

WELCOME TO BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

God's Family Serving Christ with Love

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Holy Communion is celebrated each week; all people of God are welcome. Please fill out a Communion Registration card found in the pew racks, and put it in the offering bowl as you leave the sanctuary. **Please pick up your prepackaged communion elements on your way into the sanctuary.** It contains a wafer, which you open first by lifting the clear cellophane on top and then the grape juice. If you would like a **gluten free wafer**, please let the usher know before the start of worship.

Children's Worship Activity Bags are available in the Narthex with activities for your children, please help yourself. You can place the used activity bags in the basket located beneath the activity bag tree as you leave. We have a **Cry Room** for your comfort where you can hear and see the service. Due to Covid-19 we are asking that you **reserve the Cry Room** and it will only be for one family as a time.

Hearing assistance devices are available on the counter in the Narthex for your convenience. Please ask the greeter or usher for help.

Large print copies of the bulletin are available in the Narthex.

Enter to Praise

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Please rise in body and/or spirit.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your**

ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Congregational Request

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

You may be seated for the readings

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16

This passage describes the beginning of David's rise to power. After defeating Goliath, David becomes a commander in King Saul's army, and is befriended by Saul's son Jonathan. All Israel loves David, but Saul himself is overcome by jealousy. In all this, the LORD is with David.

⁵⁷On David's return from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philistine in his hand. ⁵⁸Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" And David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

^{18:1}When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. ²Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. ³Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. ⁴Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing, and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. ⁵David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; as a result, Saul set him over the army. And all the people, even the servants of Saul, approved.

¹⁰The next day an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand; ¹¹and Saul threw the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice.

¹²Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him but had departed from Saul. ¹³So Saul removed him from his presence, and made him a commander of a thousand; and David marched out and came in, leading the army. ¹⁴David had success in all his undertakings; for the LORD was with him. ¹⁵When Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in awe of him. ¹⁶But all Israel and Judah loved David; for it was he who marched out and came in leading them. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

"This is My Father's World"

PSALM 133

The LORD gives victory to the anointed one. (Ps. 20:6)

¹How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain.

²For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise in body and/or spirit for the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Now is the accept-¹able time;* now is the day¹ of salvation. *Alleluia.* (2 Cor. 6:2)

GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus’ calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life’s turbulence.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.”

³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there

was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

You may be seated

THE SERMON

SERMON HYMN

Congregational Request

Please rise in body and/or spirit to proclaim what we believe

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - *Pray aloud as the spirit guides you*

P: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you gather your people from east and west, north and south. We pray for the mission of the church throughout the world, that your steadfast love may be made known to all peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You laid the foundations of the earth and the waters are the womb of creation. The morning stars sing your name and all creation shouts for joy. We pray for your blessed creation, that it may continue to flourish and magnify your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You keep watch over all nations. We pray for countries experiencing violence, hunger, and unrest. Guide worldwide and local community organizations in their efforts to establish safety and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You are close to the brokenhearted and near to those in distress. We pray for those who are experiencing oppression. Liberate us from the systems and chains that bind us. Remove the barriers that separate us from one another. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You dwell with us in this faith community. We pray for our leaders and elders. Grant them knowledge, patience, and kindness, that through their leadership you may be exalted in this assembly. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your love endures in all situations. On this Father's Day, we pray for those who are fathers or wish to be fathers, for those with broken or strained relationships, for those who are missing their fathers, and for fathers who have lost children. Bless and strengthen them. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

You may be seated

Due to Covid-19, we will not be collecting offerings as usual. You may put your offering in the bowl upon leaving the sanctuary. We share our offerings for the mission of Christ through Bethlehem. Thank you for your participation in this ministry to the Glory of God!

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

Please rise in body and/or spirit

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion is celebrated with individual elements in your pew. You may sit after receiving Communion

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- June 20th - Happy Father's Day – stay for the brat fry after worship
- Looking for a coordinator for summer outdoor movie nights. Contact the office if interested.
- Would you like to host coffee hour? Sign up for the 2nd or 4th weekend in July. Sign up in narthex

Please rise in body and/or spirit

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Congregational Request

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

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Depart to Share

Today's Worship Team

Wednesday 5:30pm, 6/16

Music: Ronna

Usher: Geoff Gilbert

Next Week's Worship Team

Wednesday 5:30pm, 6/23

Music: Samantha

Usher: Geoff Gilbert

**You can still tune
in at 9am
Worship to listen
from your car –
88.3 FM.**

Sunday Morning 9am, 6/20 - Outdoors

Music: Carla

Reader: Kerry Melby

Usher: Jeff Melby

Sound System: Tania Anderson

Sunday Morning Service 9am, 6/27

Music: Carla

Reader: Barb Rothwell

Usher: Travis Cox

Video Production: Brady & Lori Cox

Altar Flowers: Darlene Anderson-Prest in memory of Ken

Coffee Hour: Transition Team

Please Pray For

Church Prayer List:

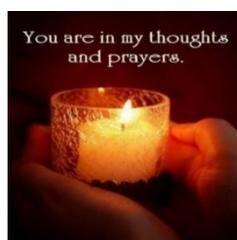
Tony & Carol Hess & family

Beau Grosklaus-Oehlhof

Elaine Benson

Margaret Molden

Mary Ellen Miller



Our Extended Family Prayer Concerns:

John and Judy Skille (Tania Anderson's parents)

Wayne Ostertag

Julie Grueneberg (Lynn & Diane's daughter)

Brad Kohnke

Deb Moe & family (Sandra Sween's cousin)

Jeremy Schilling
Bonnie Bender
Lynn Grueneberg
Bob O'Halloran
Noretta Moran

Coffee Hour

Looking for people to host coffee hour outdoors after indoor worship on the 2nd & 4th Sundays in July. Sign up in narthex.

Pr. Jen's Last Day

Pr. Jen's last official day with us will be July 4th. The Transition Team is planning a good-bye party for her on June 27th after worship to allow for more people to be there due to the holiday. We will celebrate all Pr. Jen has done for Bethlehem Lutheran with a cake & refreshments. The Team will also be collecting donations for a gift until June 20th. Please send your donations to the office. We will serve cupcakes on Pastor's last day.

Attention Confirmation Kids



Here is a great way to get in some service hours: sign up to water the pumpkin patch here at church. Also watch your email for a sign up link. It will also be posted on our Website.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DADA72FA1FCC43-pumpkin>

Brat Fry—June 20th

Stay for the brat fry after worship. If you'd like to help volunteer, contact Tania Anderson 608-697-5999



Randy VonRuden
Betty Hayes (Chad Hayes' grandma)
Steve Rohrbacher (Marie & Ed's son)
Lucca
Bill (Ann Ciske's father-in-law)
Randy
Tom Teslik (Mark Teslik's son)
Rick Voight (Halley Harms' father)
Shannon Henderson
Dick & Rene' Johnson
Patty McGee
Natalie Pierce

This Week:

Wednesday, June 16
8:30 am CASA Training
10:30 am Tai Chi – Music Room
5:30 pm In person Worship

Thursday, June 17
6:00 pm Council Meeting

Friday, June 18
10:30 am Tai Chi

Sunday, June 20 – **Father's Day**
9 am In person & Online Worship –
Outdoors
10 am – 12 pm Brat Fry

Monday, June 21
10:30 am Tai Chi
6:00 pm SREA Meeting
6:30 pm Euchre

Tuesday, June 22
6:30 pm C19TF Meeting

Wednesday, June 23
8:30 am CASA Training
10:30 am Tai Chi – Music Room
5:30 pm In person Worship

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!**



Summer Outdoor Movies

We would love to offer outdoor movies this summer and are looking for a couple people to help organize this. If you are interested, please contact the office.

Prayer for *Father's Day*

God our Father,
We give you thanks and praise
for fathers young and old.
We pray for young fathers,
newly embracing their vocation;
May they find courage and perseverance
to balance work, family and faith
in joy and sacrifice.
We pray for Fathers around the world
whose children are lost or suffering;
May they know that the God of compassion
walks with them in their sorrow.
We pray for men who are not fathers
but still mentor and guide us
with fatherly love and advice.
We remember fathers, grandfathers,
and great grandfathers
who are no longer with us
but who live forever in our memory
and nourish us with their love.

Amen.



Mission Kits

LWR Kit Ministry collects kits assembled from congregations to support people in these challenging situations. BLC will collect items for:

- School Kits: a backpack filled with basic school supplies to educate a child.
- Personal Care Kits: a light towel wrapped with basic hygiene items.
- Fabric Kits: two pieces of material with coordinating thread to help people learn a reliable, marketable skill.

We are collecting the items in the Narthex. A complete list of the items is attached to the Chimes. You can assemble a kit or kits yourself or bring donated items to church and we will assemble later. No items with religious, patriotic, American Flag or military symbols can be used.

If you have questions, you can call Janice 608-742-8502 or Jeanette at 608-617-5228.

Rummage Sale

The Rummage Sale is scheduled for August 7th. You can start to bring in items for the sale after July 4th. Volunteer sign up sheets are in the Narthex.