tune: SURSUM CORDA (10 10 10 10) Alfred M. Smith, 1879–1971. © 1990 Historic Church of the Ascension,  
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## Prayer Corner

- Please ask God to bless those who will be traveling from our congregation to the WELS Women's Ministry Conference, July 21-23. Also, please ask God to bless the upcoming planning meeting for the women's ministry at Bethlehem.
- Please ask God to help all of those dealing with health issues in this summer season. May God grant complete and quick healing!
- Thank God for the blessings of baptism, especially as we remember the baptism of Cameron Davis, the great-grandson of Janice Horne.

## In Ministry this Week

Sunday, July 17	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 am	Bible Study and Sunday School
Wednesday, July 20	9:30 am	Midweek Bible Study
Thursday, July 21	6:00 pm	Council Meeting with Cookout
Friday, July 23	8:00 am	LSB Board Meeting

## Offering

Last Sunday, thankful hearts offered **\$10245** to the LORD to carry out his ministry at Bethlehem and around the world. The average weekly donation so far in 2022 is **\$5518**. An average of **\$6560** is needed each week to meet the budget that we approved for 2022.

## News & Notes

- Bethlehem is hosting a Community Movie Night on Saturday, July 30 at 7:30 pm. Please invite everyone to this family-friendly event! Also, please consider helping out with set-up and take-down, making popcorn, and sharing treats with our guests from the community. Please reach out to Martin Schwenke if you'd like to help! The movie we will be showing is "Up."
- There will be a women's ministry planning meeting soon! For those women in the congregation interested in participating in the planning process for all of the wonderful areas of ministry women bless us with, please talk to Heidi Grohs for more information!

