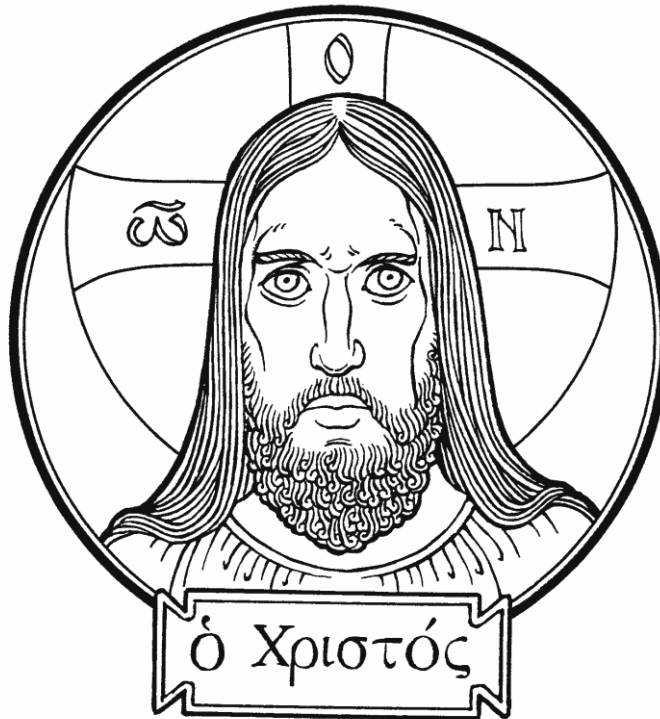




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Representing God's Love
To our Congregation,
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Divine Service: Setting I with Holy Communion

Order of Service: *Lutheran Service Book*, pp 151-166

Pre-Service Music

June Bible Verse

"When I am afraid,
I put my trust in you."
Psalms 56:3

Our Mission Statement

Representing God's Love to our Congregation, Community, and the World!



In Light of 1 Cor. 11:23-26, Bethlehem Lutheran Church maintains the historical practice of "closed" communion in the belief that the Sacrament requires faith in Christ's words that His body and blood are truly present. Furthermore, participation in the Sacrament is a sign of our unity in the faith with all those who join us at the altar. *For that reason, we ask that those visitors desiring to commune be members in good standing of a congregation of the LCMS and speak to the pastor or an elder before the beginning of the service.* Our denial of admission to those who are members of another confession is not a judgment upon their faith but a recognition that we hold to different confessions concerning God, salvation, and the Sacrament itself. Such individuals are invited to speak with the pastor following the service.

Ringling of the Church Bell

ENTRANCE HYMN

I Bind unto Myself Today

LSB 604

1 I bind un - to my - self to - day The
2 I bind this day to me for - ev - er, By
3 I bind un - to my - self to - day The
4 A - gainst the de - mon snares of sin, The
△ 5 I bind un - to my - self the name, The
strong name of faith, the Trin - i - ty By
pow'r of God, Christ's in - car - na - tion, His
pow'r of God, to hold and lead, His
vice that gives temp - ta - tion force, The
strong name of the Trin - i - ty By
in - vo - ca - tion of the same, The
Bap - tism in the Jor - dan Riv - er, His
eye to watch, His might to stay, His
nat - ural lusts that war with in, The
in - vo - ca - tion of the same, The

Repeat after st. 1 only.

Three in One and One in Three.
 cross of death for my sal - va - tion,
 ear to hear - ken to my need,
 hos - tile foes that mar my course;
 Three in One and One in Three,

(2) His burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, His
 (3) The wis - dom of my God to teach, His
 (4) Or few or man - y, far or nigh, In
 (5) Of whom all na - ture has cre - a - tion, E -

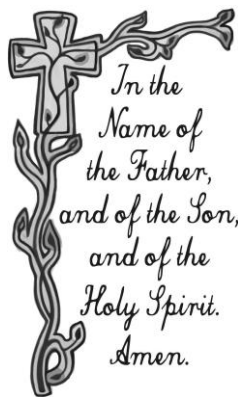
rid - ing up the heav'n - ly way, His
 hand to guide, His shield to ward, The
 ev - 'ry place and in all hours, A -
 ter - nal Fa - ther, Spir - it, Word. Praise

com - ing at the day of doom,
 Word of God to give me speech,
 gainst of their fierce hos of - til - i - ty,
 to the Lord of my sal - va - tion;

I bind un - to my - self to - day.
 His heav'n - ly host to be my guard.
 I bind to me those ho - ly pow'rs.
 Sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord!

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Stand.



INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

LSB 151

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 89:1, 5, 15–16; antiphon: Psalm 119:46

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,
 who exult in your name all the day
and in your righteousness are exalted.

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.

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

KYRIE

LSB 152

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.





C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast

Refrain

LSB 155



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

C Merciful and eternal God, Your holy apostles Peter and Paul received grace and strength to lay down their lives for the sake of Your Son. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that we may confess Your truth and at all times be ready to lay down our lives for Him who laid down His life for us, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit.

FIRST READING

Acts 15:1–12

¹But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” ²And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. ³So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers. ⁴When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them. ⁵But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses.”

⁶The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. ⁷And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. ⁸And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, ⁹and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. ¹⁰Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? ¹¹But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”

¹²And all the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Galatians 2:1–10

¹Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. ²I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. ³But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. ⁴Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery—⁵to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. ⁶And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. ⁷On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised ⁸(for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), ⁹and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. ¹⁰Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand.



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

LSB 159

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead.**

Sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY

By All Your Saints in Warfare

LSB 518 – vs. 1, 19, 3

1 By all Your saints in war - fare, For
2 We praise You for Saint Pe - ter; We
Δ 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And
all Your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O
praise You for Saint Paul; They taught both Jew and
wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the
Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blest! For
Gen - tile That Christ is all in all. To
Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till
You have won the bat - tle That they might wear the
cross and sword they yield - ed And saw Your king - dom
all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the
crown; And now they shine in glo - ry
come; O God, these two a - pos - tles
throne, As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry
Re - flect - ed from Your throne.
Reached life through mar - tyr - dom.
And praise to God a - lone.

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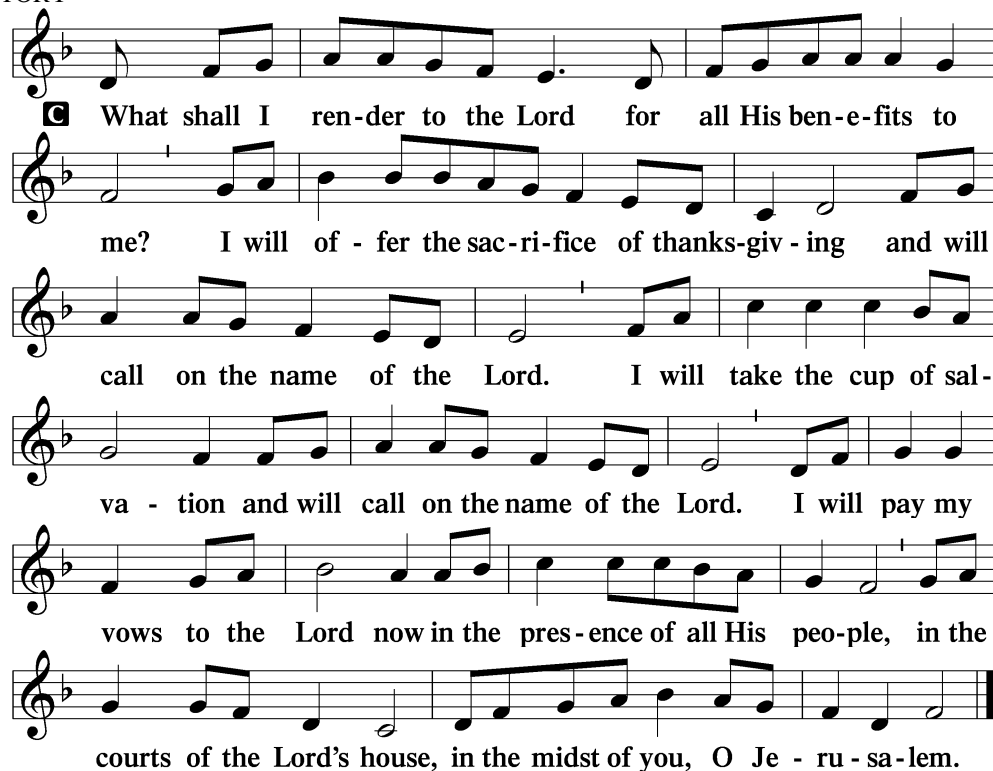
SERMON

Jesus Alone – Matthew 16:13–19

Stand.

OFFERTORY

LSB 159



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

OFFERING PRAYER

Sit.

OFFERING

Stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

from the Lutheran Service Book, page 160

PREFACE

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



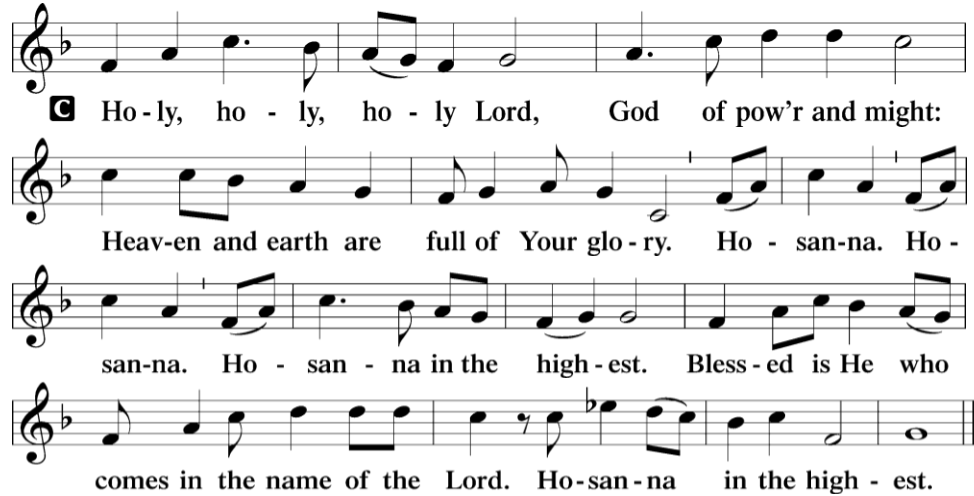
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy Church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and evangelists, with Your servants Peter and Paul, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 162

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

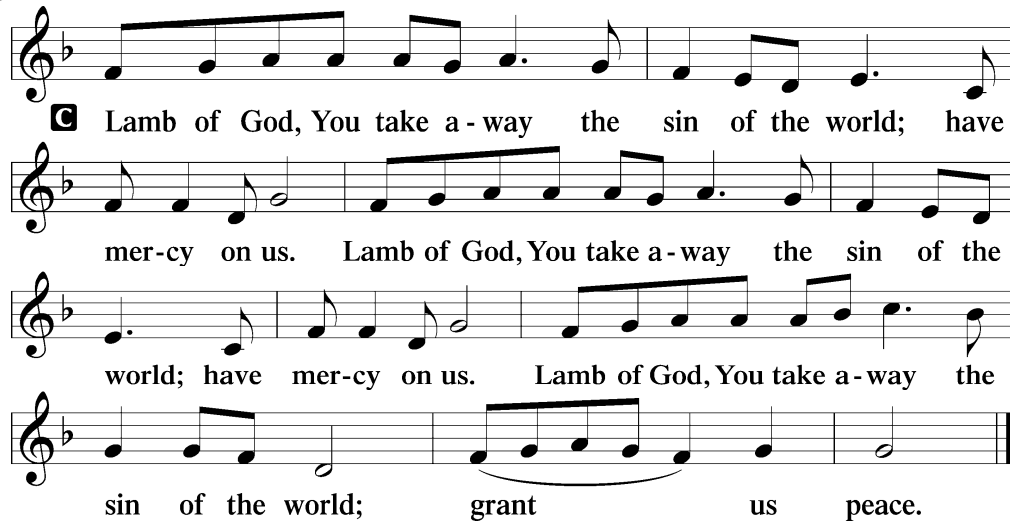
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





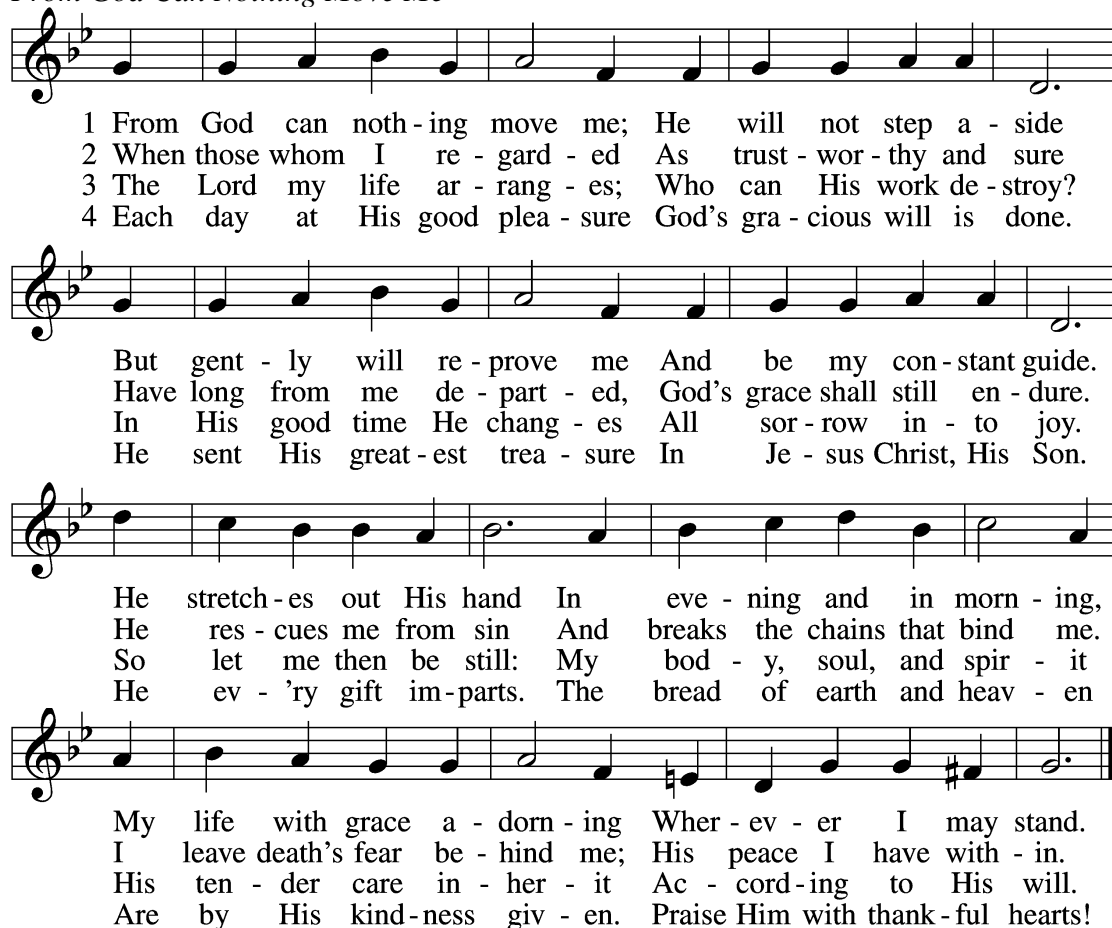
Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

From God Can Nothing Move Me

LSB 713



1 From God can noth-ing move me; He will not step a-side
 2 When those whom I re-gard-ed As trust-wor-thy and sure
 3 The Lord my life ar-rang-es; Who can His work de-destroy?
 4 Each day at His good plea-sure God's gra-cious will is done.

But gent-ly will re-prove me And be my con-stant guide.
 Have long from me de-part-ed, God's grace shall still en-dure.
 In His good time He chang-es All sor-row in-to joy.
 He sent His great-est trea-sure In Je-sus Christ, His Son.

He stretch-es out His hand In eve-ning and in morn-ing,
 He res-cues me from sin And breaks the chains that bind me.
 So let me then be still: My bod-y, soul, and spir-it
 He ev-'ry gift im-parts. The bread of earth and heav-en

My life with grace a-dorn-ing Wher-ev-er I may stand.
 I leave death's fear be-hind me; His peace I have with-in.
 His ten-der care in-her-it Ac-cord-ing to His will.
 Are by His kind-ness giv-en. Praise Him with thank-ful hearts!

5 Praise God with acclamation

And in His gifts rejoice.

Each day finds its vocation

Responding to His voice.

Soon years on earth are past;

But time we spend expressing

The love of God brings blessing

That will forever last!

6 Yet even though I suffer

The world's unpleasantness,

And though the days grow rougher

And bring me great distress,

That day of bliss divine,

Which knows no end or measure,

And Christ, who is my pleasure,

Forever shall be mine.

△ For thus the Father willed it,
Who fashioned us from clay;
And His own Son fulfilled it
And brought eternal day.
The Spirit now has come,

To us true faith has given;
He leads us home to heaven.
O praise the Three in One!

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The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

LSB 634



1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -
2 He blot - ted out with His own blood The judg - ment
3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a
4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this



brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort
that a - gainst us stood; For us He full a -
sol - emn guar - an - tee: In this His ho - ly
Sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,



in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
tone - ment made, And all our debt He ful - ly paid.
Sup - per here We taste His love so sweet, so near.
as He said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

5 We dare not ask how this can be,
But simply hold the mystery
And trust this word where life begins:
"Given and shed for all your sins."

7 But blest is each believing guest
Who in these promises finds rest;
For Jesus shall in love remain
With all who here His grace obtain.

6 They who this word do not believe
This food unworthily receive,
Salvation here will never find—
May we this warning keep in mind!

8 Help us sincerely to believe
That we may worthily receive
Your Supper and in You find rest.
Amen! They who believe are blest.

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Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

LSB 691



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, May we rip - en
2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing Gifts the Giv - er
3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, May we grow till



and in - crease, Fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
har - vests cease; Till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



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Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

LSB 676



1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, Like thou - sand
 2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; But now, how
 3 O bless - ed saints in bright ar - ray Now safe - ly



snow - clad moun - tains bright! With palms they stand; Who
 glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, A
 home in end - less day, Ex - tol the Lord, Who



is this band Be - fore the throne of light? These are the
 priest - ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. On earth they
 with His Word Sus - tained you on the way. The steep and



saints of glo - rious fame, Who from the great af -
 wept through bit - ter years; Now God has wiped a -
 nar - row path you trod; You toiled and sowed the



flic - tion came And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood
 way their tears, Trans - formed their strife To heav'n - ly life,
 Word a - broad; Re - joice and bring Your fruits and sing



Are cleansed from guilt and shame. They now serve God both
 And freed them from their fears. They now en - joy the
 Be - fore the throne of God. The myr - iad an - gels



day and night; They sing their songs in end - less light. Their
 Sab - bath rest, The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; The
 raise their song; O saints, sing with that hap - py throng! Lift



an - thems ring As they all sing With an - gels shin - ing bright.
 Lamb, their Lord, At fes - tive board Him - self is host and guest.
 up one voice; Let heav'n re - joice In our Re - deem - er's song!

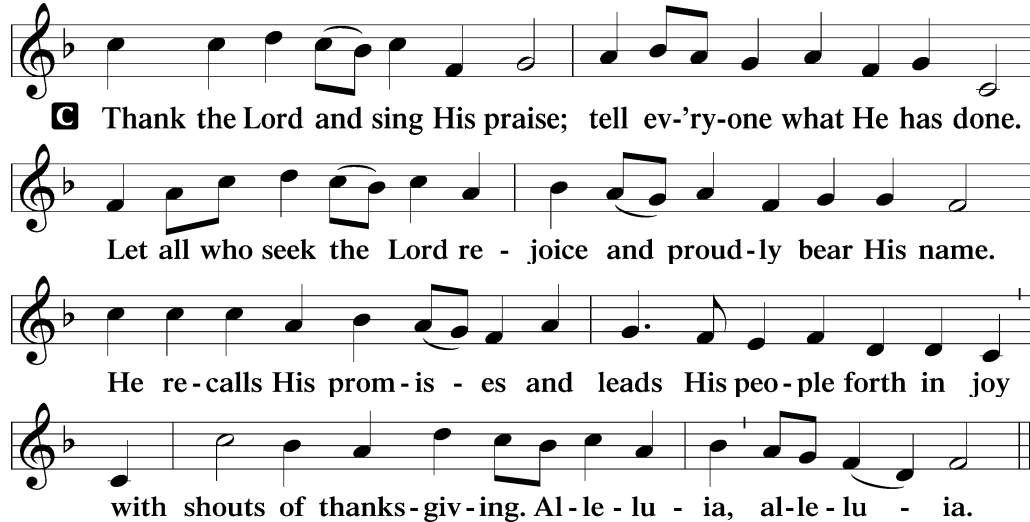
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Stand.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank the Lord

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.
He re-calls 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.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty God, since You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us unto Yourself, grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the Good News of Your salvation that all who hear may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.
- C** Amen.

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



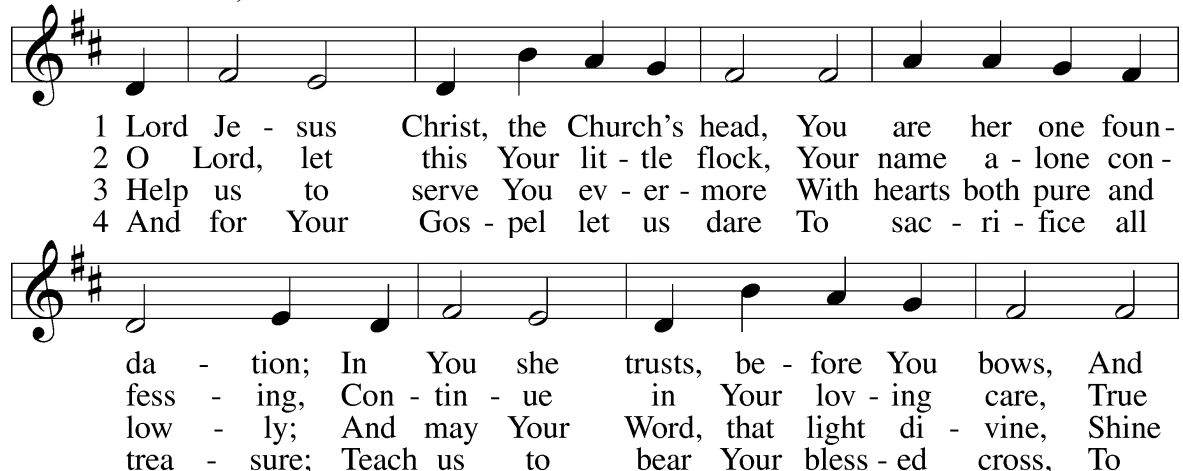
C A - men.

Sit.


CLOSING HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

LSB 647



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, You are her one foun-
2 O Lord, let this Your lit - tle flock, Your name a - lone con -
3 Help us to serve You ev - er - more With hearts both pure and
4 And for Your Gos - pel let us dare To sac - ri - fice all
da - tion; In You she trusts, be - fore You bows, And
fess - ing, Con - tin - ue in Your lov - ing care, True
low - ly; And may Your Word, that light di - vine, Shine
treasure; Teach us to bear Your bless - ed cross, To



waits for Your sal - va - tion. Built on this rock se - cure,
u - ni - ty pos - sess - ing. Your sac - ra - ments, O Lord,
on in splen - dor ho - ly That we re - pen - tance show,
find in You all plea - sure. O grant us stead - fast - ness

Your Church shall en - dure Though all the world de -
And Your sav - ing Word To us, Lord, pure re -
In faith ev - er grow; The pow'r of sin de -
In joy and dis - tress, Lest we, Lord, You for -

cay And all things pass a - way.
tain. Grant that they may re - main
stroy And e - vils that an - noy.
sake. Let us by grace par - take

O hear, O hear us, Je - sus!
Our on - ly strength and com - fort.
O make us faith - ful Chris - tians.
Of end - less joy and glad - ness.

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POSTLUDE

Welcome to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, where we worship in the name of the crucified and risen Lamb of God, Jesus Christ our Lord. Blessings to you as you worship with us today.

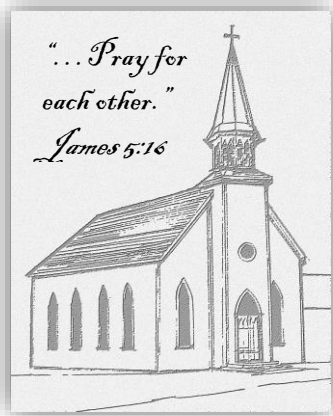


Congregation: for Kathleen Siemsglusz as she recovers from surgery; for Tom Hayden's recovery after surgery and continued healing; for Adeline Platt's health; for health and healing for Lathel Norris; for Riley Mae, Jerry & Doris Kohring's great-granddaughter, thanksgiving for her coming home and prayers for continued health; for Milton Schwartz,

Blake Powers, Edith Erwin, and Deloris Griffin; for our shut-in members: Renee Brinkmann, Mildred Holle, Lathel Norris, Dorine Selman, James Schoenemann, Roger & Elvera Schroeder, and others who are unable to come to church

Community: may our Lord continue to deliver to us favorable weather; for Brenham Pregnancy Center and those whose lives they touch; Faith Mission; families and individuals cared for by Child Protective Services

World: for all those suffering through war, may God watch over and protect His children, and by His Holy Spirit, may they all come to know Christ as their Savior and thus enjoy eternity with Him, for those who have been led astray into false belief; for those facing crisis pregnancies, that they would find the strength to choose life for their unborn child; for the leaders of the nations, that they would make godly decisions for their people and countries



Bethlehem at Prayer

Prayer is a vital part of our life together in Christ. To that end, *Bethlehem at Prayer* is a means to encourage more intentional prayer for one another. This is an opportunity for us to support one another in faith, lifting up each household by name before our gracious God. While members can always request prayers at any time, this effort ensures that every family at Bethlehem is prayed for regularly. We invite you to join us in encouragement and intercession, praying for our brothers and sisters in Christ each week.

Please remember these families in your prayers this week:

- Smitherman - Chris, Ann, Samuel, Deloris (Griffin)
- Guthrie - Jeremy, Adrienne, Lydia, Jackson, Brody
- Kolbasinski - Frankie, Vickie
- Krieg - Kelly, Jennifer, Giuliana, Norman, Winston
- Schwartz - Milton
- Schwartz - Trenton

May the Lord bless and strengthen them in faith and life.

This Week's Schedule

June 29 – July 6

Today:	St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles		
	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	
	10:15 AM	Divine Worship: Setting I with Holy Communion	
	Acolyte:	Rose Kettler	
	Greeter:	Donna Hinze	
	Ushers:	Charles Meyer	Brad Molitor
		Paul Richter	Colin Schomburg
Tuesday:	7:00 PM	LWML Social	
	7:30 PM	LWML Meeting	
Wednesday:	6:00 PM	Life with God—New Member Class	
Thursday:	6:00 PM	Elders’ Meeting	
	6:30 PM	Women’s Bible Study	
Saturday:	7:30 AM	Men's Club Breakfast, Bible Study, & Meeting	
Next Sunday:	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost		
	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	
	10:15 AM	Divine Worship: Setting I with Holy Communion	
	Acolyte:	Harlee Duckett	
	Ushers:	Collin Schroeder	Ian Schroeder
		Mike Schroeder	Shane Schroeder
	11:30 AM	Youth League Meeting & Bible Study	

Serving in June: Elder – Clinton Kettler / **Trustee** – Kevin Harrington

Serving in July: Elder – Brad Molitor / **Trustee** – Robert Kettler

If you have a question or thought concerning spiritual care or the church property, please contact the appropriate elder or trustee.



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in honor of Gene and Billie Weidemann's 60th wedding anniversary.



Congratulations to Paul and Renea Molitor on the birth of their daughter, *Rylee Ann Molitor*, born June 12. Rylee Ann's grandma is Kathy Molitor.

Life with God—New Member Class continue this Wednesday at 6:00pm



Our adult information class covers the most important teachings of the Bible as they are believed, taught, and confessed here at Bethlehem. It is designed for anyone considering membership, new members, and any member of the congregation who would like a thorough review of basic Biblical doctrine. Mark your calendar and plan to join us on **Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm**. Classes run weekly for 10-12 sessions.

The ladies of **LWML** invite you to help **collect supplies for Disaster Relief Response kits!** We are donating **Flood Buckets** and **Health Care Kits** along with *Bibles, Portals of Prayer, and other devotional materials*. Please place all donated items **in the box in the Parish Hall by July 31st**.



Men's Club monthly breakfast is this **Saturday, July 5, at 7:30 a.m.** in the Parish Hall.

All men of the congregation are invited to attend. Breakfast will be served, with fellowship and Bible study to follow.



Men of the congregation, this is your opportunity to be involved in your congregation, bond as brothers in Christ, and be fed, both in body and Spirit. So, mark your calendars and bring your appetites! *Please RSVP with the QR code or go to the Men's Club page on the church website to sign up. We need to know how much food to prepare.*



Life Thoughts from Lutherans for Life

Humankind once mistook Jesus for somebody less than Lord God (Matthew 16:13-14). Even His own people once mistook Gentiles for something less than just as special (Acts 15:5). The Gospel and its

Apostles delight to embrace neighbors not yet born and neighbors no longer able as blessings, brothers and sisters, beloved and belonging to one Heavenly Father. May we rejoice to proclaim and practice it! For more information, visit <https://lutheransforlife.org/>.

Sunday School Corner



This summer, your students will explore biblical accounts that teach the biblical truths found in the Means of Grace: God's Word and the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. The Bible account for this week in Sunday School is "Jesus Gives the Great Commission." The kids learned how God makes them His children in Baptism. To reinforce this lesson for your kids, as a family, discuss the following: What special memories do you have of your child's Baptism?" Share

any certificates, candles, or other items that relate to your child's Baptism. Also, parents, you can join Pastor Krieg in the adult Sunday School class. See you next week!

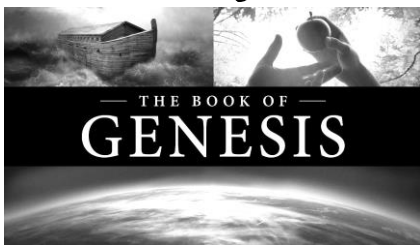
High School Lesson

The high school youth have begun a new study focused on the Word of God. This study will help the kids gain a better understanding of the accuracy and reliability of the text we use today as the inspired Word of God. Over the next nine lessons the students will focus on the following:

- Jesus Christ: The Center of the Bible
- The Holy Scriptures – God's Word
- The Canon – God Preserves His True Word
- Understanding God's Word
- Figurative Language – The Richness of Scripture
- Bringing the Good News of Salvation in a Magnificent Way
- Recognizing False Teaching
- Bible Translations

Today, our high school class studied the lesson *The Canon – God Preserves His True Word*. In this lesson, they focused on how God gave the Bible to His people as a precious gift. He has preserved it through the ages as His revelation of Himself to us and to point us to Christ, who is the way of salvation.

Adult Sunday School Lesson



Genesis lays the foundation for all the events and doctrines of Holy Scripture. Studying its characters and events will prepare you for a much broader understanding of God's ways with humankind.

Throughout Genesis, Moses emphasizes that these records apply not simply to Israel but to all nations and families of the earth. See in the patriarchs' weaknesses, struggles, and joys a mirror of families today. The Lord, through promise and faith, makes all the difference for the

patriarchs, and He will likewise bless and lead you. So join us as we begin our study of the book of Genesis. If you could not attend today, please join us next Sunday during the Adult Bible Study hour before church, starting at 9 a.m. Now is the time to commit yourself to a deeper and more meaningful understanding of God's Word and your relationship with Him. I hope to see you all next Sunday as we continue our studies.



Online Giving

You may give tithes and offerings online by clicking the “Give” tab on our website (<https://www.bethlehemwmpenn.org/>), or just scan the QR code to the left.

Last Week at Bethlehem

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	GIFTS IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL
June 22	Sunday School	15	\$47.75
	Youth Bible Class	2	
	Adult Bible Class	25	
June 22	Worship Service	112	General Fund: \$5,973.21 Fred Schwartz, Jr. Memorial: \$50.00 Willie Kankel, Jr. Memorial: \$325.00 Potato Pancake Supper: \$40.00