

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 24, 2022

SEVENTH 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.
- **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.

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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

The Lord invites believers to take part in his kingdom work. What joy and privilege is ours to work in his harvest fields, to witness the power of the Spirit, and to support this ministry!

BIBLE STUDY LESSON FOR TODAY

Jesus Preaches the Kingdom of Heaven: Matthew 4:3-11; Luke 4:31-44

THANKS TO GOD FOR THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Music	MIDI
Hospitality	Aimee Krueger
Ushers	Jeff Krueger and Collin Krueger
Elders	Dean Chartrand
Altar	Aimee Krueger
Cleaners	Wolf and Chartrand Families
Counters	Michele Krueger and LuVerne Boes

DIVINE SERVICE I¹

OPENING HYMN

CW HYMNAL #230, "LORD JESUS CHRIST, BE PRESENT NOW"

INVOCATION

M(inister): In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C(ongregation): Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.**



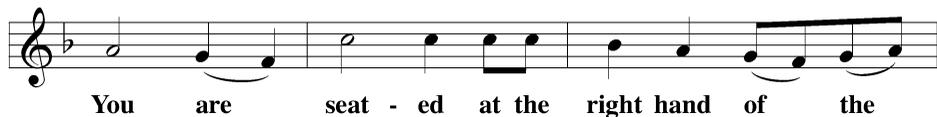
Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us. A - men.

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 of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

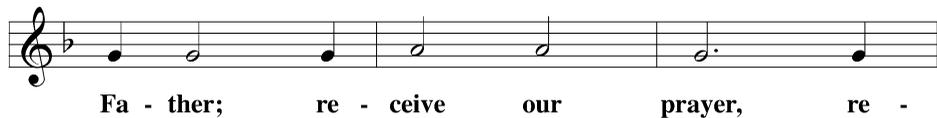
C: **Amen.**

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

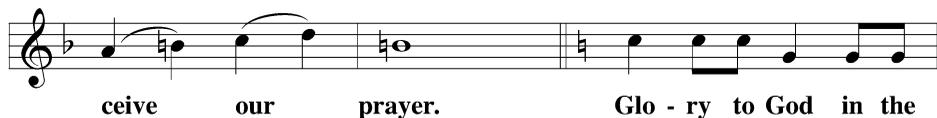
¹ **Divine Service I:** Texts revised from *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941. OneLicense.net #761716.



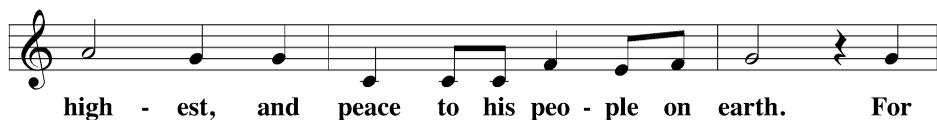
You are seated at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -



ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



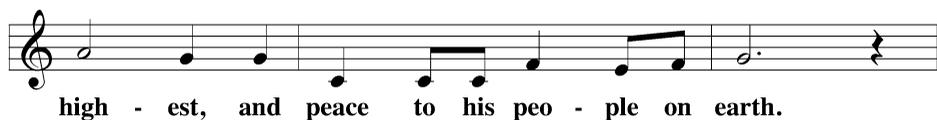
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



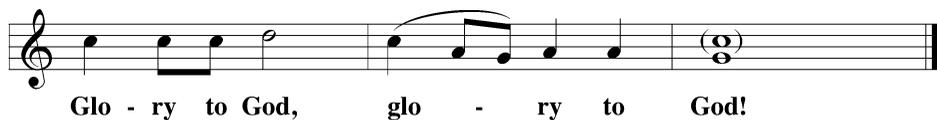
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 66:10-14

¹⁰ "Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice greatly with her, all you who mourn over her. ¹¹ For you will nurse and be satisfied at her comforting breasts; you will drink deeply and delight in her overflowing abundance."

¹² For this is what the LORD says: "I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream; you will nurse and be carried on her arm and dandled on her knees. ¹³ As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem."

¹⁴ When you see this, your heart will rejoice and you will flourish like grass; the hand of the LORD will be made known to his servants, but his fury will be shown to his foes.

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 66²



At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

Psalm tone



*
A musical staff in G major (one sharp) showing a psalm tone. The melody starts on G4, moves to A4, B4, and C5, then descends to B4, A4, G4, and ends on F#4. There is a fermata over the final F#4. A small asterisk is placed above the staff.

M(en): Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

W(omen): Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!

M: Praise our God, O peoples,

W: let the sound of his praise be heard.

M: He has preserved our lives,

W: and kept our feet from slipping.

Refrain

M: Come and listen, all you who fear God;

W: let me tell you what he has done for me.

M: If I had cherished sin in my heart,

W: the Lord would not have listened;

M: but God has surely listened

W: and heard my voice in prayer.

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

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SECOND LESSON

GALATIANS 6:1-10, 14-16

¹Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. ²Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. ⁴Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, ⁵for each one should carry their own load. ⁶Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.

⁷Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. ⁹Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

¹⁴May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. ¹⁶Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

LUKE 8:15

M: Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 10:1-12, 16-20

M: The Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 10, verses 1-12 and 16-20.



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ²He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ³Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. ⁴Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

⁵“When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ ⁶If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. ⁷Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

⁸“When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. ⁹Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, ¹¹‘Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.’ ¹²I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

¹⁶“Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

¹⁸He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

M: This is the gospel of our Lord.



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

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 SERMON

LUKE 10:1-12, 16-20

"JESUS UPHOLDS THE 8TH COMMANDMENT"

CREATE IN ME

Cre - ate in me a
 pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
 in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
 pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
 me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
 hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Father, for giving us life and breath, talent and energy, we thank you. For income and nourishment, for honest work and opportunities to be useful, we look gratefully to you as our provider. For safety in our travels, we rejoice in the protection your angels give. For national peace, public prosperity, and moral consciousness in all citizens, hear our prayers.

Lord Jesus, through you we have the full rights of children of God. What love the Father has lavished on us through our relationship with you! We praise you for saving us and giving your life as a ransom for our sin. May our spirits revive in the rest and peace of your forgiveness.

Holy Spirit, through Word and sacrament restore to us the joy of your salvation. Cause the good seed of the Word to produce sturdy faith and godly attitudes and behavior in each believer.

We rejoice this day in the fellowship we enjoy in our congregation and our synod. Keep our parish and synodical leaders faithful to their tasks. Make them men of both courage and prayer. Preserve Christ-centered doctrine and practice in our fellowship at all times. Make each of us active in Christian service and supportive of our leaders.

Special prayers.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Open our eyes to see the spiritual dangers facing those who do not yet trust you as Savior and Lord. Move us to share with them the hope of unending life we have in you. Go with us into our world, and support us in all we do, to your glory. 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 #456, "FORTH IN YOUR NAME, O LORD, I GO"****CLOSING PRAYER**

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, 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: 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 HYMN**CW HYMNAL #576, "SPREAD, OH, SPREAD, THE MIGHTY WORD"**

Prayer Corner

- for **Al and Luann Wattles, the parents of Pastor Wattles**, as Al is being treated for a brain mass.
- for God to bless the upcoming planning meeting for the **women's ministry at Bethlehem**.
- for God to help **those dealing with recent health issues** with complete and quick healing.
- in thanksgiving **for the blessings of baptism**, especially as we remember the baptism of Cameron Davis, the great-grandson of Janice Horne.

Altar Flowers

The flowers this week are given to the glory of God by **Joan Richards** in celebration of **Don's** birthday and by **Denise and Marleny Spencer** in celebration of **Denise's** birthday.

In Ministry this Week

Sunday, July 24	9:30 am	Worship – in person and livestream
	11:00 am	Bible Study and Sunday School
Saturday, July 30	9:00 am	Men's Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Community Family Movie Night

Offering

Last Sunday, thankful hearts offered **\$4040** to the LORD to carry out his ministry at Bethlehem and around the world. The average weekly donation so far in 2022 is **\$5460**. An average of **\$6560** is needed each week to meet the budget that we approved for 2022.

News & Notes

- Did you know that November 11 is International Singles Day? Singles are invited to the 2022 WELS/ELS Singles Retreat from November 11-13 at Camp Phillip, WI for a weekend of fun and fellowship. For more information about the event and to register, talk to Pastor Welch.
- 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 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 the wonderful areas of ministry women bless us with, please talk to Heidi Grohs for more information!

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Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in
 2 Un - seal our lips to sing your praise; Our souls to
 3 Un - til we join the hosts that cry, "Ho - san - na
 4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
 you in wor - ship raise. Make strong our faith; in -
 to the Lord most high." Then in the light of
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



grace di - vine, And let your truth with - in us shine.
 crease our light That we may know your name a - right
 that blest place We shall be - hold you face to face.
 Trin - i - ty, Be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: *Lutherische Hand-Büchlein*, 2nd ed., Altenburg, 1648; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND (LM) *Cantionale Germanicum*, Gochsheim, 1628.



1 O Chris - tians, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
 2 Be - hold how man - y thou - sands still are ly - ing
 3 Pro - claim to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion;
 4 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;



To tell to all the world that God is light,
 Bound in the drear - y pris - on - house of sin,
 That God, in whom they live and move, is love;
 Give of your wealth to speed them on their way;



That he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 With none to tell them of the Sav - ior's dy - ing
 Tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion
 Pour out your soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious;



One soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
 Or of the life he died for them to win.
 And died on earth that they might live a - bove.
 O Chris - tians, haste to bring the bright - er day!

Refrain



Pub - lish glad ti - dings, Ti - dings of peace,



Ti - dings of Je - sus, Re - demp - tion and re - lease.

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834–1923, abr., alt.

Tune: REDEMPTION (11 10 11 10 with Refrain) Bruce R. Backer, b. 1929. © 1993 Bruce R. Backer. All rights reserved.
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Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go



1 Forth in your name, O Lord, I go, My dai - ly
 2 Oh, let me cheer - ful - ly ful - fill The task your
 3 May I find you at my right hand; Your eyes see
 4 Give me to bear your eas - y yoke And ev - 'ry
 5 For you I joy - ous - ly em - ploy What - ev - er



la - bor to pur - sue, De - ter - mined on - ly
 wis - dom has as - signed And do your good and
 tru - ly what I do. I la - bor on at
 mo - ment watch and pray And still to things e -
 you in grace have giv'n; I run my dai - ly



you to know In all I think or speak or do.
 per - fect will— In all my works your pres - ence find!
 your com - mand And of - fer all my works to you.
 ter - nal look And has - ten to your glo - rious day.
 course with joy And close - ly walk with you to heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, abr., alt.

Tune: LAKEWOOD (LM) Barry L. Bobb, b. 1951. © 1981 Barry L. Bobb. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Spread, Oh, Spread the Mighty Word



1 Spread, oh, spread the might - y Word; Spread the
 2 Tell them how the Fa - ther's will Made the
 3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's love, Who for -
 4 Tell them of the Spir - it giv'n Now to
 5 Up! The rip - 'ning fields you see. Might - y



king - dom of the Lord Ev - 'ry - where his
 world and keeps it still, How his on - ly
 ev - er does re - move By his ho - ly
 guide us on to heav'n, Strong and ho - ly,
 shall the har - vest be, But the reap - ers



breath has giv'n Life to be - ings meant for heav'n.
 Son he gave All from sin and death to save.
 sac - ri - fice All the guilt that on us lies.
 just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.
 still are few; Great the work they have to do.

6 Lord of harvest, grant anew,
 Joy and strength to work for you,
 Till the gath'ring nations all
 See your light and heed your call.

Text: Jonathan F. Bahnmaier, 1774–1841, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: HÖCHSTER PRIESTER (77 77) *Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz*, Basel, 1745, alt.



CHURCH D I R E C T O R Y

Please check the narthex closet doors for your entry on the church directory. If your information is correct, please initial it. If your information is incorrect, please write your corrections on the nearest blank space. Speak with Aimee Krueger if you have questions.



Food with Friends

Saturday, August 27th at 6:30 pm

Mum Mum Thai Restaurant

10945 George Mason Circle, Manassas, VA

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

All adults are welcome!