

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 14, 2022

TENTH 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 worshiping 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 prays boldly. The Prayer of the Day beautifully centers worship for this Sunday: God's ears are open; let us then boldly ask for the blessings he promises.

THANKS TO GOD FOR THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Music	MIDI
Ushers	Larry Testa and Jeff Krueger
Elders	LuVerne Boes
Altar	Lynnette Hupman and Aimee Krueger
Hospitality	Steph Chartrand
Cleaners	Lynnette Hupman and Leopold Family
Counters	Linda Fragale and Stefan Arredondo

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

CW HYMNAL #221, "BLESSED JESUS, AT YOUR WORD"

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): (spoken) And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

M: We have come into the presence of God who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

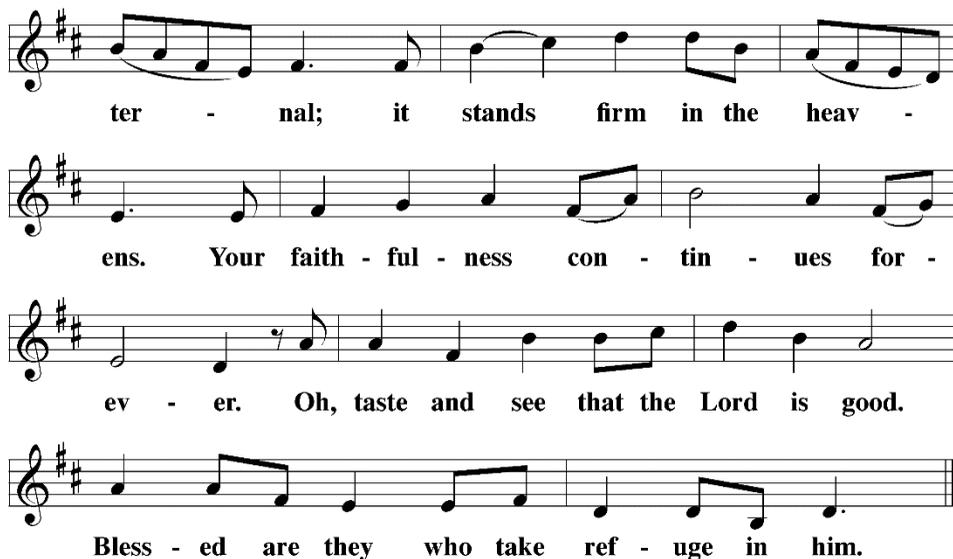
M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -

ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -

ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 18:20-32

²⁰ Then the LORD said, “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous ²¹ that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know.”

²² The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham approached him and said: “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

²⁶ The LORD said, “If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

²⁷ Then Abraham spoke up again: “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, ²⁸ what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?”

“If I find forty-five there,” he said, “I will not destroy it.”

²⁹ Once again he spoke to him, “What if only forty are found there?”

He said, “For the sake of forty, I will not do it.”

³⁰ Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?”

He answered, “I will not do it if I find thirty there.”

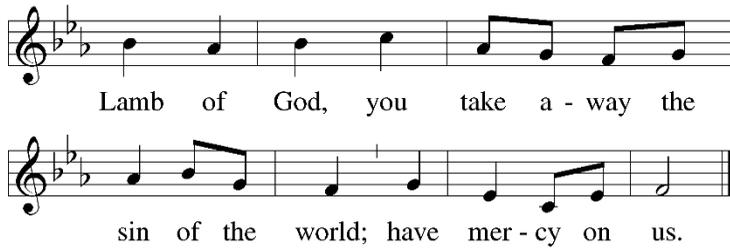
³¹ Abraham said, “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?”

He said, “For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it.”

³² Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?”

He answered, “For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.”

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 6¹



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

Psalm tone *



P(ulpit): O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger

L(ectern): or discipline me in your wrath.

P: Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am faint;

L: O LORD, heal me, for my soul is in anguish.

P: Turn, O LORD, and deliver me;

L: **save me because of your unfailing love.**

Refrain

P: I am worn out from groaning.

L: **My eyes grow weak with sorrow.**

P: Away from me, all you who do evil,

L: **for the LORD has heard my weeping.**

P: The LORD has heard my cry for mercy;

L: **the LORD accepts my 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

COLOSSIANS 2:6-15

⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

VERSE OF THE DAY

JOHN 6:68

M: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 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 11:1-13

¹One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

²He said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.””

⁵Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ ⁷And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

⁹“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), and F#4 (quarter). A slur covers the first three notes (G, A, B). The piece ends with a double bar line.

HYMN OF THE DAY

CW HYMNAL #410, “OUR FATHER, WHO FROM HEAVEN ABOVE”

THE SERMON

COLOSSIANS 2:6-15

“PEEL THE LAYERS BACK TO SEE 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 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: 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 #409, "COME, MY SOUL, WITH EVERY CARE"

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.



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.



CLOSING HYMN

CW HYMNAL #151, "ON WHAT HAS NOW BEEN SOWN"

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
 3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and



all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed Till your Spir - it breaks our night
 God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust,



Now to seek and love and fear you, By your teach - ings,
 With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
 Help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your
 Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.
 God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
 peo - ple rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
 low must wan - der, Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–84, st. 1-3; *Geistreiches Gesang-Büchlein*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-3, alt.; unknown, st. 4, alt.

Tune: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER (78 78 88) Johann R. Ahle, 1625–73, alt.

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Our Father, Who from Heaven Above



1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove
 2 Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord,
 3 Your king - dom come, we hum - bly pray,
 4 Your gra - cious will on earth be done
 5 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread,



Bids all of us to live in love
 In pu - ri - ty to keep your Word,
 That Christ may rule in us to - day
 Just as in heav'n a - round your throne,
 And let us all be clothed and fed.



As mem - bers of one fam - i - ly
 That to the glo - ry of your name
 And that your Ho - ly Spir - it bring
 That pa - tient - ly we may o - bey
 From hard - ship, war, and earth - ly strife,



And pray to you in un - i - ty,
 We walk be - fore you free from blame.
 Still more to wor - ship Christ as King,
 Through - out our lives all that you say.
 From sick - ness, fam - ine, spare our life.



Teach us no thought - less words to say,
 Let no false doc - trine us per - vert;
 Break Sa - tan's pow'r, de - feat his rage;
 Curb sin - ful flesh and ev - 'ry ill
 Let self - ish - ness and wor - ry cease



But from our in - most hearts to pray.
All poor, de - lud - ed souls con - vert.
Pre - serve your Church from age to age.
That sets it - self a - gainst your will.
That we may live in god - ly peace.

- 6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore,
That they may trouble us no more;
We, too, will gladly those forgive
Who hurt us by the way they live.
Help us in our community
To serve each other willingly.
- 7 Into temptation lead us not.
When evil foes against us plot
And vex our souls on ev'ry hand,
Oh, give us strength that we may stand
Firm in the faith, a mighty host,
Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.
- 8 From evil, Lord, deliver us;
The times and days are perilous.
Redeem us from eternal death,
And, when we yield our dying breath,
Console us, grant us calm release,
And take our souls to you in peace.
- 9 Amen, that is, it shall be so.
Make strong our faith that we may know
That we may doubt not but believe
What here we ask we shall receive.
Thus in your name and at your Word
We say, "Amen. Oh, hear us, Lord!"

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.
Tune: VATER UNSER HIM HIMMELREICH, DER DU (88 88 88) attr. Martin Luther, 1483–1546.

Come, My Soul, with Every Care



1 Come, my soul, with ev - 'ry care; Je - sus loves
 2 You are com - ing to a king— Large pe - ti -
 3 With my bur - den I be - gin: Lord, re - move
 4 Lord, your rest to me im - part; Take pos - ses -
 5 While I am a pil - grim here, Let your love



to an - swer prayer. He him - self bids you to
 tions with you bring, For his grace and pow'r are
 this load of sin; Let your blood, for sin - ners
 sion of my heart. There your blood - bought right main -
 my spir - it cheer. As my guide, my guard, my



pray And will nev - er turn a - way.
 such, None can ev - er ask too much.
 spilt, Set my con - science free from guilt.
 tain And with - out a ri - val reign.
 friend, Lead me to my jour - ney's end.

6 Show me what I am to do;
 Ev'ry hour my strength renew.
 Let me live a life of faith;
 Let me die your people's death.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, abr., alt.
 Tune: VIENNA (77 77) Justin H. Knecht, 1752–1817.

On What Has Now Been Sown



1 On what has now been sown Your bless - ing, Lord, be -
 2 To you our wants are known; From you are all our
 3 Oh, grant that each of us Now met be - fore you



stow; The pow'r is yours a - lone To make it
 pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own And par - don
 here May meet to - geth - er thus When you and



spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest
 what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -
 yours ap - pear And fol - low you to heav'n, our



raise And you a - lone shall have the praise!
 ceive And to your Word a bless - ing give.
 home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, abr., adapt., alt.

Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH (66 66 88) John Darwall, 1731–89.

UNSEEN MIRACLES



*Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth. Psalm 46:10*

Everyone is invited to this Mission Event on October 1. Save the date!

**God is our safety net
during hardships: hear
Margaret Solomon's story**

**Bethlehem Lutheran welcomes all
to the Fall Rally Mission Event at
9748 Copeland Dr, Manassas, VA
starting at 9AM**



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Prayer Corner

- for **the family of Judy Clark, mother of Deana Valrance**, who entered eternal glory this week.
- for safety for **all those who are traveling** in these last few weeks of summer.
- for all of our **students and teachers** who are preparing for a new year of school.

Offering

Last Sunday, thankful hearts offered **\$4559** to the LORD to carry out his ministry at Bethlehem and around the world. The average weekly donation so far in 2022 is **\$5303**. An average of **\$6560** is needed each week to meet the budget that we approved for 2022.

In Ministry this Week

Sunday, August 14	9:30 am	Worship: Online and In Person (NO Sunday School or Bible Study today)
Wednesday, August 17	9:30 am	Midweek Bible Study

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars now!

Saturday, August 27

- **9:00 am** – Men’s Bible Study
- **11:00 am** – Women’s Ministry Planning Meeting
- **6:30 pm** – Food with Friends at Mum Mum Thai Restaurant
- **Sunday, August 28** immediately following worship – Quarterly Voters Meeting
- **Sunday, September 11** – Outdoor Worship with Installation of Teachers and Officers
Christian Education Sunday Kickoff Potluck to follow worship!
- **Saturday, October 1** – LWMS Rally to be held here at Bethlehem
- **Friday, October 7 to Sunday, October 9** – Women’s Fall Retreat at Lake Anna, VA
- **Saturday, October 22** – Bethlehem Trunk or Treat
- **Friday, October 28 to Saturday, October 29** – Men’s Fellowship Camping



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!