

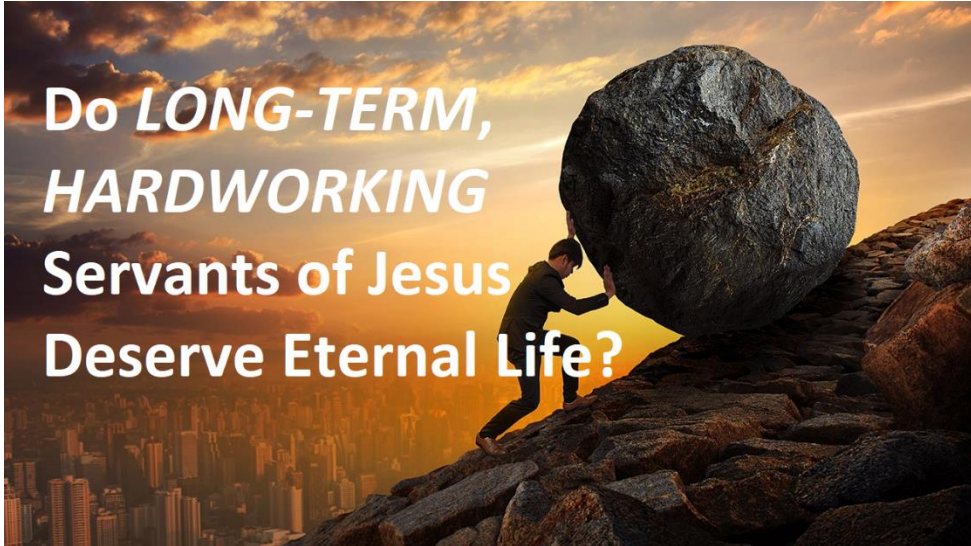


# Bethlehem Lutheran Church

*Forgiveness — Assurance — Peace — Guidance*

**Saturday, 9/23 at 4 pm; Sunday, 9/24 at 9 am**

Church Year: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – 2023



Divine Service, Setting Four

Adapted from Lutheran Service Book, 202-212

**DIVINE SERVICE:** *Let us gladly receive God's life-changing gifts through word and sacrament!*

- ✦ **Visitors:** Welcome! Please help yourself a visitor basket on the table in the Narthex. Let's get acquainted! How can we be a blessing to you?
- ✦ **Prayer Request:** Use a "yellow" card (Narthex).
- ✦ **Young Children:** Activity bags (by worship entrance); Little Lamb Room (off Narthex).
- ✦ **All Children:** Children's Message (join us).
- ✦ **Phone:** Please silence.
- ✦ **Hearing Assistance:** Available in the Narthex.
- ✦ **Service Folder:** Available on your smartphone: [www.BLC7500.com/ServiceFolder](http://www.BLC7500.com/ServiceFolder)
- ✦ **Worship From Your Car:** Receive at our main entrance; then listen from your car (FM 89.9).

**BELL and CANDLELIGHTING** – *Please be seated!*

## **WELCOME and PRELUDE**

**In silence,** let us prepare to receive God's gifts!  
A good time to go through the Lord's Supper Self-Examination section on pages 6 and 7.

## **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION:**

- L: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.**
- L: Our help is in the name of the LORD,
- C: who made heaven and earth.**
- L: Let us pray: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord who could stand?
- C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

L: Since we are **gathered** to hear God’s Word, **call** upon Him in prayer and praise, and **receive** the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness, and confess before God and one another that we *have sinned in thought, word, and deed*, and that we *cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition*. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, *our heavenly Father*, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:  
God, be merciful to me a sinner.

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

L: Almighty God, *merciful Father*, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. **Be** in our midst, **enliven** our faith, and **graciously** receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

Saturday → Hymn

Sunday → Entrance Hymn and Procession

↑ **HYMN:** *By Grace I’m Saved*

See the words below / TLH 373 / LSB 566

- 1 By grace I’m saved, grace free and boundless;  
My soul, believe and doubt it not.  
Why stagger at this word of promise?  
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?  
No! Then this word must true remain:  
By grace you too will life obtain.
- 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;  
Our works and conduct have no worth.  
God in His love sent our Redeemer,

Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;  
His death did for our sins atone,  
And we are saved by grace alone.

- 3 By grace God’s Son, our only Savior,  
Came down to earth to bear our sin.  
Was it because of your own merit  
That Jesus died your soul to win?  
No, it was grace, and grace alone,  
That brought Him from His heav’nly throne.

**KYRIE** (Mark 10:46-52): *Let Us Pray:*

L: O Lord, God’s only begotten Son,

C: **have mercy upon us.**

L: O Christ, God in human flesh,

C: **have mercy upon us.**

L: O Lord, the One in whom we trust,

C: **have mercy upon us.**

**SALUTATION and COLLECT:**

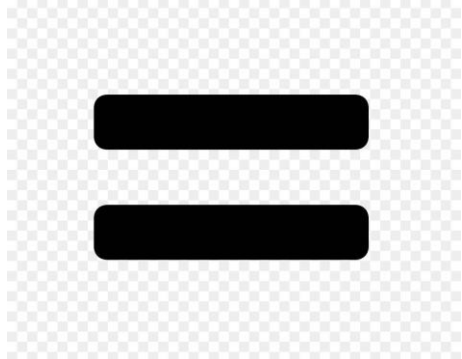
L: The LORD be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You by relying on anything we have done, help us trust alone in Your abiding grace and gladly live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.** ↓ Children! *Please come forward!*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:** Equal Pay



**WELCOME OF NEW MEMBER:** Dennis Montick

Members: Please introduce yourself to Dennis!

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Isaiah 55:6-9 NAS-95

See Below / Pew Bible Page 1148 / Own Bible

**Unrepentant ones: Seek the LORD now!**

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near. <sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake his way And the unrighteous man his thoughts; And let him return to the LORD, And He will have compassion on him, And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup> “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup> “For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM:** 27:1-9

Please read on your own.

**EPISTLE:** Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30 NAS-95

See Below / Pew Bible Page 1825 / Own Bible

**The Lord used Paul’s suffering for good:**

<sup>12</sup> Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel, <sup>13</sup> so that my imprisonment in *the cause of* Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else, <sup>14</sup> and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear....

**Paul was confident in the Lord:**

<sup>19</sup> For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, <sup>20</sup> according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but *that* with all

boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

**Paul was determined to live for Christ:**

<sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> But if *I am* to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean* fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. <sup>23</sup> But I am hard-pressed from both *directions*, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for *that* is very much better; <sup>24</sup> yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake. <sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that your proud confidence in me may abound in Christ Jesus through my coming to you again.

**Good instruction for all of us:**

<sup>27</sup> Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; <sup>28</sup> in no way alarmed by *your* opponents-- which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that *too*, from God. <sup>29</sup> For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, <sup>30</sup> experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear in me.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 20:1-16

Today’s sermon text.

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Salvation unto Us Has Come*

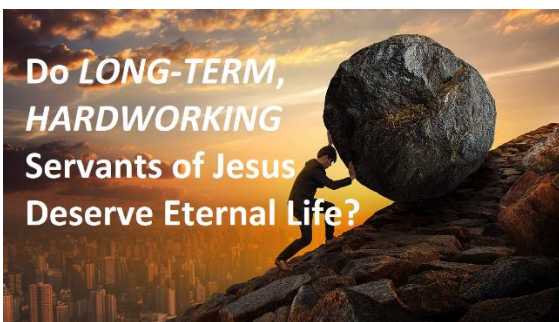
See the words below / TLH 377 / LSB 555

- 1 Salvation unto us has come  
By God’s free grace and favor;  
Good works cannot avert our doom,  
They help and save us never.  
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,

Who did for all the world atone;  
He is our one Redeemer.

- 2 What God did in His Law demand  
And none to Him could render  
Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand  
For man, the vile offender.  
Our flesh has not those pure desires  
The spirit of the Law requires,  
And lost is our condition.
- 3 It was a false, misleading dream  
That God His Law had given  
That sinners could themselves redeem  
And by their works gain heaven.  
The Law is but a mirror bright  
To bring the inbred sin to light  
That lurks within our nature.
- 4 From sin our flesh could not abstain,  
Sin held its sway unceasing;  
The task was useless and in vain,  
Our guilt was e'er increasing.  
None can remove sin's poisoned dart  
Or purify our guileful heart—  
So deep is our corruption.

SERMON: Matthew 20:1-16 NAS-95



#### 1. Hiring the Workers:

- a. At **6 AM** – *for a denarius*: <sup>1</sup> “**For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning [during the fourth watch of the night, between 3 and 6] to hire laborers for his**

**vineyard.** <sup>2</sup> **When he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius for the day [the typical payment for a laborer working for one day], he sent them into his vineyard.”**

- b. At **8 AM** – *for whatever is right*: <sup>3</sup> “**And he went out about the third hour [between 8 and 9 AM] and saw others standing idle in the market place; <sup>4</sup> and to those he said, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.’ And so they went.”** // The “third hour” refers to the time *between 8 and 9 AM*. Going forward in this sermon, I will use the time at the *beginning* of each hour mentioned.
- c. At **11 AM, 2 PM, and 4 PM** – *for whatever is right*: <sup>5</sup> “**Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did the same thing. <sup>6</sup> And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day long?’ <sup>7</sup> They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’”**

2. **Paying the Workers**: At the time of Jesus, many laborers worked from dusk to dawn. <sup>8</sup> “**When evening came [at sundown], the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last group to the first.’**
  - a. **Those hired at 4 PM**: <sup>9</sup> **When those hired about the eleventh hour came, each one received a denarius.**
  - b. **Those hired at 6 AM**: <sup>10</sup> **When those hired first came, they thought that they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius.** // Those who worked **11 hours** received the **same pay** as those who worked only **2 hours**!

### 3. **A Valuable Lesson for Each of Us:**

- a. The complaint of those who worked for 11 hours: <sup>11</sup> **When [those men] received [a denarius], they grumbled at the landowner** [*complained, expressed dissatisfaction*], <sup>12</sup> **saying, ‘These last men have worked *only* one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the scorching heat of the day.’**
- b. The landowner’s response: <sup>13</sup> **But he answered and said to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup> Take what is yours and go, but I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. <sup>15</sup> Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with what is my own? Or is your eye envious because I am generous?’”**
- c. The point of the parable: <sup>16</sup> **“So the last shall be first, and the first last.”**

#### **Get a Full and Sharable Copy of the Sermon**

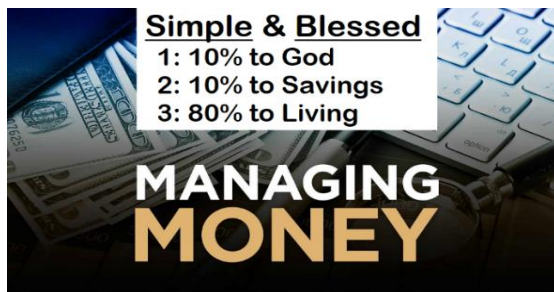
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#### **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Salvation unto Us Has Come*

See the words below / TLH 377 / LSB 555

- 5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled  
Or we must die despairing,  
Christ came and has God’s anger stilled,  
Our human nature sharing.  
He has for us the Law obeyed  
And thus the Father’s vengeance stayed  
Which over us impended.
- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made  
And brought to us salvation,  
Each Christian therefore may be glad  
And build on this foundation.  
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,  
Your death is now my life indeed,  
For You have paid my ransom.

#### **APOSTLES’ CREED:** *See back of either hymnal*



- **Thanks for honoring the LORD:** By giving to His work ♦first, ♦proportionately, and ♦faithfully.
- **Offering:** A plate is available in the center aisle. God blesses us when we give and uses our giving to do His work in and through this congregation!

#### **↑ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** *Let Us Pray*

**After Each Petition:** L: LORD, in Your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

- L: God, our Father in heaven, receive our thanks for supplying us as individuals, as families, and as a congregation with all that we need. *Grant us an increasing attitude of gratitude.*
- L: Look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and *grant us strength to quickly turn from all that dishonors You and to speak and live in agreement with Your holy word.*
- L: Keep us in Your kingdom, and may it expand within our families, communities, and nation – as Your Holy Spirit brings those who are blinded to the truth and who are in grave danger of eternal punishment to have godly sorrow, receive saving faith, and live transformed lives.
- L: Grant us all we need for this life, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, grant healing to those on our prayer list..., and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs of body and soul.
- L: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us, so that our hearts may be

at peace and we may rejoice in a good conscience before You, so that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us.

L: Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from every evil of body and soul, possessions, and reputation, now and forever.

L: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen. ↓

### You are invited to pray for these needs!

#### Nation

- ➔ **USA:** Dear LORD, please turn us from our ways to Your ways!
- ➔ **Armed Forces:** Bless all who serve, including Chris Sala, Warren Gellings, Nick Riviotto, Jacob Smith, Drew Tenney, Chris Weseloh
- ➔ **Schools:** Dear LORD, please grant safe buildings, wise teachers, attentive students, common sense curriculum, and no bullies!

#### Congregation

- ➔ **Care:** *For those who cannot attend: Wally A, Helga B, David C, Carole G, Lois K, Edmund & Christl K, Eleanor L, Bill M, Regina M, Bonnie M, Connie P, June R, Jean S, Gertrude S, Mike & Susanna T* (They receive mailings and visits. Is someone missing from the list?)
- ➔ **Stephen Ministry and Training:** *Pray for Norma S (leader and trainer), Alan C, Nancy B (ministers), trainees, and the care receivers.*
- ➔ **Grief Share:** *Pray for our leaders, facilitators, and participants, gathering Tuesdays at 6:30.*
- ➔ **Health Concerns:** Please pray accordingly:
  - **David Cisco** – hospice; breathing, back pain.
  - **Roseanne Dowell** (2) hip and knee pain.
  - **Roger Dowell** – COPD, breathing issues.
  - **Trudy Fischler** (3) skin cancer.

- **Natalia Ford** (3) **surgery on 9/28.**
- **Edmund Kissinger** (1) prostate, spine cancer.
- **Jim Kovach** (3) fell, broken femur, rehab.
- **Eleanor Lewis** – skin cancer, hospice.
- **Jim Jenni** (1) stroke, rehab.
- **Bill Meixner** (1) back pain, rehab.
- **Tom Merkle** (1) bladder cancer treatments.
- **Connie Pysz** – dialysis 3x/week; encouragement.
- **June Russell** (2) fell, rehab.
- **Bill Sweeny** – dialysis 3x/week, arm pain.
- **Cindy Taress** – osteoporosis pain, shots.
- **Harold Weseloh** (2) proper diagnosis.

#### For Others

- ➔ **Health Concerns:**
  - **Bill Artino** (2) diagnosed with cancer.
  - **Jackie Baker** (2) comfort, peace.
  - **Kimberly Borland** (2) pain relief, healing.
  - **Karen Conley** (1) – burst appendix, surgery.
  - **Melanie Himmelberger** – bone cancer.
  - **Dave McCollum** (1) lung cancer, peace.
  - **Jenny Meredith** (1) severe lung issue.
  - **Marty Mild** (1) – back in ICU, ventilator.
  - **Debra Schaefer** (3) bad stroke, rehab.
  - **Marc Vernick** (3) – cancer, hospice, peace.
  - **Mark Woodward** (1) – cancer treatments.

#### Celebrate and Give Thanks

##### Physical Birthdays:

- 9/24 Michael Tischler
- 9/27 Christl Kissinger
- 9/27 Tammy Shust
- 9/29 Sherrie Dennison
- 9/30 Linda Hinkle

##### Wedding Anniversaries:

- 9/30 Jim & Victoria Ford (56<sup>th</sup>)

## THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### SUPPER PREPARATION

#### LORD'S SUPPER SELF-EXAMINATION:

The Supper can certainly give us much assurance that our sins are forgiven through Jesus, *but self-examination is essential*: "Let a person examine himself" (1Co. 11:28 ESV).

**Please ask yourself these NINE questions!**

*For the supporting Bible passages, see the brochure rack!*

#### Part 1: Am I a Christian?

1. **Do I believe the Bible is true?** Y N
2. **Am I sorry for my sins** (*admitting them and wanting to turn from them*)? Y N
3. **Am I trusting in Jesus alone** (*in who He is – the Son of God, and what He did – living as my sinless substitute, receiving my sins and eternal punishment, and laying down His life*) **for my entrance into heaven?** Y N
4. **Am I baptized?** Y N
5. **Do I desire to live for Christ?** Y N

**Summary:** A Christian knows the Bible is true, is sorry for his sins, is trusting in Jesus alone for eternal life, has been baptized into Christ, and desires to live for Christ! If those things are true for you, *then you are a Christian!* If not, let's schedule a time to talk!

#### Part 2: Am I right with others?

6. **Am I reconciled with others?** Y N
7. **Am I forgiving others?** Y N

**Summary:** Even if others refuse to reconcile or accept our forgiveness, *it is vital for us to try to work things out and extend forgiveness!* Are such things true in your life? If not, repent!

#### Part 3: Do I believe what the Bible says about the Lord's Supper?

8. **Are the elements of the Lord's Supper bread, body, wine, and blood?** Y N
9. **Is the main benefit of the Supper the assurance of the forgiveness of sins?** Y N

**Summary:** Since all have sinned (Rom. 3:23), Jesus gave His body and shed His blood to provide forgiveness. In the Lord's Supper, by the power of

God, Jesus' given body has been united to the bread and Jesus' shed blood has been united to the wine. Since Christians cannot live sinless lives (Eccl. 7:20), the Lord's Supper is God's way of assuring us that – *in Christ* – we are forgiven. Do you believe such things? If not, let's schedule a time to talk!

#### Sunday → ↑ PREFACE and PROPER PREFACE:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

L: It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on a Sunday overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

#### Sunday → SANCTUS (Latin): *Holy*

See the words below / **LSB 208 (DS 4)**

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim  
shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest,  
sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes  
in the name of the Lord!

#### LORD'S PRAYER: *See back of either hymnal:*

L: Father in heaven, hear us as we pray in Jesus' name and as He has taught us:

A: **Our Father who art in heaven...**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD:** *Spoken on the evening before He finished His saving work!*

## PAX DOMINI (Latin): *Peace of the Lord*

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: Amen.

## AGNUS DEI: *Lamb of God*

See the words below / LSB 550

- 1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God. **Refrain**

**Refrain:** O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood.  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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## DISTRIBUTION INSTRUCTIONS:

- ♦ If you are ready to receive: Come forward now.
- ♦ Receiving at your pew: Please inform an usher.
- ♦ Alcohol-Removed Wine: Center of each tray.
- ♦ After the Agnus Dei: Come forward to the railing.
- ♦ Receive. Go in peace. Return via the side aisle.
- ♦ Main dismissal!: After everyone has returned.

## DURING DISTRIBUTION

## LORD'S SUPPER DISMISSAL

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT: *Let Us Pray*

L: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that  
You have assured us of Your forgiveness  
through *the finished work and the blessed  
supper* of Your Son, our risen Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

## HYMN OF THE DAY: *Salvation unto Us Has Come*

See the words below / TLH 377 / LSB 555

- 8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin  
And makes us conscience-stricken;  
But then the Gospel enters in  
The sinful soul to quicken.  
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;

The Law no peace can ever give,  
No comfort and no blessing.

- 9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone  
And rests in Him unceasing;  
And by its fruits true faith is known,  
With love and hope increasing.  
For faith alone can justify;  
Works serve our neighbor and supply  
The proof that faith is living.

## BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION:

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord  
make his face shine upon you and be gracious  
unto you; the Lord look upon you with *favor*  
and give you peace.

C: Amen.

## CANDLE EXTINGUISHING and POSTLUDE

### Brochure of the Month

*Pick up a copy  
by our main  
entrance!*

...Jesus was  
saying to those  
Jews who had  
believed Him,  
"If you continue  
in My word,  
then you are  
truly disciples of  
Mine; and you  
will know the  
truth, and the  
truth will make  
you free" (Jn.  
8:31 NAS-95).





# Blessings on Your Week

*Stay Close to Jesus!*

- ➔ **Listen** to God through His word: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-10; Phil. 2:1-4, 14-18; Matthew 21:23-27
  - Attend “Living the Lutheran Lectionary” on Thursdays at 10:00
  - Listen to Issues Etc.: [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org)
  - Listen to The Lutheran Hour: Sundays at 6:30 AM on WTAM 1100; Sundays at 8:00 AM on WHKW 1220
- ➔ **Talk** to God through prayer.
- ➔ **Watch** Worship Anew – *A Lutheran Service for shut-ins*: Sundays at 11:30 AM: Cox: 12; Direct TV: 67, 377; Dish: 47
- ➔ **Pray** for those in need. *If you have a prayer chain request*, call Kathy at 440-785-3802.
- ➔ **Grow** through our website: [www.BLC7500.com](http://www.BLC7500.com)
- ➔ **Reach** those who are lost; share a church card, sermon, or brochure.
- ➔ **Use** Your Abilities: See a “Serve the Lord with Gladness” brochure (by the main entrance).

## Will You Take Some Pictures?

Take them of our various church activities – services, classes, training, women’s group, Stephen Ministry, etc., then send them to Pastor via email (RevRLGreen@aol.com) or text (440-292-5915). Some of them will be used to promote BLC. When taking the pics, turn your phone sideways for the landscape position.

## This Week: 9/24 – 10/1

### Sunday:

- ➔ **9:00** Divine Service
- ➔ **10:30**
  - ★ BC – Bring Your Bible
  - ★ Sunday School – Elijah Stands for God

### Tuesday:

- ➔ **6:30** Grief Share

### Thursday:

- ➔ **10:00** Living the Lutheran Lectionary

### Saturday:

- ➔ **3:00** Bible Class – The Bible’s Most Important Theme
- ➔ **4:00** Divine Service

### Sunday:

- ➔ **9:00** Divine Service
- ➔ **10:15** Refreshments
- ➔ **10:30** Classes
  - ★ BC – The Bible’s Most Important Theme
  - ★ Sunday School – God Protects Elijah

## Thanks For Serving on 9/23 & 9/24

**Altar Guild:** Don & Carol D

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**Saturday:** Organist: Kathy G; Usher: Matt K  
Pastor Team – Welcome: Alan C  
Distribution – Mike C

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**Sunday:** Organist: Gayle P  
Pastor Team – Welcome: Harold W  
Distribution – Harold W  
Ushers: Matthias M, Mel B, Nick B  
Refreshments: The Hilliker Family & others  
Sunday School: Heather H, Cedrick/Harold

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**Financial Team:** Ken H, Linda W

## Thanks For Serving on 9/30 & 10/1

**Altar Guild:** Heather H

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**Saturday:** Organist: Kathy G; Usher: Matt K  
Pastor Team – Welcome: Alan C

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**Sunday:** Organist: Gayle P  
Pastor Team – Welcome: Tim C  
Ushers: Carl B, Rhonda S  
Refreshments: The Hilliker Family & others  
Sunday School: Angie R, Cedrick/Harold

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**Financial Team:** Ken H, Paul M

## Campaign of Gratitude



**What is it?** It is intended to encourage thankfulness, fund some needed projects, and help us reach out with the good news of Jesus! Please consider donating on your Physical Birthday, your Baptismal Birthday, your Wedding Anniversary, or on someone else's special day, donate in his/her name.

### Window Replacement Funding Explanation:

Since our worship area windows have been a problem for years AND our childcare center closed with funds in its account, the leadership team decided to go forward with the replacement of those windows this year. They are scheduled to be replaced near the end of October.

### How will the Campaign of Gratitude funds be used?

To reduce the amount of leftover childcare funds being used to replace our worship area windows AND provide funds for future projects. When you give, please designate "Campaign of Gratitude" on your envelope. Thanks!

## Numbers From Last Week

### Received God's Gifts – Services:

- Saturday at 4:00 – Inside: **38**; car: **0**
- Sunday at 9:00 – Inside: **43**; car: **1**

## Studied God's Word – Classes:

- Saturday at 3:00: **12**
- Sunday at 10:30: **33**
- Thursday at 10: **8**

## Supported God's Work:

- **Needed** Each Week (budget): **5,027**
- **Received** Last Week (actual): **3,814**
- **Gross Surplus YTD** As of last week: **10,333**
- **Net Surplus YTD:** **10,795 Thanks**



## ACME Community Cash Back 2023-2024

Community Cash Back is an easy, local fundraiser for non-profit organizations! Simply start collecting receipts and place them in the

Narthex. We earn 5% cashback on certain products. See the flyer on the main bulletin board. The program runs August 1, 2023 – February 15, 2024.



## Connect With Us

➔ **Website:** [BLC7500.com](http://BLC7500.com) ➔ **YouTube:** Benefit from the Bible ➔ **Facebook:** Bethlehem Parma

**Services:** Saturdays at 4:00; Sundays at 9:00

**Organist:** Gayle Powers

**Studies:** Thurs at 10:00; Sat at 3:00; Sun at 10:30

**Address:** 7500 State Road, Parma, Ohio 44134

**Church Office:** Wed & Thu: 9:30-3:30; Sat: 2:00-6:00

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