



Bethlehem Lutheran Church—William Penn
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THE FESTIVAL OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE
AUGUST 24, 2025
10:15 A.M.



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The Festival of St. Bartholomew
August 24, 10:15 AM



Divine Service: Setting III with Holy Communion

Order of Service: *Lutheran Service Book, pp 184-202*

Pre-Service Music

August Bible Verse

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

James 5:16

Our Mission Statement

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



COMMUNION STATEMENT

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.

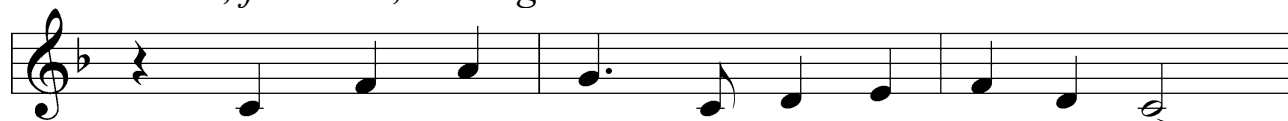
Ringling of the Church Bell

Stand and turn to face the Cross for the Processional Hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

LSB 815



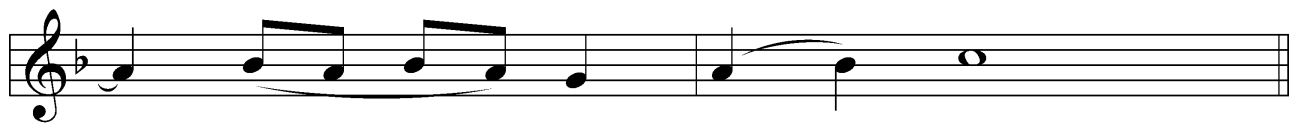
1 All praise to Thee, for Thou, O King di - vine,
2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;
3 Let this mind be in us which was in Thee,
4 Where-fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, Thou
5 Let ev - 'ry tongue con - fess with one ac - cord,



Didst yield the glo - ry that of right was Thine,
By Thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;
Who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,
Art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,
In heav'n and earth, that Je - sus Christ is Lord,



That in our dark - ened hearts Thy grace might shine.
And by Thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.
Hum - bling Thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.
And giv'n the name to which all knees shall bow.
And God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.



Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
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Al - le - lu - ia!

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Stand.

INVOCATION

LSB 184

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely

repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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.

GLORIA PATRI

LSB 186



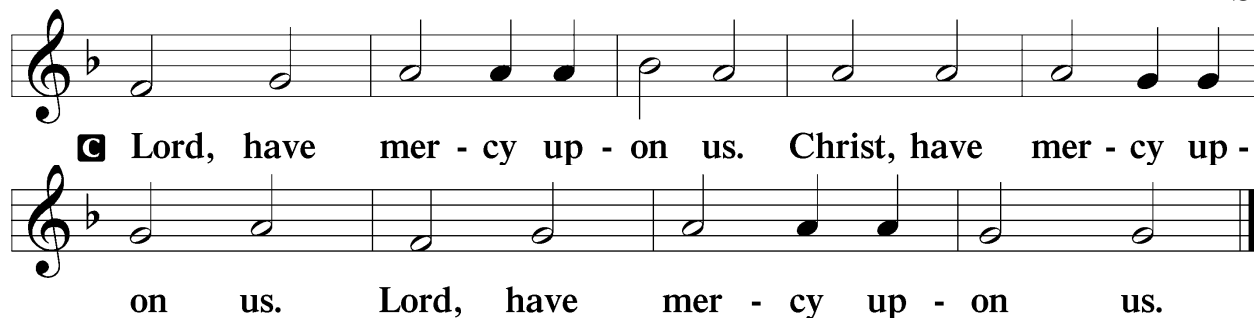
G Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

KYRIE

LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on High,



C and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

C Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 3:1–8

- ¹My son, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments,
- ²for length of days and years of life
and peace they will add to you.
- ³Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them around your neck;
write them on the tablet of your heart.
- ⁴So you will find favor and good success
in the sight of God and man.
- ⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.

⁶In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
⁷Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.
⁸It will be healing to your flesh
and refreshment to your bones.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 4:7-10

⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand.

ALLELUIA

LSB 190



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

LSB 191

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
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY

By All Your Saints in Warfare

LSB 518, sts. 1,23,3

1 By all Your saints in war - fare, For
2 All praise for him whose can - dor Through
Δ 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And
all Your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O
all his doubt You saw When Phil - ip at the
wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the
Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blest! For
fig - tree Dis - closed You in the law. Dis -
Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till
You have won the bat - tle That they might wear the
cern, be - neath our sur - face, O Lord, what we can
all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the
crown; And now they shine in glo - ry
be, That by Your truth made glo - ry less,
throne, As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry
Re - flect - ed from Your throne.
Your glo - ry we may see.
And praise to God a - lone.

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SERMON

“The Name Written in Stone” – Luke 22:24-30

Stand.

OFFERTORY

LSB 192



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

OFFERING PRAYER

Sit.

OFFERING

Stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

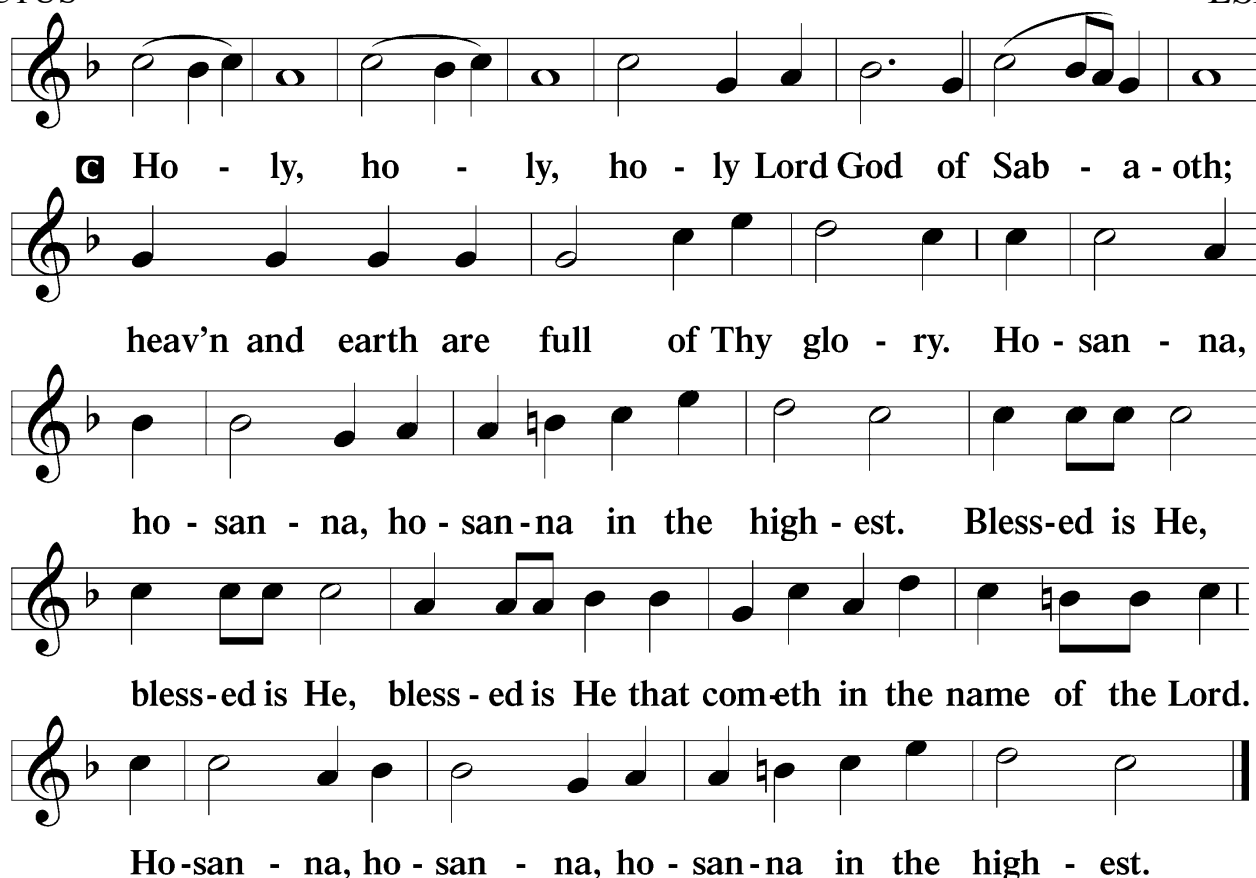


C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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 servant Bartholomew, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 196

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.

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 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

God Has Spoken by His Prophets

LSB 583



1 God has spo - ken by His proph - ets, Spo - ken His un - chang - ing Word;
 2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
 3 God is speak - ing by His Spir - it, Speak - ing to our hearts a - gain,



Each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the one, the righ - teous Lord.
 Bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, With the Fa - ther ev - er one;
 In the age - less Word de - clar - ing His own mes - sage, now as then.



In the world's de - spair and tur - moil, One firm an - chor holds us fast:
 Spo - ken by the Word In - car - nate, God of God, be - fore time was;
 Through the rise and fall of na - tions One sure faith yet stand - ing fast;

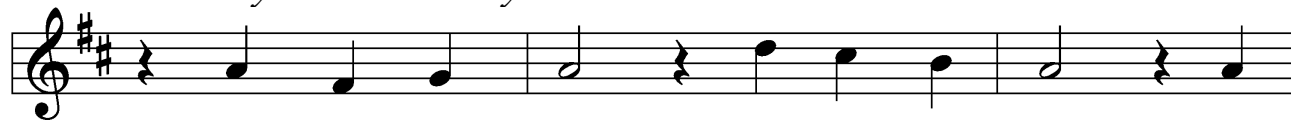


God is king, His throne e - ter - nal; God the first, and God the last.
 Light of Light, to earth de - scend - ing, He re - veals our God to us.
 God a - bides, His Word un - chang - ing; God the first, and God the last.

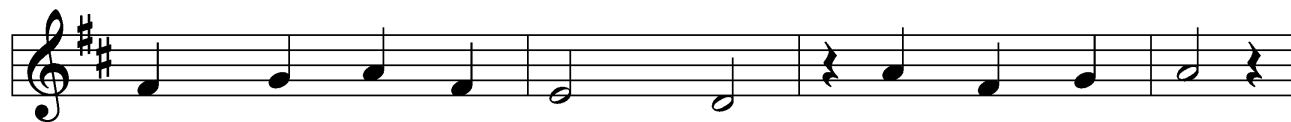
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Seek Where You May to Find a Way

LSB 557



1 Seek where you may	To find a way	That
2 Seek whom you may	To be your stay,	None
3 Seek Him a - lone	Who did a - tone,	Who
4 My heart's de - light,	My crown most bright,	O



leads to your sal - va - tion.	My heart is stilled,
can re - deem his broth - er.	All help - ers failed;
did your souls de - liv - er.	O seek Him first,
Christ, my joy for - ev - er.	Not wealth nor pride



On Christ I build, He is the one foun - da - tion.
This man pre - vailed, The God - man and none oth - er,
All you who thirst For grace that fails you nev - er.
Nor for - tune's tide Our bonds of love shall sev - er.



His Word is sure, His works en - dure; He o - ver - throws
Our Ser - vant - King Of whom we sing. We're jus - ti - fied
In ev - 'ry need Seek Him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart
You are my Lord; Your pre - cious Word Shall guide my way



All e - vil foes; Through Him I more than con - quer.
Be - cause He died, The guilt - y be - ing guilt - less.
He will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.
And help me stay For - ev - er in Your pres - ence.

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All Depends on Our Possessing

LSB 732



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y
3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles
4 When with sor - row I am strick - en, Hope a - new my



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.
and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.
heart will quick - en; All my long - ing shall be stilled.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en By their God are
He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly
I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me
To His lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der Soul and bod - y



not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.
guides and rules me Will re - main my help di - vine.
last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.
I sur - ren - der, For on God a - lone I build.

5 Well He knows what best to grant me;
All the longing hopes that haunt me,
Joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt His wisdom never;
As God wills, so be it ever;
I commit to Him my way.

6 If my days on earth He lengthen,
God my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in Him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding,
Like a stream away is gliding;
Safe I anchor in His grace.

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Once He Came in Blessing

LSB 333



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -
2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He
3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y
4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,
pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor
lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will
And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful
That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



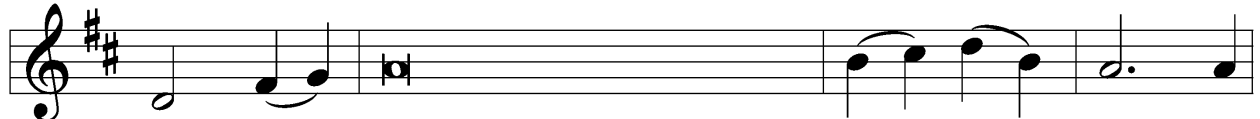
save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.
shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.
fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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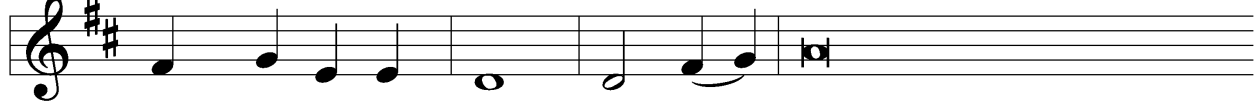
Stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

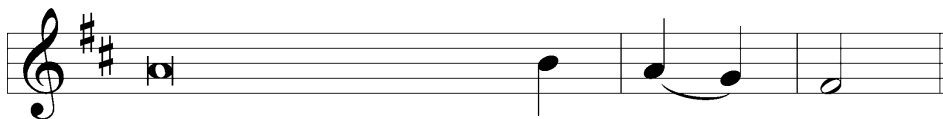


is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

LSB 202

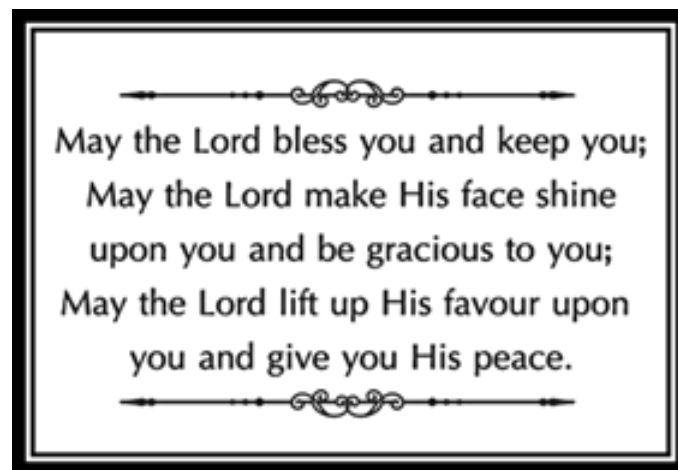
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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, a-men, a - men.



Stand and face the cross for the Closing Hymn.

CLOSING HYMN

O God of God, O Light of Light

LSB 810



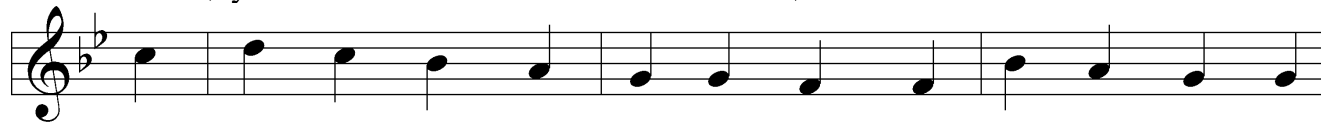
1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and
2 For deep in proph-ets' sa-cred page, And grand in po-ets'
3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in
4 Then raise to Christ a might-y song, And shout His name, His



King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo-ry bright The song of
wing-ed word, Slow-ly in type, from age to age The na-tions
hate and scorn—These all are past, and now a-bove He reigns, our
mer-cies tell! Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise pro-long, And all on



praise for-ev-er rings. To Him who sits up-on the throne,
saw their com-ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju-de-an night
King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O might-y gates!
earth, your an-them swell! All hail, O Lamb for sin-ners slain!



The Lamb once slain but raised a-gain, Be all the glo-ry
Rang out the song, "Good-will to men!" Sung once by first-born
So sang that host be-yond our ken. Lift up your heads, your
For-ev-er let the song as-cend! Wor-thy the Lamb, en-



He has won, All thanks and praise! A-men, a-men.
sons of light, It ech-oes now, "Good-will!" A-men.
King a-waits. We lift them up. A-men, a-men.
throned to reign, All glo-ry, pow'r! A-men, a-men.

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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.*



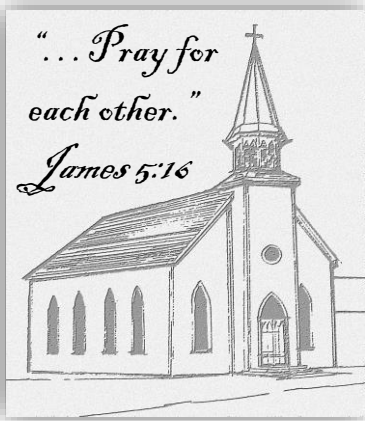
Congregation: For all the students who have started back or will soon start back to school. Guide and protect them during these days that they may grow in the knowledge of God and the world that He has given us. For Tom Hayden's recovery after surgery and continued

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, 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

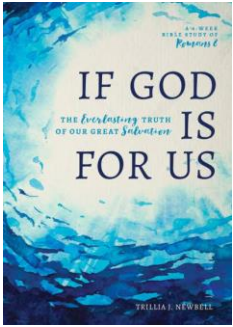
Please remember these families in your prayers this week:

- Ashorn – Melvin, Shirley
- Baichtal – Dusty, Kenley
- Holle – Jacey, Brian (McCarty)
- Holle – Ken, Andre, Christopher
- Molitor – Kathy
- Molitor – Brad, Tricia, Amber, Maddison

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Sisters in Christ Bible Study



Women of the congregation are invited to the start of a new Bible study with Sisters in Christ: “If God Is For Us,” which focuses on Romans 8. Our study is monthly and begins this Saturday, August 30, at 8:30 AM, at Marilyn Klussmann’s home. Please contact Amy Schroeder for more information: (979) 255-4206.

Promotion Sunday



We will celebrate Promotion Sunday to wrap up our 2024-2025 Sunday School year. Awards will be presented to Sunday School students as they promote to the next grade level. A fried chicken meal will be served after the church service. There will be water activities for Sunday School age children following the meal sponsored by the Board of Education. **At this time, the Board of Education is**

looking for Sunday School teachers for the upcoming Sunday School year - September 2025 through August 2026. The sign-up sheet is located in the Parish Hall.

Anniversary Celebration



September 7, 2025, we will be celebrating the 165th Anniversary of the church. The actual date that the church was formed is September 9th. There will be a meal served in the Parish Hall following the service. Please come and join with us as we celebrate this glorious day.

Today:

9:00 AM

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

10:15 AM

Divine Worship: Setting III with Holy Communion

Acolyte:

Rose Kettler

Crucifer:

Norman Krieg

Ushers:

Caleb Kettler

Matt Kettler

Michael Kettler

Robert Kettler

Wednesday:

6:00 PM

Life with God—New Member Class

Next Sunday:

Twelfth 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:

Caleb Klussmann

Corey Klussmann

Wayne Klussmann

Don Koester

Serving in August: Elder - Clinton Kettler/Trustee - Kevin Harrington

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 by JR. and Laramie Kettler in celebration of their 5th Wedding Anniversary

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 to 7:30 pm.** Classes are weekly 10-12 sessions.

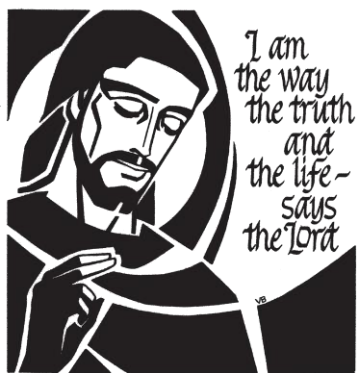


Life Thoughts from Lutherans for Life

August 24 – St. Bartholomew – Proverbs 3:8 promises that fearing the Lord and turning from evil brings healing to “your navel.” Belly buttons

testify to gestation. Scripture’s prescription for surprise pregnancy encourages rejecting death. If the Apostle Bartholomew gave his very skin trusting in the resurrection body (tradition suggests his martyrdom flayed him alive), the Gospel leaves no room for “my body, my choice.”

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. Today’s Sunday School lesson, “Jesus Teaches about an Unforgiving Servant,” may be difficult for some students to understand. Through the parable we learn that God forgives us and wants us to forgive others. As family, consider discussing, “How are we sometimes like the unforgiving servant in the parable? How can we respond to

God’s great gift of forgiveness?” Also, parents, you can join Pastor Krieg in the adult Sunday School class.

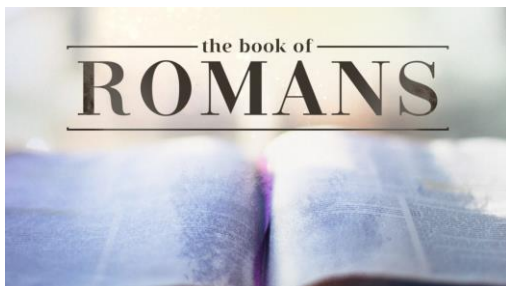
High School Lesson

The high school youth have begun a new study are 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:

- 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

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
Aug.17	Sunday School	8	\$41.22
	Youth Bible Class	0	
	Adult Bible Class	23	
Aug. 17	Worship Service	120	General Fund: \$2,669.39

