

Bethlehem Lutheran Church – 2025

Truth – Forgiveness – Assurance – Peace – Guidance

Saturday, 6/7 at 4 pm; Sunday, 6/8 at 9 am



JESUS - Do You Love Him?

Church Year: The Day of Pentecost | Divine Service: Setting Four, LSB 203-212

WELCOME:

- © **Visitors:** Welcome! Please fill out an attendance slip insert and let us know how we can help!
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- (join us).
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BELL and CANDLELIGHTING – Please be seated!

PRELUDE: We listen in silence... (Mark LSB 685, 628)

Saturday → Spirit Song

Sunday → Come Down, O Love Divine, Within My Ralph Vaughan Williams **Heart Appear**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION:

Based on Psalm 32:1-5, 10-11 ESV

- L: In the name of the Father and of the **†** Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]
- C: Amen.
- L: Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
- C: whose sin is covered.
- Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,

- C: and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- L: For when I kept silent,
- C: my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- L: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
- C: my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
- L: Let us pray:
- A: Dear LORD, I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- Because of the work of the Holy Spirit we have godly sorrow; because of God's mercy we have uncovered our sins, and by God's grace – we trust in Jesus as our Savior. Therefore, let us be certain that *our sins are forgiven, •we have God's gift of eternal life, and *heaven is open for us.
- C: Amen.
- L: Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
- C: but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
- Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
- C: and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Saturday ⇒ Hymn

Sunday Dentrance Hymn and Procession

↑ HYMN: Holy Spirit, Light Divine See the words below / TLH 234 / LSB 496

- 1 Holy Spirit, light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine; Chase the shades of night away, Turn the darkness into day.
- 2 Let me see my Savior's face, Let me all His beauties trace; Show those glorious truths to me Which are only known to Thee.
- 3 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine, Cleanse this guilty heart of mine; In Thy mercy pity me, From sin's bondage set me free.

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

L: Lord, C: have mercy.
L: Christ, C: have mercy.
L: Lord, C: have mercy.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY:

L: The LORD be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray: O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit.

Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in Your blessings; 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: G – God is Love.

1 John 4:8

FIRST READING: Genesis 11:1-9 NAS-20 See Below / Pew Bible Page 15 / Own Bible

The Tower of Babel

¹ Now all the earth used the same language and the same words. ² And it came about, as they

journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ Then they said to one another, "Come, let's make bricks and fire them thoroughly." And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar. ⁴ And they said, "Come, let's build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let's make a name for ourselves: otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of all the earth." ⁵ Now the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the men had built. ⁶ And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they have started to do, and now nothing which they plan to do will be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech." 8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth; and they stopped building the city. 9 Therefore it was named Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: Acts 2:1-21 NAS-20
See Below / Pew Bible Page 1692 / Own Bible

The Day of Pentecost

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly a noise like a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³And tongues that looked like fire appeared to them, distributing themselves, and a tongue rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with different tongues, as the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak out.

⁵ Now there were Jews residing in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6 And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together and they were bewildered, because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷They were amazed and astonished, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we each hear them in our own language to which we were born? 9 Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty deeds of God." 12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others were jeering and saying, "They are full of sweet wine!"

Peter's Sermon

¹⁴ But Peter, taking his stand with the *other* eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, know this, and pay attention to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you assume, since it is *only* the third hour of the day; ¹⁶ but this is what has been spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'THAT I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND;

AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS WILL PROPHESY,

AND YOUR YOUNG MEN WILL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN WILL HAVE DREAMS;

¹⁸ AND EVEN ON MY MALE AND FEMALE SERVANTS
I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT IN THOSE DAYS,
And they will prophesy.

19 'AND I WILL DISPLAY WONDERS IN THE SKY
ABOVE

AND SIGNS ON THE EARTH BELOW,
BLOOD, FIRE, AND VAPOR OF SMOKE.

20 'THE SUN WILL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS
AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD,
BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE
LORD COMES.

- ²¹ 'AND IT SHALL BE *THAT* EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.'
- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:16-31 NAS-20 Will be read during the sermon!

HYMN: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

SERMON: JESUS – Do You ♥ Love Him?

Turn to LSB 685, vv. 1-2 – maroon hymnal

John 14:16-31 NAS-20

- 1. Jesus → The Holy Spirit Will Be IN You: 16 "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, so that He may be with you forever; 17 the Helper is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him; but you know Him because He remains with you and will be in you.
- 2. Jesus

 My Special Presence Will Be In You:

 18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. 19 After a little while, the world no longer is going to see Me, but you are going to see Me; because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day [the Day of Pentecost] you will know that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I in you.

- 3. The Love---Commandment Connection:

 21 The one who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and the one who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will reveal Myself to him."
- 4. Love The Dividing Factor: ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, what has happened that You are going to reveal Yourself to us and not to the world?" ²³ Jesus answered and said to him.
 - a. Those Who Love Jesus: "If anyone loves Me, he will follow My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our dwelling with him.
 - b. Those Who Do NOT Love Jesus: ²⁴ The one who does not love Me does not follow My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.
- 5. The Holy Spirit Will Teach You: ²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while remaining with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and remind you of all that I said to you.
- 6. Be At Peace: ²⁷ Peace I leave you, My peace I give you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, nor fearful.
- 7. My Leaving Is for Your Benefit: ²⁸ You heard that I said to you, 'I am going away [physically dying], and I am coming to you [in a greater way than I am with you now].' If you loved Me [and realized that My saving work is almost finished], you would have rejoiced because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you

- before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe.
- 8. Don't Worry Everything Is Under Control:

 30 I will not speak much more with you, for
 the ruler of the world is coming [according to
 the Father's plan], and he has nothing in
 regard to Me [because I am the Son of God],

 31 but so that the world may know that I love
 the Father, I do exactly as the Father
 commanded Me. Get up, let's go from here.

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SERMON RESPONSE: Create In Me

LSB 192

Sung By All

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

ATHANASIAN CREED – Part 2 of 3 (LSB, 319-320): The equality and unity of the Holy Trinity! Last week – Part 1; Next week – Part 3

- L: Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord,
- C: so we are also prohibited by the *catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- L: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- C: The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- L: The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- C: Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

- L: And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;
- C: But the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- L: Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
- ◆ The "catholic" faith is what the true Church of all times and all places has confessed. The "true Church" is not the Roman Catholic Church, but all who have godly sorrow and trust in Jesus for eternal life.

Offering: Plates are available in the center aisle.

Thanks for Honoring the LORD!

↑ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Request a Prayer: Complete a PRAYER REQUEST card (available in the Narthex).

Prayer List Procedure: Names with a (3) need to be renewed by Wednesday at 3:00. Contact your person; update Kathy (call: 440-845-2230; text: 440-785-3802).

After Each Petition: L: LORD, in Your mercy.
C: Hear our prayer.

- **USA**: Pray for repentance, guidance, unity.
- <u>US Armed Forces and Police</u>: Praying for all, especially: Rachel Cepis, Kevin Mild, Eric Mild, Teagan Dedula, Nick Riviotta, Brad Sala, Chris Sala, Jacob Smith, Hayden Sweeny, Drew Tenney, Chris Weseloh.

Congregation

- → Mailing to New Move-Ins: A volunteer to send Pastor's letter to a list of people each month.
- **⇒ Saturday Greeter:** Volunteer is needed.
- **▶ Loving Jesus:** Gladly know and follow Him!
- **▶ Lost Ones**: Encourage Bible reading, thinking.
- **▶** Be Equipped with God's Word: Memorize the ABC Bible Verses (brochures by main entrance).

- Care List: Helga B, Zach B, Doris C, Sandy C, Jim F, Carole G, Hilda K, Edmund & Christl K, Bill M, Regina M, Rose R, June R, Jean S, Bill S, Mike & Susanna T (they are offered regular mailings and visits; please pray for our visitors).
- → Grief Share: Ends 6/10; resumes 9/2.
- **Stephen Ministry**: Norma S (leader), Linda B, Alan C, Klara S, and Rhonda S (ministers).

Temporary Health Issues:

- <u>Cedrick Hilliker</u> (3) shoulder: *healing*.
- <u>Matt Kussmaul</u> eye issues: *relief, healing*.
- <u>Tom Merkle</u> healing from rad and chemo.
- Regina Mild (3) fall, broken arm: healing.
- Dennis Montick pacemaker: cont. healing.
- <u>Cindy Taress</u> (3) broken hip: *healing, rehab*.
- Lynda Tomasch (1) wrist surgery 6/12); peace, healing, successful PT (long recovery).
- <u>Bill Sweeny</u> (2) rehab: *strength, success*.
- <u>Harold Weseloh</u> (1) voice: speech therapy success; swallowing: successful procedure.

For Others

Temporary Health Issues:

- <u>Eileen</u> (2) hip surg. 5/19: healing, rehab.
- <u>Tim</u> (2) chemo: *peace, success, healing*.
- <u>Steve</u> (3) blood cell transplant (6/10): healing
- Kimberly Borland (1) guidance, healing.
- <u>Mikey Beauchesne</u> (3) home: *cont. healing*.
- <u>Henry Byham</u> lethargy, decline: comfort.
- Stacey Dames (2) prop. diag.: peace, healing.
- PJ Hilliker (bro. of Cedrick) (1) multiple hernia surg. 6/4: healing.
- <u>Melanie Himmelberger</u> cancer: *comfort*.
- Mike Leone (2) thyroid surgery 6/10: peace, success, healing.
- Linda McKay skull surgery 6/16: peace.
- Nelson Onsongo (1) future cancer surgery.
- <u>Shirley Prok</u> (1) infection: *peace, pain relief.*

- Rose Ramos (2) pain relief: sleep, healing.
- Bethany Transue (2) (sister of Briar)
 lymphoma: peace, successful treatments.

Celebrate and Give Thanks

Physical Birthdays:

6/12 Shelby Rock

6/13 Dolores Merkle

Spiritual Birthdays:

6/9 Michael Browning

6/9 Shelby Rock

6/11 Miriam Engelman

6/13 Joann Kissinger

6/14 Cindy Slepko

Wedding Anniversaries:

6/10 Matt & Hannah Hlavacek (14th)

Conclusion:

L: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen. **↓**

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SUPPER PREPARATION HYMN:

Your Table I Approach

Turn to LSB 628, vv. 1-3 - maroon hymnal

LORD'S SUPPER SELF-EXAMINATION: 1 Cor. 11:28

Should I receive the Lord's Supper today?

Use these 10 questions to examine yourself...

Learn More: Read through a Self-Examination Brochure

Part 1 - Basics of Being a Christian:

1. Do I believe the Bible is true? Y N John 17:17

2. Am I sorry for my sins? Y N 2 Cor. 7:10

3. Am I trusting in Jesus for eternal life? Y N Ac. 4:12

4. Am I baptized? Y N Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:38-39; Tit. 3:5

5. Do I desire to live for Christ? Y N 2 Cor. 5:15

<u>Part 2</u> – Forgiveness and Reconciliation:

6. Am I forgiving all others? Y N Mark 11:25

7. Am I doing my part to reconcile? Y N Rom. 12:18

<u>Part 3</u> – Elements and Benefits of the Lord's Supper:

- 8. Are the elements of the Lord's Supper bread, body, wine, and blood? Y N 1 Cor. 10:16
- Is the main benefit of the Supper the assurance of the forgiveness of sins? Y N Matt. 26:26-28

Part 4 – Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS):

 Do you understand and agree with the basic teachings of the LCMS? Y N 1 Cor. 10:15-22

↑ PREFACE and PROPER PREFACE:

L: The Lord be with you.

2 Tim. 4:22

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord. [Col. 3:1]

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

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise. [Ps. 136]

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 ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

L: Blessed are You, O LORD our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Receive our thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit who *has made us alive in Christ, *keeps us trusting in Christ, *convicts us of our sins, *guides us through the Bible, *moves us to live unto Your glory, and *helps us when we pray. Now, hear us as we pray in Jesus' name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER: See the back of either hymnal.

A: Our Father who art in heaven... Matt. 6:9-13

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD:

Combining: Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1Co 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI ~ Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29

See the words below / LSB 550

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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- Main dismissal: After everyone has returned.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION:

Saturday → Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus Manz

Sunday → O Comforter Draw Near and Light My
Path With Your Holy Flame Jan Bender

LORD'S SUPPER DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT: Let Us Pray

L: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with

all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN: Holy Spirit, Light Divine See the words below / TLH 234 / LSB 496

- 4 Holy Spirit, joy divine, Cheer this saddened heart of mine; Yield a sacred, settled peace, Let it grow and still increase.
- 5 Holy Spirit, all divine, Dwell within this heart of mine; Cast down ev'ry idol throne, Reign supreme, and reign alone.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION:

L: Let us bless the Lord.

[Ps. 103:1]

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.

 Numbers 6:24-26
- C: Amen.

Reminder: Food and Fire – June 7 at 5:30

Join us in the Pavilion!

CANDLE EXTINGUISHING and POSTLUDE:

Saturday → Go My Children With My Blessing

Sunday → Let Love Create a Place Where-in the Holy Spirit Makes a Dwelling R. Vaughan Williams

June Newsletter – Available in the Narthex

Desire a Prayer? See a Stephen Minister – Linda B, Alan C, Klara S, Rhonda S, or Norma S.

Volunteers Needed - Will You Serve?

Saturday Greeter – Arrive by 3:45, welcome those who attend, and offer a gift bag to visitors. Interested? Talk to Pastor. Mail to New Move-Ins in Parma – Using a monthly address list, address envelopes, insert Pastor's letter, and mail. All supplies provided. Interested? Contact Pastor.

Schedule: 6/8/25 - 6/15/25

6/10 - Tuesday

6:30 - Final Spring Grief Share

6/12 – Thursday

10:00 - Living the Lutheran Lectionary

6/14 - Saturday

3:00 – Bible Class

4:00 - Divine Service

<u>6/15 – Sunday</u>

9:00 - Divine Service

10:30 - Bible Classes and Sunday School

Thanks For Serving on 6/7 & 6/8

Altar Guild: Carol & Don D

Saturday: Organist: Jim V Usher: Matt K

Welcome & Distribution: Brad S

Sunday: Organist: Gayle P

Pastor Team - Welcome: Matthias M

<u>Distribution</u> – Cedrick H Ushers: Carl B, Michael B

Refreshments: The Hilliker Family & others

Sunday School: Kathy G, Harold/Cedrick

Financial Team: Natalia F, Financial Assistants

Thanks For Serving on 6/14 & 6/15

Altar Guild: Heather H

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Welcome & Distribution: Brad S

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Numbers From Last Week

Received God's Gifts - Services:

Saturday at 4:00 – Inside: 37; car: 3

Sunday at 9:00 – Inside: 47; car: 1 Studied God's Word – Classes:

Saturday at 3:00: 14

Sunday at 10:30: 33Thursday at 10: 8

Supported God's Work:

 Needed each week to cover the budget: 5,443

Received last week for the

budget: **8,167**

YTD Budget Surplus as of

last week: **5,908**



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