

# BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JULY 31, 2022

EIGHTH 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.

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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 believer loves his neighbor. We have every reason to love him. We know what we were when God found us; we know the love and mercy he poured out on us. Christ, the compassion of God, has treated our spiritual wounds and paid for our healing with his own blood. As we have known his goodness, let us do good to all. As our Prayer of the Day reminds us: The word is planted in our hearts, and now we ask the Holy Spirit to bring forth such fruits of faith as loving our neighbor for the sake of Christ.

## BIBLE STUDY LESSON FOR TODAY

God's Plan of Salvation Completed: Luke 23:26, 32-46

## THANKS TO GOD FOR THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Music	Lydia Wilde
Hospitality	Joan Richards
Ushers	Martin Schwenke and Dean Chartrand
Elders	Dean Chartrand
Altar	Aimee Krueger
Cleaners	Wildfong and Haney Families
Counters	Michele Krueger and Martin Schwenke

# MORNING PRAISE

## MORNING HYMN

CW HYMNAL #497, "THIS IS MY WILL"



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



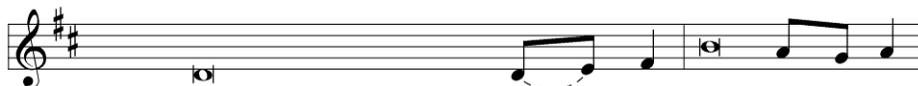
C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

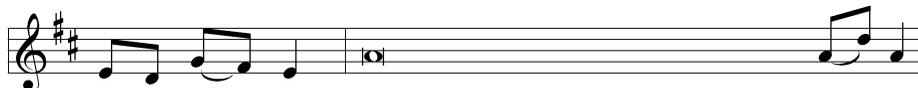


M: The Spirit of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ fills the world: let us wor - ship him.

## OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD (VENITE)



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



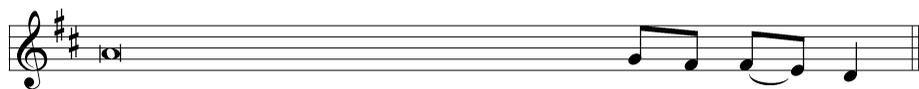
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 25<sup>1</sup>



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.



P(astor) To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
C(ongregation) in you I trust, O my God.

P: Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,  
C: for they are from of old.

P: Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;  
C: according to your love remember me, for you are good, O LORD?

### Refrain

P: Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
C: for I am lonely and afflicted.

P: Look upon my affliction and my distress  
C: and take away all my sins.

P: Guard my life and rescue me,  
C: for I take refuge in you.

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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# THE WORD

## MORNING LESSON

## COLOSSIANS 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>2</sup>To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup>because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— <sup>5</sup>the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. <sup>7</sup>You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, <sup>8</sup>and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,<sup>10</sup> so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, <sup>11</sup>being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, <sup>12</sup>and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. <sup>13</sup>For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**C:        Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!**

## CHILDREN'S LESSON

## DEUTERONOMY 30:9-14

<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land. The LORD will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in your ancestors, <sup>10</sup>if you obey the LORD your God and keep his commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

<sup>11</sup> Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. <sup>12</sup> It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" <sup>13</sup> Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" <sup>14</sup> No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

CW HYMNAL #434, "LORD, YOU I LOVE WITH ALL MY HEART"

## THE SERMON

LUKE 10:25-37

### *"JESUS UPHOLDS THE 1ST COMMANDMENT"*

<sup>25</sup> On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>26</sup> "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

<sup>27</sup> He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

<sup>28</sup> "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

<sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

<sup>30</sup> In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

<sup>36</sup> "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

<sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

## WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD (*TE DEUM*)

*This ancient song of the church was revered by Martin Luther as a 'fourth creed'.*



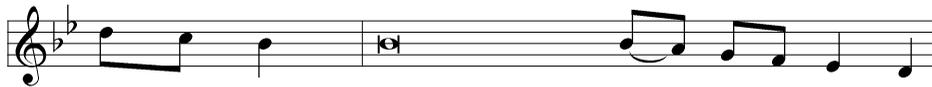
**C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,**



**Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,**



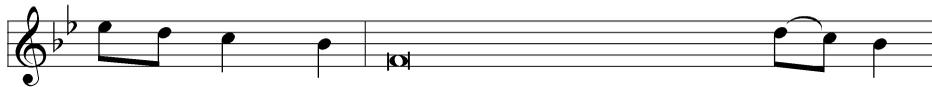
**cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of**



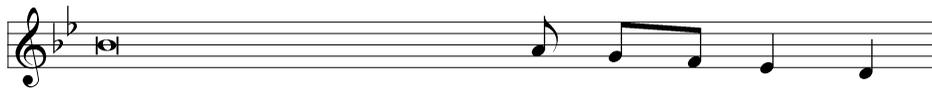
**heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.**



**The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of**



**proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.**



**Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:**



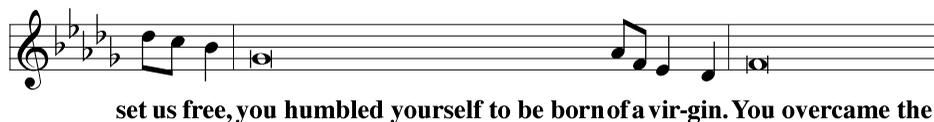
**Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,**



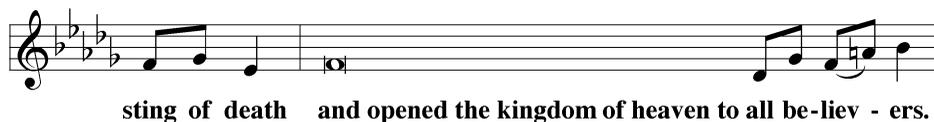
**and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of**



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir-gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

## 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!*



## BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

CW HYMNAL #505, "LOVE IS THE GRACIOUS GIFT"



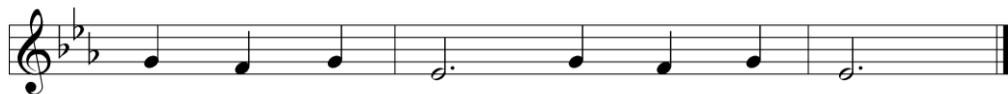
1 "This is my will, my one com - mand,  
 2 "No great - er love can an - y have  
 3 "I call you now no long - er slaves;  
 4 "You chose not me, but I chose you,  
 5 "All that you ask my Fa - ther dear



That love should dwell a - mong you all.  
 Than that one die to save his friends.  
 No slave knows all the mas - ter does.  
 That you should go and bear much fruit.  
 For my name's sake you shall re - ceive.



This is my will, that you should love  
 You are my friends if you o - bey  
 I call you friends, for all I hear  
 I chose you out that you in me  
 This is my will, my one com - mand,



As I have shown that I love you.  
 What I com - mand that you should do.  
 My Fa - ther say, you hear from me.  
 Should bear much fruit that will a - bide.  
 That love should dwell in each, in all."

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Tune: SUANTRAI (LM) Gaelic melody, c. 19th century.

## Lord, You I Love with All My Heart



1 Lord, you I love with all my heart; I pray you ne'er from  
 2 Lord God, 'twas your rich boun-ty gave My bod-y, soul, and  
 3 Lord, let at last your an-gels come; To A-bram's bos-om



me de-part; With ten-der mer-cies cheer me. Earth has no  
 all I have In this poor life of la-bor. Lord, grant that  
 bear me home That I may die un-fear-ing. And in its



plea-sure I would share; Heav-en it-self were void and bare  
 I in ev-'ry place May glo-ri-fy your lav-ish grace  
 nar-row cham-ber keep My bod-y safe in peace-ful sleep



If you, Lord, were not near me. And should my heart for  
 And serve and help my neigh-bor. Let no false doc-trine  
 Un-til your re-ap-pear-ing. And then from death a-



sor-row break, My trust in you no one could shake.  
 me be-guile; Let Sa-tan not my soul de-file.  
 wak-en me That my own eyes with joy may see,



You are the trea-sure I have sought; Your pre-cious blood my  
 Give strength and pa-tience un-to me To bear my cross-es  
 O Son of God, your glo-rious face, My Sav-ior and my



soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, My God and Lord,  
will - ing - ly. Lord Je - sus Christ, My God and Lord,  
Fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, My prayer at - tend,



my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust your Word.  
my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust your Word.  
my prayer at - tend, And I will praise you with - out end.

Text: Martin M. Schalling, 1532–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: HERZLICH LIEB HAB ICH DICH, O HERR (887 887 88 88 488) *Zwey Bücher . . . Tabulatur*, Strassburg, 1577, alt.



1 Love is the gra - cious gift of your good - ness;  
 2 You loved me first, Lord, send - ing me Je - sus.  
 3 Love means for - give - ness, pa - tience, and kind - ness;  
 4 Love in a mar - riage, love free - ly giv - en,  
 5 Love a - mong Chris - tians, love in the fam - 'ly,



Love is the pa - tient fruit of your care;  
 Then I re - spond - ed, trust - ing your Son.  
 Love is not jeal - ous, boast - ful, or rude.  
 Love of a hus - band, love of a wife—  
 Love for the Sav - ior, whose blood was shed,



Love is the gen - tle work of your Spir - it,  
 Now you in - vite me to love my neigh - bor,  
 Love en - dures all things, bear - ing, be - liev - ing;  
 Made to con - tin - ue, blos - som, and flour - ish,  
 Love and sub - mis - sion one to an - oth - er



Who is the source of love ev - 'ry - where.  
 Show - ing your true love to ev - 'ry - one.  
 Love hopes for - ev - er, re - joic - es in truth.  
 Grow ev - er deep - er through - out this life.  
 As un - to Christ, who reigns as our head.

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Tune: BUNESSAN (Irregular) Gaelic melody, 19th century.

## Prayer Corner

- for God to help **those dealing with recent health issues** with complete and quick healing.
- for **Al and Luann Wattles, 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**.
- 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 the **Ellis Family** in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rachel's parents, **John and Jacque Cooper** and by **Lynnette Hupman** in celebration of the 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of her sister and brother-in-law, **Cindy and Keith Thomson**.

## In Ministry this Week

Sunday, July 31	9:30 am	Worship – in person and livestream
	11:00 am	Bible Study and Sunday School
Wednesday, August 3		NO Midweek Bible Study

## Offering

Last Sunday, thankful hearts offered **\$3602** to the LORD to carry out his ministry at Bethlehem and around the world. The average weekly donation so far in 2022 is **\$5391**. An average of **\$6560** is needed each week to meet the budget that we approved for 2022.

## News & Notes

- Our next Women's Ministry Meeting planned for the last weekend of August. All women are invited to be a part of our events planning for the coming year! Stay tuned for details!
- The Women's Retreat is scheduled for October 7-9 at beautiful Lake Anna, VA. Mark your calendar now! Registration information will be coming in the next few weeks!
- Hats off to our Men's Bible Study group for a wonderful breakfast shared with our LWMS group! Can you get any better than eggs made to order, fried spam and corned beef hash? Come to our next Men's Bible Study on August 27 to find out! All men are welcome!



# Food with Friends

Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 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!

# Lutheran Women's Mission News

Save the date for Saturday, October 1 for our next  
Mission Rally here at Bethlehem!



Check out our mission display in the narthex to find out about the Ukrainian Lutheran Church! This church consists of 17 congregations and 11 national pastors. We ask that you please pray for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine as they proclaim the most precious freedom – the freedom from sin, death, and hell – which was bought by our Savior.

For more information, take a look at  
Thoughts of Faith Ukraine at [www.tof.org](http://www.tof.org)



# Christian Education Kick-Off Sunday

Join us to kick-off a new year of Christian Education on Sunday, September 11! We'll install our new officers and teachers, then celebrate with a fellowship potluck!

Stay tuned for more details to come!