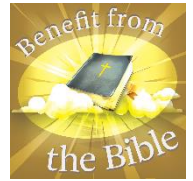




Bethlehem Lutheran Church – 2024

Truth – Forgiveness – Assurance – Peace – Guidance

Saturday, 7/13 at 4 pm; Sunday, 7/14 at 9 am



Thank you to Mr. Harold Weseloh, *today's worship leader and preacher*;
and Dr. Phillip Giessler, *today's Bible class teacher*, for substituting for Pastor Robert Green;
blessings to everyone for *hearing, understanding, believing, applying, and sharing!*

Welcome: "Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth. Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing. Know that the LORD Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; *We are His people and the sheep of His pasture*" (Ps. 100:1-3 NAS-95).

Church Year: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Divine Service: Setting Three, LSB 184-202.

- ☺ **Visitors:** *Welcome! Please complete an attendance slip and let us know how we can help!*
- ☺ **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 put on silent.*
- ☺ **Hearing Assistance:** *Available in the Narthex.*
- ☺ **Service Folder:** *Available on your smartphone: 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!*

PRELUDE: *We listen in silence...*

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Admitting our sins, having godly sorrow, and trusting in Jesus, let us be sure that our sins are forgiven!

L: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

C: **Amen.**

L: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, begging Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the LORD. *[Heb. 10:22]*

C: **Who made heaven and earth.** *Ps. 124:8*

L: ☩ I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD.

C: **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Ps. 32:5*

Silence for self-examination.

L: O almighty God, merciful Father,

A: **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.**

L: In the mercy of the almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the LORD, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ! *Mark 16:16; John 1:12*

C: **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

↑ **HYMN:** *Amazing Grace*

See the words below or LSB 744

- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!
- 2 The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.
- 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.

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KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47

- L: O Lord, C: **have mercy upon us.**
L: O Christ, C: **have mercy upon us.**
L: O Lord, C: **have mercy upon us.**

SALUTATION and COLLECT:

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

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray: O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, 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

⁷ Thus He showed me, and behold, the Lord was standing by a vertical wall with a plumb line in His hand. ⁸ The LORD said to me, "What do you see, Amos?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold I am about to put a plumb line in the midst of My people Israel. I will spare them no longer. ⁹ "The high places of Isaac will be desolated And the sanctuaries of Israel laid waste. Then I will rise up against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰ Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent word to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel; the land is unable to endure all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos says, 'Jeroboam will die by the sword and Israel will certainly go from its land into exile.'"

¹² Then Amaziah said to Amos, "Go, you seer, flee away to the land of Judah and there eat bread and there do your prophesying! ¹³ But no longer prophesy at Bethel, for it is a sanctuary of the king and a royal residence."

¹⁴ Then Amos replied to Amaziah, "I am not a prophet, nor am I the son of a prophet; for I am a herdsman and a grower of sycamore figs. ¹⁵ But the LORD took me from following the flock and the LORD said to me, 'Go prophesy to My people Israel.'"

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

⁸ Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,*
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to | folly.

- ⁹ Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.
- ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faith- | fulness meet;*
righteousness and peace kiss each | other.
- ¹¹ Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,*
and righteousness looks down | from the sky.
- ¹² Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,*
and our land will yield its | increase.
- ¹³ Righteousness will go be- | fore him*
and make his foot- | steps a way.
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight ⁹ He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him ¹⁰ with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, *that is*, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him ¹¹ also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according

to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, ¹² to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.

¹³ In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation--having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of *God's own* possession, to the praise of His glory.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

↑ ALLELUIA and VERSE

LSB 156

John 6:68

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: Mark 6:14-29

NAS-95

See Below / Pew Bible Page 1561 / Own Bible

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O LORD.**

¹⁴ And King Herod heard of *it* [possibly, *Jesus raising the twelve-year-old girl from the dead*], for His name had become well known; and *people* were saying, "John the Baptist has risen from the dead, and that is why these miraculous powers are at work in Him." ¹⁵ But others were saying, "He is Elijah." And others were saying, "*He is* a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of *it*, he kept saying, "John, whom I beheaded, has risen!"

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent and had John arrested and bound in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, because he had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

¹⁹ Herodias had a grudge against [John] and wanted to put him to death and could not *do so*; ²⁰ for Herod was afraid of John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. And when he heard him, he was very perplexed; but he used to enjoy listening to him.

²¹ A strategic day came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his lords and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee; ²² and when the daughter of Herodias herself came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you want and I will give it to you."

²³ And he swore to her, "Whatever you ask of me, I will give it to you; up to half of my kingdom."

²⁴ And she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist."

²⁵ Immediately she came in a hurry to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

²⁶ And although the king was very sorry, yet because of his oaths and because of his dinner guests, he was unwilling to refuse her.

²⁷ Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded *him* to bring *back* his head. And he went and had him beheaded in the prison, ²⁸ and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother.

²⁹ When his disciples heard *about this*, they came and took away his body and laid it in a tomb.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.** ↓

HYMN: *Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense*

See the words below / TLH 206 / LSB 741

- 1 Jesus Christ, my sure defense
And my Savior, now is living!
Knowing this, my confidence
Rests upon the hope here given,

Though the night of death be fraught
Still with many an anxious thought.

- 2 Jesus, my Redeemer, lives;
Likewise I to life shall waken.
He will bring me where He is;
Shall my courage then be shaken?
Shall I fear, or could the Head
Rise and leave His members dead?
- 3 No, too closely I am bound
By my hope to Christ forever;
Faith's strong hand the Rock has found,
Grasped it, and will leave it never;
Even death now cannot part
From its Lord the trusting heart.
- 4 I am flesh and must return
To the dust, whence I am taken;
But by faith I now discern
That from death I shall awaken
With my Savior to abide
In His glory, at His side.

SERMON

POST SERMON PRAYER: *Let Us Pray*

A: 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.

HYMN: *Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense*

See the words below / TLH 206 / LSB 741

- 5 Glorified, I shall anew
With this flesh then be enshrouded;
In this body I shall view
God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;
In this flesh I then shall see
Jesus Christ eternally.
- 6 Then take comfort and rejoice,
For His members Christ will cherish.

Fear not, they will hear His voice;
Dying, they will never perish;
For the very grave is stirred
When the trumpet's blast is heard.

- 7 Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave
And at death no longer tremble;
He, the Lord, who came to save
Will at last His own assemble.
They will go their Lord to meet,
Treading death beneath their feet.
- 8 O, then, draw away your hearts
From all pleasures base and hollow;
Strive to share what He imparts
While you here His footsteps follow.
As you now still wait to rise,
Fix your hearts beyond the skies!

APOSTLES' CREED: *See back of either hymnal:*

Offering: Plates are available in the center aisle.
Thanks for honoring the Lord with your wealth!

↑ **PRAYER:** *Let Us Pray*

- L: In peace let us pray to the Lord:
C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon,
with all our heart and with all our mind, *let us pray to the Lord:*
C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: For the holy Christian Church, here and
scattered throughout the world, and for the
proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of
all to faith, *let us pray to the Lord:*
C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: For this nation, for our cities and
communities, and for the common welfare of
us all, *let us pray to the Lord:*
C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness
of the earth, *let us pray to the Lord:*
C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, *let us pray to the Lord:*

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, *let us pray to the Lord:*

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, *let us pray to the Lord:*

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For these additional requests..., *let us pray to the Lord:*

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Finally, for those named and for all our needs of body and soul, *let us pray to the Lord:*

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

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

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

A: Our Father who art in heaven...

The prayers continue – page 7...

Prayers for during the week:

Thanks for praying!

Nation

➔ **US Armed Forces and Police:** Chris Sala, Brad Sala, Nick Riviotta, Jacob Smith, Hayden Sweeny, Drew Tenney, and Chris Weseloh.

Congregation

➔ **Care:** People who normally cannot attend and have chronic health issues: **Wally A, Helga B, Pat B, Doris C, Sandy C, Roger D, Carole G, Lois K, Edmund & Christl K, Bill M, Regina M, Connie P, June R, Jean S, Gertrude S, Mike & Susanna T.** (They receive mailings and visits.)

➔ **Stephen Ministry:** Pray for Norma S (leader), Linda B, Alan C, Klara S, Rhonda S, and Bill S (ministers), and their care receivers.

➔ **Grief Share:** It resumes on **9/3**; see the bulletin board, register, tell others.

➔ **Temporary Health Issues:**

- **Mel Bucholtz** (2) prop. diag., peace, healing.
- **Roseanne Dowell** (1) cataract surgery **7/18**.
- **Dennis Montick** (1) neck pain, relief, healing.
- **Larry Haslem** (2) cataract surg, cont. healing.
- **Cedrick Hilliker** (2) rotator cuff tear: pain relief, medical approval for surgery.
- **Eileen Kovach** (3) sciatica, shingles, healing.
- **Kevin Liddy** (2) knee, cont. healing, rehab.
- **Gertrude Stephen-Hancko** (2) cont. healing.

For Others

➔ **Temporary Health Issues:**

- **Dennis** (bro. of Janice M) (3) stroke, rehab.
- **Henry** (3) brain cancer, chemo, guidance.
- **Jeff** (3) brain & spine cancer, peace, comfort.
- **Ken** (brother of Janice M) (3) cancer, peace.
- **Kathy Abernathy** (3) breast cancer, chemo.
- **Michael Beauchesne** – infusions, healing.
- **Garrett Haslem** (2) breathing prob, healing.
- **Melanie Himmelberger** – bone cancer.
- **Gayle Powers** (3) cont. strength and rehab.
- **Ed Stash** – cancer, chemo (hospice soon).
- **Jim Vrabel** (2) surg. (5/23), rehab success.
- **Mark Woodward** (1) cancer treatments, pain relief from herniated disc, healing.

Celebrate and Give Thanks

Physical Birthdays:

- 7/14** Jim Kovach
- 7/15** Rand Stender
- 7/16** Courtney Slepko
- 7/17** Maci Green

Baptism Anniversaries:

7/16 Miranda Weekley

7/17 Meeka Hilliker

7/18 Erin Nellis

Wedding Anniversaries:

7/16 Dan & Jaclyn Blaha (8th)

PRAYER FOR THE WORD:

L: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Saturday → LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER:

L: We pray together:

A: **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me (Mt. 18:10), that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

Sunday → LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER:

L: We pray together:

A: **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and**

soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me (Mt. 18:10), that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BENEDICTION ~ Blessing

Num. 6:24-26

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. ↓

CLOSING HYMN: For Me to Live Is Jesus

See the words below / TLH 597 / LSB 742

- 1 For me to live is Jesus,
To die is gain for me;
So when my Savior pleases,
I meet death willingly.
- 2 For Christ, my Lord, my brother,
I leave this world so dim
And gladly seek another,
Where I shall be with Him.
- 3 My woes are nearly over,
Though long and dark the road;
My sin His merits cover,
And I have peace with God.
- 6 And so to Thee still cleaving
When death shall come to me,
I fall asleep believing
And wake in heav'n with Thee!

CANDLE EXTINGUISHING and POSTLUDE

July Newsletter – Available in the Narthex

Food & Fire – 7/20 at 5:30 PM

If you are willing to help: → Contact Sue Coufalik

Help Wanted – Part-time

Part-Time Help Wanted: Car delivery driver. More Info – Contact Paul Moyer at 440-227-6755.

Schedule: 7/14 – 7/21

Monday

7:00– Leadership Team

Wednesday

1:00 – Sisters of Light

Thursday

10:00 – LTLL: Preview of Upcoming Readings

Saturday

3:00 – Bible Class

4:00 – Divine Service

5:30 – Food & Fire

Sunday

9:00 – Divine Service

10:45 – Bible Classes and Sunday School

Thanks For Serving on 7/13 & 7/14

Altar Guild: Kathy G

Saturday: Organ: Marci S Ushers: Jim & Shawn W
Pastor Team – Welcome: Alan C

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Ushers: Rand S, Nevin S
Refreshments: The Hilliker Family & others
Sunday School: Cindy T, Cedrick/Harold

Financial Team: Natalia F, Ken H

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Numbers From Last Week

Received God's Gifts – Services:

- Saturday at 4:00 – Inside: **45**; car: **2**
- Sunday at 9:00 – Inside: **49**; car: **0**

Studied God's Word – Classes:

- Saturday at 3:00: **18**
- Sunday at 10:30: **26**
- Thursday at 10: **5**

Supported God's Work:

- Needed Each Week (budget): **5,134**
- Received Last Week (actual): **9,710**
- Gross Surplus YTD – as of last week: **28,596** – **Thanks so much!**
- Net Surplus YTD – as 5/31/24: **7,471**



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