

# BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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AUGUST 21, 2022

ELEVENTH 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

Earthly wealth is meaningless without God. The meaning of life cannot be found in the abundance of earthly possessions but in the abundance of heavenly blessings. The believer recognizes that everything the world seeks and offers is meaningless. Rather, he sets his heart on the treasure found in the fullness of Christ.

## BIBLE STUDY THEME FOR TODAY

Jesus Conquers Death: John 20:11-18

## THANKS TO GOD FOR THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Music	Guest Organist, Peter Kiesel
Hospitality	Lee Ann Naujock
Ushers	Tim Heitsch and Bernie Ziegler
Elders	Martin Schwenke and Robin Vergara
Altar	Aimee Krueger
Cleaners	Letiecq and Newman Families
Counters	Tim Wehausen and LuVerne Boes

# SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

## OPENING HYMN

CW HYMNAL #484, "BROTHERS, SISTERS, LET US GLADLY"

## 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 reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; 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

ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 2:18-26

<sup>2</sup>“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.”

<sup>18</sup>I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. <sup>19</sup>And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. <sup>20</sup>So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. <sup>21</sup>For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. <sup>22</sup>What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? <sup>23</sup>All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.

<sup>24</sup>A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>To the person who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

## PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 34<sup>1</sup>



Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
blessed are they who take refuge in him.

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous  
and his ears are attentive to their cry.

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<sup>1</sup> **Refrain Tune:** Columba Kelly. © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc., Chicago, IL, www.giamusic.com. All rights reserved. Used by permission. OneLicense.net #761716.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,  
and he delivers them.

*Refrain*

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;  
he delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted  
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

The LORD redeems his servants;  
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

**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**

## **COLOSSIANS 3:1-11**

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. <sup>8</sup>But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

## **JOHN 14:23**

M: Alleluia. Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." 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 12:13-21

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” <sup>15</sup>Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

<sup>16</sup>And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup>He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

<sup>18</sup>“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup>And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

<sup>20</sup>“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

<sup>21</sup>“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

**THE SERMON**

**LUKE 12:13-21**

***"JESUS UPHOLDS THE 7TH 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. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. 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*)



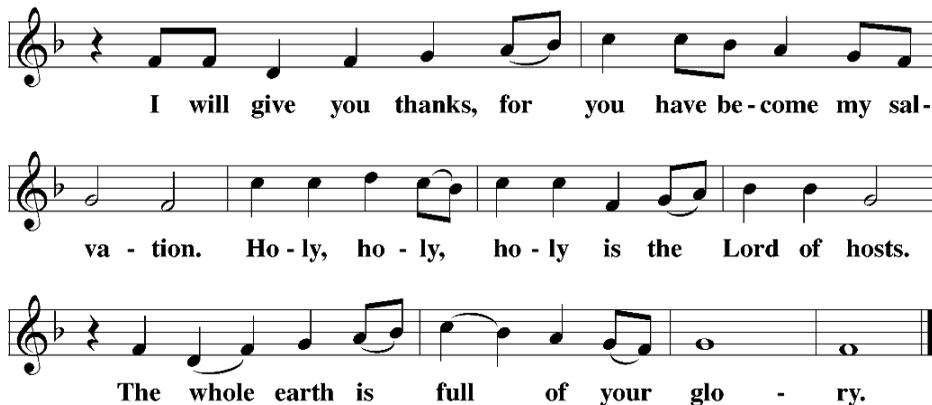
C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



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."

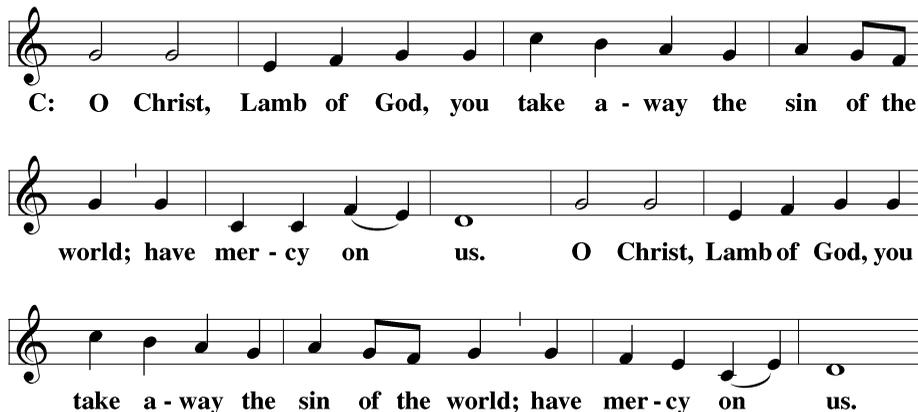
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**CW HYMNAL #315, “HERE, O MY LORD, I SEE YOU FACE TO FACE”**

**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 - jice 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.

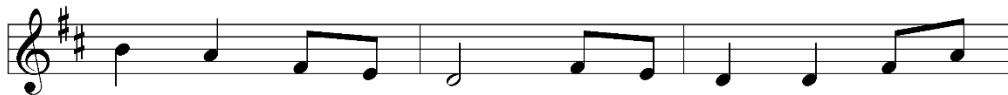
## CLOSING HYMN

CW HYMNAL #477, "WHAT IS THE WORLD TO ME"

## Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly



1 Broth - ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly Give to  
 2 By his mer - cy, by his boun - ty, By the  
 3 Gra - cious Lord, ac - cept our ser - vice For the



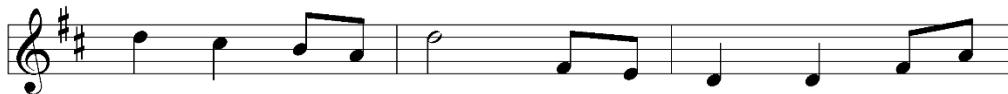
God our all, our best— Ser - vice heart - y, thor - ough,  
 gift of Christ, his Son, What great good - ness he has  
 sake of Christ, your Son; Lo, our hope a - bides now



hon - est, With a liv - ing love im - pressed.  
 shown us, What high mar - vels he has done!  
 on - ly In the right - eous - ness he won.



All our du - ty, all our striv - ing, All our  
 Let us to him prompt - ly, free - ly, Yield our  
 Bless and save us; help and guide us; Watch to



time to him be - long; Praise him, then, with true de -  
 bod - ies and our souls, Thank - ful that his love pro -  
 com - fort and re - store Till in heav'n we rest re -



vo - tion; Come be - fore him with a song.  
 tects us, That his wis - dom all con - trols.  
 joic - ing, Prais - ing you for - ev - er - more.

Text: Henry Bateman, 1802-72, alt.

Tune: NETTLETON (87 87 D) *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, Harrisburg, 1813, alt.

# 285 The Ten Commandments Are the Law



1 The Ten Com - mand - ments are the law Which Is - rael  
 2 "I am your Lord and God a - lone! No oth - er  
 3 "In what you speak bring me no shame; Do not mis -  
 4 "Re - spect the Sab - bath of the Lord! Do not de -  
 5 "Give to your par - ents hon - or due, Be du - ti -



heard in ho - ly awe. In smoke and fire from Si - na - i  
 god but me en - throne! Put your whole con - fi - dence in me;  
 use my ho - ly name, But call on me in trou - bled days;  
 spise my ho - ly Word, But hold it sa - cred, pre - cious, true,  
 ful and lov - ing, too, And help them when their pow'rs are few;



The voice of God shook the sky. Have mer - cy, Lord!  
 Give me your heart to - tal - ly." Have mer - cy, Lord!  
 Give me your thanks, prayers, and praise." Have mer - cy, Lord!  
 And hear that truth preached to you." Have mer - cy, Lord!  
 So shall it go well with you." Have mer - cy, Lord!

8 "You shall not steal or take away 11 God gave these laws to show therein,  
 What others worked for night and day, O child of man, your life of sin,  
 But open wide a gen'rous hand And help you rightly to perceive  
 And help the poor in the land." How unto God you should live.  
 Have mercy, Lord! Have mercy, Lord!

12 Our works cannot salvation gain;  
 They merit only endless pain.  
 Forgive us, Lord! To Christ we fly,  
 Our mediator on high.  
 Have mercy, Lord!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite paraphrase.

Tune: IN GOTTES NAMEN FAHREN WIR (88 87 4) German melody, 13th century, alt.

# 315 Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face



1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;  
 2 This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
 3 I have no help but yours nor do I need  
 4 Mine is the sin but yours the right - eous - ness;  
 5 Too soon we rise; the ves - sels dis - ap - pear.



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen,  
 Here is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread a - new.  
 An - oth - er arm but yours to lean up - on.  
 Mine is the guilt but yours the cleans - ing blood.  
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.



Here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,  
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long  
 It is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed;  
 Here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:  
 The bread and wine re - move, but you are here,



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.  
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with you.  
 My strength is in your might, your might a - lone.  
 Your blood, your right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.  
 Near - er than ev - er, still my shield and sun.

6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, abr., alt.

Tune: FARLEY CASTLE (10 10 10 10) Henry Lawes, 1595-1662.

## What Is the World to Me



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed  
 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the  
 3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mon - ey  
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my



plea - sure When you, and you a - lone, Lord  
 might - y, Yet nev - er once re - flects That  
 of - fers, Yet nev - er is con - tent Though  
 trea - sure, My life, my health, my wealth, My



Je - sus, are my trea - sure! You on - ly, dear - est  
 they are frail and flight - y. But what I tru - ly  
 gold should fill its cof - fers. I have a high - er  
 friend, my love, my plea - sure, My joy, my crown, my



Lord, My soul's de - light shall be; You are my  
 prize A - bove all things is he, My Je - sus,  
 good; Con - tent with it I'll be; My Je - sus  
 all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly. Once more then



peace, my rest. What is the world to me!  
 he a - lone. What is the world to me!  
 is my wealth— What is the world to me!  
 I de - clare: What is the world to me!

Text: Georg M. Pfefferkorn, 1645–1732, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT (67 67 66 66) Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629–1701, alt.

## Prayer Corner

—for **the family of Judy Clark, mother of Deana Valrance**, who entered eternal glory last week.  
—for all of our students and teachers who are preparing for a new year of school.

## Altar Flowers

The flowers this week are given to the glory of God by **Don & Joan Richards** in honor of their grandsons and by **Martha Vasquez and Garrett Wall** in celebration of **Doug's 79<sup>th</sup>** birthday.

## Offering

Last Sunday, thankful hearts offered **\$6386** to the LORD to carry out his ministry at Bethlehem and around the world. The average weekly donation so far in 2022 is **\$5329**. An average of **\$6560** is needed each week to meet the budget that we approved for 2022.

## In Ministry this Week

Sunday, August 21	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion: Online and In Person
	11:00 am	Sunday School and Bible Study
Wednesday, August 24	9:30 am	Midweek Bible Study
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	9:30 am	Worship: Online and In Person
	11:00 am	Sunday School and Voters Meeting

## Upcoming Events

- 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