



*Bethlehem Lutheran Church—William Penn*  
*Founded 1860—Lutheran Church Missouri Synod*

## **SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**JULY 27, 2025**  
**10:15 A.M.**



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## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 2025 – 10:15 AM

### Divine Service: Setting I

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

*Pre-Service Music*



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

### July Bible Verse

I have stored up your word in my heart,  
that I might not sin against you.

*Psalm 119:11*

### Our Mission Statement

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

### *Ringling of the Church Bell*

#### ENTRANCE HYMN

#### *Father Most Holy*

LSB 504

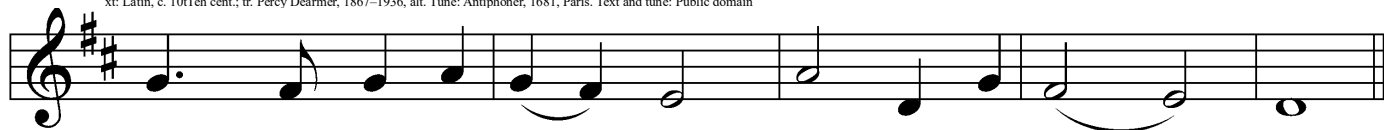


1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our  
2 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en, Good - ness un -  
3 Mak - er of all things, all Thy crea - tures praise Thee; All for Thy  
△ 4 Lord God Al - might - y, un - to Thee be glo - ry, One in three



Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,  
bound - ed, ver - y God of heav - en, Light of the an - gels,  
wor - ship were and are cre - at - ed; Now, as we al - so  
per - sons, o - ver all ex - alt - ed! Glo - ry we of - fer,

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ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, Light nev - er wan - ing;  
joy of those for - sak - en, Hope of all liv - ing,  
wor - ship Thee de - vout - ly, Hear Thou our voic - es.  
praise Thee and a - dore Thee, Now and for - ev - er.

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

**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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 119:145–149; antiphon: Psalm 50:15*

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

It is he who remembered us in our low estate,

**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

and rescued us from our foes,

**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

he who gives food to all flesh,

**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the God of heaven,

**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

**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.**  
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

KYRIE

*LSB 152*

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all 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

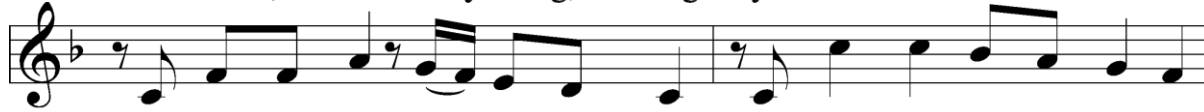
## *Gloria in Excelsis*

LSB 154

**P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Sit.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 18:20 – 33

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup>I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

<sup>27</sup>Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” <sup>30</sup>Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” <sup>31</sup>He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” <sup>32</sup>Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” <sup>33</sup>And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. <sup>17</sup>These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand.*

# COMMON ALLELUIA

*LSB 156*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 11:1 – 13*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread,

<sup>4</sup>and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; <sup>7</sup>and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>11</sup>What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup>or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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.

*Sit.*

CHILDREN'S HYMN  
*Jesus Loves Me*

*Children come forward during Children's Hymn*  
*LSB 588*

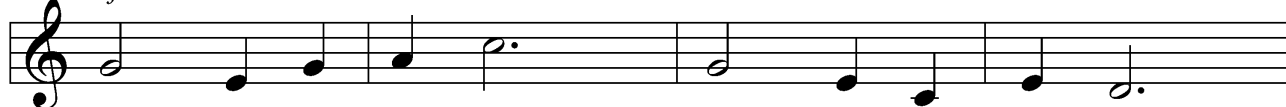


1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.  
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.  
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

*Refrain*



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Our Father, Who from Heaven Above*

*LSB 766*



1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove Bids all of us to  
2 Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord, In pu - ri - ty to  
3 Your king - dom come. Guard Your do - main And Your e - ter - nal  
4 Your gra - cious will on earth be done As it is done be -



live in love As mem - bers of one fam - i - ly And  
keep Your Word, That to the glo - ry of Your name We  
righ - teous reign. The Ho - ly Ghost en - rich our day With  
fore Your throne, That pa - tient - ly we may o - bey Through -



pray to You in u - ni - ty, Teach us no thought - less words to  
walk be - fore You free from blame. Let no false teach - ing us per -  
gifts at - ten - dant on our way. Break Sa - tan's pow'r, de - feat his  
out our lives all that You say. Curb flesh and blood and ev - 'ry



say But from our in - most hearts to pray.  
vert; All poor de - lud - ed souls con - vert.  
rage; Pre - serve Your Church from age to age.  
ill That sets it - self a - gainst Your will.

- 5 Give us this day our daily bread,  
And let us all be clothed and fed.  
Save us from hardship, war, and strife;  
In plague and famine, spare our life,  
That we in honest peace may live,  
To care and greed no entrance give.

- 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 Lead not into temptation, Lord,  
Where our grim foe and all his horde  
Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand.  
Help us resist, help us to 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, so shall it be.  
Make strong our faith in You, that we  
May doubt not but with trust believe  
That what we ask we shall receive.  
Thus in Your name and at Your Word  
We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

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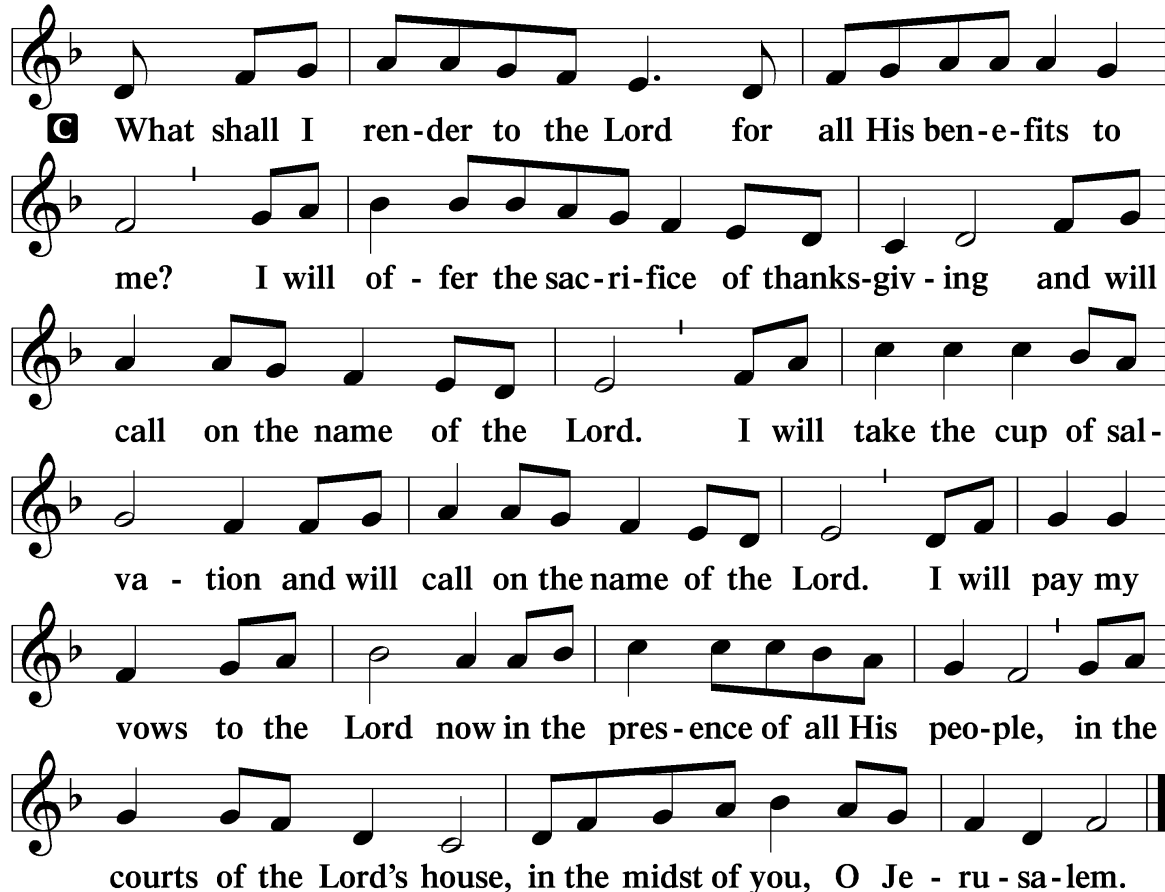
## SERMON

### *"Freedom from the Shadows" Colossians 2:6 – 19*

*Stand.*

## OFFERTORY

*LSB 159*



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

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*LSB 162*

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

<b>C</b> 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.
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### 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.*

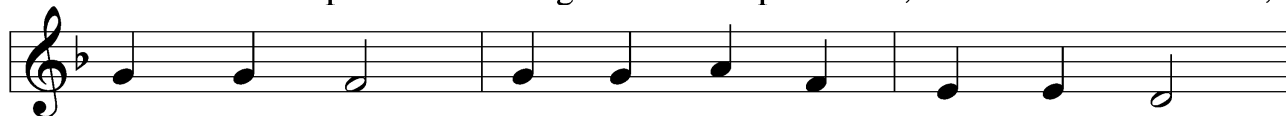
### CLOSING HYMN

*Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion*

*LSB 559*



1 Oh,	how	great	is	Your	com - pas - sion,	Faith - ful	Fa - ther,
2 Your	great	love	for	this	has striv - en	That we	may, from
3 Firm - ly	to	our	soul's	sal - va - tion	Wit - ness - es	Your	
4 Lord, Your	mer - cy	will	not	leave me;	Ev - er	will	Your
5 I	will	praise	Your	great	com - pas - sion,	Faith - ful	Fa - ther,



God	of	grace,	That	with	all	our	fall - en	race
sin	made	free,	Live	with	You	e -	ter - nal - ly.	
Spir - it,	Lord,	In	Your	Sac - ra - ments	and	Word.		
truth	a -	bide.	Then	in	You	I	will	con - fide.
God	of	grace,	That	with	all	our	fall - en	race



In our depth of deg - ra - da - tion You had mer - cy  
 Your dear Son Him - self has giv - en And ex - tends His  
 There He sends true con - so - la - tion, Giv - ing us the  
 Since Your Word can - not de - ceive me, My sal - va - tion  
 In our depth of deg - ra - da - tion You had mer - cy

so that we Might be saved e - ter - nal - ly!  
 gra - cious call, To His sup - per leads us all.  
 gift of faith That we fear not hell nor death.  
 is to me Safe and sure e - ter - nal - ly.  
 so that we Might be saved e - ter - nal - ly.

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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.*



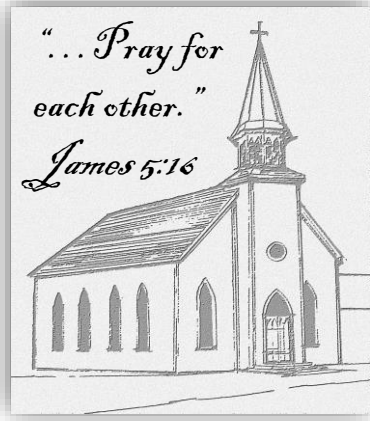
**Congregation:** Our prayers go put to the family of Dorine Selman who passed away on Tuesday. For Tom Hayden's recovery after surgery and continued healing; for Adeline Platt's health; for health and healing for Lathel Norris; for Milton Schwartz, Blake Powers,

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

**Community:** may our loving Father bring comfort and peace to all those who were affected by the floods; 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:*

- Weidemann – Gene, Billie
- Wellman – Rallin
- Wellmann – Ray, Rebecca
- Wells – Gregg, Mary
- Whittaker – Christopher

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### This Week's Schedule

**July 20 – July 27**

**Today:**

***Seventh Sunday after Pentecost***

**9:00 AM** Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

**10:15 AM** Divine Worship

Acolyte: Michael Hinze

Ushers: Jason Ashorn Melvin Ashorn  
Kaisen Ashorn Daryl Dahmann

**Wednesday: 6:00 PM** Life with God—New Member Class

**Saturday: 7:30 AM** Men's Club Breakfast, Bible Study, & Meeting

**Next Sunday: *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost***

**9:00 AM** Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

**10:15 AM** Divine Worship

Acolyte: Taylor Nowicki

Ushers: Billy Ashorn Blane Ashorn  
Brian Ashorn Westin Ashorn

**Serving in July: Elder – Brad Molitor / Trustee – Doyle Dahmann**  
*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  
Spencer and Hanna Berglund Wedding*



**LUTHERANS  
FOR LIFE**

*Life Thoughts from Lutherans for Life*

Surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses involve more than just political controversies or worldly concerns. Human lives embody spiritual

matters because they arrive as the work, purpose, and property of God's hands (Psalm 138:8). Who needs abortion or assisted suicide when the Heavenly Father urges us to ask for, expect, and await miracles (Luke 11:9-10)? For more information, please visit <https://lutheransforlife.org/>

Life with God—New Member Class continues this Wednesday



Our adult information class covers the most important teachings of the Bible as they are believed, taught, and confessed here at Bethlehem, designed for anyone considering membership, new members, or any member of the congregation who would like a thorough review of basic Biblical doctrine. Mark your calendar to join us

**Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:30pm.** Classes are weekly 10-12 sessions.

Supporting Families Affected by the Hill Country  
Floods



We are continually reminded of the deep brokenness that sin has wrought upon our world. The tragedies and disasters we witnessed during the recent floods in the Hill Country are a stark reminder that creation itself

groans under the weight of sin. Yet, even as we bear witness to suffering and loss, we stand firm in the hope given to us by our Lord Jesus Christ. Through His death and resurrection, Christ has conquered sin, death, and the devil. Though we face hardship in this life, the final victory is already won; our hope is secure in Him.

We invite our church family to support those impacted by the recent floods in the Hill Country. *If you feel led to help, please consider donating to the district's disaster relief efforts.* You may do so by following this link:

<https://txlcms.org/donate/>.

Rest assured, 100% of your donation will go directly to helping victims in need. For families or individuals in need of financial assistance due to the floods, a request form is available here: <https://txlcms.org/congregations/disaster-relief/>. If you know someone in need please don't hesitate to reach out—our community stands with them during this challenging time.

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 31<sup>st</sup>**.

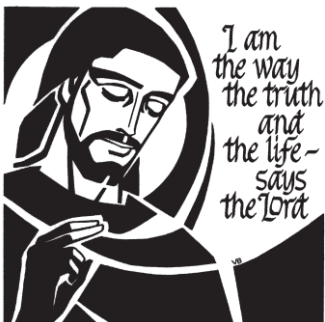


**Men's Club monthly breakfast** is this **Saturday, July 5, at 7:30 a.m.** in the Parish Hall. All men of the congregation are invited to attend. Breakfast will be served, with fellowship and Bible study to follow.



**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.*

### *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. John the Baptist appears in today's Sunday School lesson, "John Tells People to Repent." As they studied this Bible account, students learned how God wants them to be sorry for their sins and seek His forgiveness. Consider these discussion questions: "How did John call the people to repent of their sins? What was John

preparing them for? Who calls us to repent?” 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, *Figurative Language – The Richness of Scripture*. This lesson focuses on how God desires His Word to speak to our heads and to our hearts. The figurative language used in Scripture helps to accomplish this and adds to our understanding of our great God and of His saving love for us.

### *Adult Sunday School Lesson*

St. Paul’s letter to the Romans is often called the “chief part of the New Testament.” Romans clearly lays out the heart of the Christian faith: we are justified by grace alone through faith alone on account of Christ alone. In this rich epistle, Paul teaches on sin and righteousness, law and Gospel, baptism, the struggle against the old Adam, and life lived in the freedom of the Gospel. Whether you’ve been attending or have yet to join us, this is a wonderful time to dig into God’s Word together and grow in our understanding of His mercy in Christ. Come and be strengthened in the faith that saves and learn how the Gospel shapes our daily lives. We look forward to studying this treasure of Scripture with you! 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

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### **Last Week at Bethlehem**

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	GIFTS IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL
July 20	Sunday School	12	\$40.00
	Youth Bible Class	2	
	Adult Bible Class	21	
July 20	Worship Service	129	General Fund: \$4,898.03 Roger Schroeder Memorial: \$275.00 Willie Kankel Memorial: \$40.00