



Bethlehem Parma (LCMS)

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2026
Saturday, 6/13 at 4:00
Sunday, 6/14 at 9:00

Is Your Position Safe or Dangerous? Part 2 of 2

Church Year: Third Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service – Setting One: LSB 151-166

WELCOME:

- ☺ **Visitors:** *Welcome! See our Welcome Table, sign our book, take a bag, and tell us 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.*
- ☺ **Difficult to Stand:** *It’s okay to remain seated.*
- ☺ **Service Folder:** 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...*
Pastorale Sammartini

↑ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- L: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*
- C: Amen.
- L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1Jo. 1:8-9*

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

L: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

A: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

L: The Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
[John 20:19-23]

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Saturday → Hymn
Sunday → Entrance Hymn and Procession

HYMN: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*
See the words below / TLH 451 / LSB 660

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the cross.
Lift high His royal banner;
It must not suffer loss.

From vict'ry unto vict'ry
His army He shall lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.

2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
The trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in mighty conflict
In this His glorious day.
Let all His faithful serve Him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger
And strength to strength oppose.

3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
Stand in His strength alone.
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor;
Each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there.

KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above and for our
salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the
well-being of the Church of God, and for the
unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house and for all who offer here
their worship and praise let us pray to the
Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious
Lord.

C: Amen.

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: Almighty, eternal God, in the
Word of Your apostles and prophets You
have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant
us faith to fully believe Your promises,
continue in Your eternal salvation, and
share Your love and truth with others;
through 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: Flag Day – Our US Flag



- **13 Stripes** – The original 13 colonies
- **Red and White** – Blood and purity
- **50 Stars** – One for each state in the union

OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus 19:2-8

NAS-20

Moses Received a Message from God

²When they set out from Rephidim, they came to the wilderness of Sinai and camped in the wilderness; and there Israel camped in front of the mountain. ³And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "This is what you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the sons of Israel: ⁴'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I carried you on eagles' wings, and brought you to Myself. ⁵'Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; ⁶and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel."

Moses Gave God's Message to the Elders

⁷ So Moses came and called the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which the LORD had commanded him. ⁸ Then all the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do!" And Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD.

The People were Encouraged to Listen to Moses

⁹ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will come to you in a thick cloud, so that the people may hear when I speak with you and may also trust in you forever." Then Moses told the words of the people to the LORD.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: 100 ESV

- 1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!*
 - 2 Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with | singing!
 - 3 Know that the LORD, | he is God!*
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his | pasture.
 - 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his | courts with praise!*
Give thanks to him; | bless his name!
 - 5 For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for- | ever,*
and his faithfulness to all gener- | ations.
- 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.**

EPISTLE: Romans 5:6-15 NAS-20

Good News – The Results of Justification

⁶ For while we were still helpless, at *the* right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will hardly die for a righteous person [*someone who does right*]; though perhaps for the good person

[*someone who does good to others*] someone would even dare to die. ⁸ **But God demonstrates His own love toward us**, in that while we were still sinners, **Christ died for us**. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of *God* through Him.

¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹ And not only *this*, but we also celebrate in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all mankind, because all sinned—¹³ for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not counted against *anyone* when there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the violation *committed* by Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. [*Death reigned because it was inherited from Adam.*]

¹⁵ But the gracious gift is not like the offense. For if by the offense of the one [*Adam*] the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

↑ ALLELUIA and VERSE John 6:68 **LSB 156**

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: Matthew 9:35-10:8 NAS-20

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning in the ninth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O LORD.

Miracles of Healing

³⁵ Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and **healing every disease and every sickness.**

³⁶ Seeing the crowds, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, **“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.”** ³⁸ Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”

The Twelve Given Authority and Instructions

¹ Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them **authority** over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every sickness.

² Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; and James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, the one who also betrayed Him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out after **instructing** them, saying, **“Do not go on a road to Gentiles, and do not enter a city of Samaritans; ⁶ but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those with leprosy, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.**

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

NICENE CREED: See back of either hymnal 

HYMN: *God Loved the World So That He Gave*

See the words below / TLH 245 / LSB 571

- 1 God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,

That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.

- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven’s heirs.

SERMON: Is Your Position Safe or Dangerous?
Part 2 of 2

See the brochure insert!

↑ HYMN: *God Loved the World So That He Gave*
See the words below / TLH 245 / LSB 571

- 5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.
- 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

Offering: Plates are available in the center aisle.

The LORD has blessed us with life, salvation, and all we need, let us trust Him, thank Him, honor Him!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Tim. 2:1-4

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

RENEW Your Request: Names with a **(3)** must 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.

Nation

➔ **Flag Day:** Dear Father, on this Flag Day, we give thanks for the stars and stripes that symbolize the enduring spirit of our nation. Help us remember those who sacrificed for freedom and inspire us to work toward unity, respect, and peace. May our flag always remind us of responsibility as well as liberty, and may Your guidance lead our country forward in hope and righteousness. In Jesus name. Amen.

➔ **US Armed Forces:** Kohen Berkley, Teagan Dedula, Nathaniel Kaye, Nick Riviotta, Chris Sala, Nevin Sherepita, Jacob Smith, Hayden Sweeny, Drew Tenney, Chris Weseloh.

Congregation

➔ **Inactive Members:** Dear Holy Spirit, use our efforts to lead them to repent and believe.

➔ **Community Outreach:** Dear Holy Spirit, thanks for visitors! Help us to be a blessing to them!

➔ **Stephen Ministry:** Bless our Stephen Ministers and those who receive their care!

➔ **Care List:** Helga B, Pat B, Zach B, Doris C, Sandy C, Jim F, Trudy F, Carole G, Esther H, Hilda K, Edmund & Christl K, Bill M, Regina M, June R, Jean S, Cindy T, Mike & Susanna T, Vicki T, Jim V (most are offered mailings & visits).

➔ **Temporary Health Issues:**

- Pat Beal (3) *continued strength and rehab.*
- Sandy Crites (2) *peace, healing, guidance.*
- Natalia Ford (1) *cancer: good test results.*
- Matt Hlavacek – Lyme disease: *cont. healing.*
- Matt Kussmaul – eye issues: *cont. healing.*
- Angie Rohman (2) *hip 5/21: rehab success.*
- Cindy Taress (2) *peace, strength, guidance.*
- Tami Taylor (1) *continued strength, rehab.*
- Lynda Tomasch (3) *knee surg: healing, rehab.*

Others

➔ **Temporary Health Issues:**

- Dr. Vince (1) *surg. 5/6: continued healing.*

- Kimberly Blaha (1) *wrist, etc.: cont. healing.*
- Kim Borland (2) *healing, daily devotion.*
- Richard Browning (1) *chemo: peace, healing.*
- Melanie Himmelberger – *peace, healing.*
- Steve Marzella (3) *cancer, heart: healing.*
- Bernice Mease – *kidney cancer: healing.*
- Shirley Myers (2) *stage 4 stomach cancer, chemo, surgery: peace, healing, success.*
- Jim Vrabel (2) *cont. strength and rehab.*

Celebrate and Give Thanks

Physical Birthdays:

6/14 Noah Potantus

6/18 Kayleigh Musil

6/19 June Russell

Spiritual Birthdays:

6/14 Cindy Slepko

Wedding Anniversaries:

6/18 Mike & Susanna Tischler (61st)

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. ↓

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SUPPER PREPARATION HYMN:

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

See the words below LSB 637

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION:

1 Cor. 11:27-28: "...whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy way, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. But a person must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup."

Please examine yourself by asking these questions:

- 1. **Bible:** Do I believe the Bible is true?
- 2. **Repentance:** Do I desire to turn from my sins?
- 3. **Salvation:** Am I trusting in Jesus for heaven?
- 4. **Supper:** Do I believe the supper is bread & body and wine & blood for the forgiveness of sins?
- 5. **Unity:** Do I agree with the contents of Luther's Small Catechism?

Unsure about Receiving? Pick up these Lord's Supper brochures: Overview and How to Benefit.
Pick up: A Simple Explanation of Christianity
Contact Pastor with your Questions or Concerns

↑ PREFACE and PROPER PREFACE:

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

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts. *Col. 3:1*

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. *[Psalm 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore, with angels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy* *Is. 6:3; Matt. 21:9*

Hosanna = *save us now* ♦ See below / **LSB 161**

Holy, holy, holy LORD, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

L: Blessed are You, LORD of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created, and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior.

C: With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

L: Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O LORD, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit.

C: Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

L: Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

C: Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us.

L: To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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

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

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 ~ *The 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 163**

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

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

Lamb of God, You take a – way the sin of the world; grant - - - us peace.

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.
- ♦ Receive. Go in peace. Return via a side aisle.
- ♦ Main dismissal: After everyone has returned.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION: But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. Joncas / Wagner

LORD'S SUPPER DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: **LSB 164**

Thank the Lord

Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice
and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises
and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving.

Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:

L: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary *[spiritually beneficial]* 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.

C: 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.

CANDLE EXTINGUISHING and POSTLUDE:

All Creatures of Our God and King

June Newsletter – Available in the Narthex

God Is Ready to Hear You and Help You!

See any Stephen Minister for a prayer that is confidential and caring. **Saturdays** – Linda B; **Sundays** – Klara S, Rhonda S, or Norma S

Bible Classes – Sat at 3, Sun at 10:30
Highlights of the Book of Proverbs

Beginning next week – June 20 & 21. Prepare for the study by reading Proverbs, chapters 1-3.

From Our Organist – *Gayle Powers*

My summer music selections will be celebrating God's beautiful creation, blessings, love, and Spirit filled joy. Worship and enjoy Pastorales and nature inspired music during the services.

Church Directories are in!

In the directory? Your copy is available in the Narthex. Not in the directory but would like a copy, the cost is \$10. Limited copies available, see: *Kathy Green*

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BETHLEHEM WEAPONS POLICY:

Want to know more? See **Harold, Rand,** or **Terry** or attend the next Leadership Meeting on **6/22** (not 6/15) with your questions or comments.

Schedule: 6/14/26 – 6/21/26

6/17 – Wednesday

1:00 – Sisters of Light (every 1st & 3rd Wednesday)

6/18 – Thursday

10:00 – Living the Lutheran Lectionary

6/20 – Saturday

3:00 – Bible Class
4:00 – Divine Service

6/21 – Sunday

9:00 – Divine Service
10:30 – Bible Class & Sunday School

Thanks For Serving 6/13/26 & 6/14/26

Altar Guild: Kathy G

Saturday: Organist: Gayle P Usher: Matt K
Distribution: Brad S

Sunday: Organist: Gayle P

Distribution – Matthias M
Ushers: Carl B, Michael B
Acolytes: Noah H, Leo J
Sunday School: Stacey J, Cedrick/Harold

Financial Team: Natalia F, Financial Assistant

Thanks For Serving 6/20/26 & 6/21/26

Altar Guild: Nancy B, Heather H

Saturday: Organist: Gayle P Usher: Matt K
Distribution: Brad S

Sunday: Organist: Gayle P
Distribution – Matthias M
Ushers: Carl B, Michael B
Acolytes: Carter R, Shelby R
Sunday School: Angie R, Cedrick/Harold

Financial Team: Natalia F, Financial Assistant

Numbers From Last Week

Received God's Gifts – Services:

- Saturday at 4:00 – Inside: **35**; car: **6**
- Sunday at 9:00 – Inside: **64**; car: **0**

Studied God's Word – Classes:

- Men's Group at 9:00 **13**
- Saturday at 3:00: **15**
- Sunday at 10:30: **42**
- Thursday at 10:00: **9**

Weekly Financial Stewardship:

- Needed: **6,769**
- Received: **10,657**
- Actual YTD: **151,320**
- Budget YTD: **155,687**
- Over/(Short): **(4,367)**



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

Festivals: Website > Important Links > Festivals

Studies: Wed 1; Thurs 10; Sat 3; Sun 10:30

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