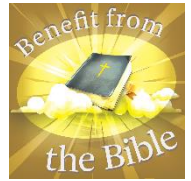




Bethlehem Lutheran Church – 2025

Truth – Forgiveness – Assurance – Peace – Guidance

Saturday, 7/5 at 4 pm; Sunday, 7/6 at 9 am



The Lord's Supper – Part 3 of 3

Church Year: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost | Divine Service: Setting One, LSB 151-166

WELCOME:

- ☺ **Visitors:** *Welcome! Please fill out an attendance slip insert 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...*

Saturday ➡ God of Our Fathers Kerr

Sunday ➡ America the Beautiful Arr. Whitsett

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION *Ps. 51:1-12*
A Psalm of David after his sins of adultery and murder

- L: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*
- C: **Amen.**
- L: Let us pray: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
- C: **according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**
- L: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
- C: **and cleanse me from my sin!**

- L: For I know my transgressions,
- C: **and my sin is ever before me.**
- L: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
- C: **so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**
- L: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
- C: **and in sin did my mother conceive me.**
- L: Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
- C: **and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**
- L: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
- C: **wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**
- L: Let me hear joy and gladness;
- C: **let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**
- L: Hide your face from my sins,
- C: **and blot out all my iniquities.**
- L: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
- C: **and renew a right spirit within me.**
- L: Cast me not away from your presence,
- C: **and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**
- L: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
- C: **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
- L: Good news! *God loves us and has sent His Son to buy us back!* For all who ♡ have godly sorrow and ♡ are trusting in Jesus for eternal life, be sure – *based on God's unshakable promises* – that your sins are forgiven!
- C: **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Saturday ➡ ⬆ The hymn is sung by all!

Sunday ➡ **Choir: vv. 1-3** (*congregation is seated*)

Choir + Congregation: v. 4 (*arise as noted*)

HYMN: God of Our Fathers

See the words below

1. God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:
Our grateful songs before Your throne arise.
2. Your love divine has led us in the past;
In this free land by You our lot is cast;
Oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide and stay;
Your Word our law, Your paths our chosen way.
3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Make Your strong arm our ever sure defense,
Your true religion in our hearts increase;
Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Sunday ➡ **Arise** ⬆ **For the Procession!**

4. Refresh Your people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace
Until at last we meet before Your face.

To Sing with the NO PRACTICE Choir:

Send an email request to Harold: weselohduh@gmail.com

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

- 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 OF THE DAY:

- L: The LORD be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22
C: And also with you.
L: Let us pray: Almighty God, You have built
Your Church on the foundation of the

apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your Church may be kept free from all harm and danger; 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 ABC Bible Verses



**K – Keep your
tongue from evil.**
Psalm 34:13

EPISTLE: 1 Cor. 10:18–22; 11:27–32

NAS-20

¹⁸Look at the people of Israel; are those who eat the sacrifices not [*ouk*] partners in the altar?
¹⁹What do I mean then? That food sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? ²⁰No, but I say that things which *the Gentiles* sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become partners with demons.
²¹You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. ²²Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? We are not stronger than He, are we? ...

11:27 Therefore 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. ²⁸But a person must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For the one who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not *properly* recognize the body. ³⁰For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number are asleep. ³¹But if we judged ourselves

rightly, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

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 14:22-24

NAS-20

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

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

The Lord's Supper

²² While they were eating, [Jesus] took *some* bread, and after a blessing He broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, and said, "**Take it; this is My body.**"

²³ And when He had taken a cup *and* given thanks, He gave *it* to them, and they all drank from it.

²⁴ And He said to them, "**This is My blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many.**"

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.** ↓

HYMN: Chief of Sinners Though I Be

See the words below / TLH 342 / LSB 611

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.
- 3 Only Jesus can impart
Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.

- 5 O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

SERMON: The Lord's Supper – Part 3

Part 1

Introduction

1: Passover Connection

2: Sacraments Are Mysteries

3: Various Names

Part 2

4: Reasons to Receive

5: Words of Institution

6: What Is Being Received

7: Benefit of Receiving

Part 3 – Today

8: Preparation to Receive

9: How to Receive

**Get a Full and Sharable Copy of the Sermon
and/or The New Lord's Supper Brochure**

Narthex / Website / YouTube / Facebook / Email

HYMN: America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee)

See the words below / (TSC 550, 1 & 4)

My country, 'tis of Thee,
Sweet land of liberty, Of Thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring!
Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty, To Thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King!

APOSTLES' CREED: See the back of either hymnal.

Offering: Plates available in the center aisle. *Thanks!*

Jesus Instructed Us: "Give, and it will be given to you. ...by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you in return" (Luke 6:38 NAS-95).

↑ **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** 1 Timothy 2:1-4

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

C: Hear our prayer.

- L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- L: Lord God, heavenly Father, today's collection, and all good things come from You to us – *though we are certainly undeserving*. Make us grateful for Your blessings and obedient to Your will.
- L: Father, for all who serve in worthy occupations, professions, arts, and sciences, grant them skill and integrity in the performance of their responsibilities and valued service through their vocations.
- L: Lord, for those who suffer from hunger, homelessness, poverty, or unemployment, may Your great mercy and love preserve and provide for them.
- L: Lord God, we pray for all the faithful, that the Holy Spirit would lead us to cheerful and generous giving from the bounty You provide, to support this congregation and to help others beyond our congregation with their eternal and temporal needs.
- L: Our Father in heaven, for those who are sick – *especially those on our church prayer list and those whom we now name in our hearts...* we ask for peace in Jesus, healing for their bodies, and strength to bear their sufferings with trust and patience.
- L: Dear Lord, for those who mourn the separation between them and their loved ones, comfort them in their time of sorrow, help them with their needs, and remind them

that all believers – *when Jesus comes* – will be with Him.

- L: O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever intercedes for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together 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. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver, and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. ↓

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).

➔ **Peace:** In the middle east and elsewhere.

Nation

- ➔ **USA:** Pray for repentance, guidance, unity.
- ➔ **US Armed Forces and Police:** Strength, honor, courage, safety to all, esp.: *Rachel Cepis, Kevin Mild, Eric Mild, Teagan Dedula, Nick Riviotta, Brad Sala, Chris Sala, Jacob Smith, Hayden Sweeny, Drew Tenney, Chris Weseloh.*

Congregation

- ➔ **New Move-In Letters:** Positive reception.
- ➔ **Memorize the ABC Verses:** Just do it!
- ➔ **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, Cindy T, Mike & Susanna T (most are offered regular mailings and visited by our visit team).

- ➔ **Stephen Ministry:** Norma S (leader), Linda B, Alan C, Klara S, and Rhonda S (ministers).
- ➔ **Temporary Health Issues:**
 - **Cedrick Hilliker** (2) surg. 7/2: *relief, healing.*
 - **Matt Kussmaul** – eye issues: *cont. healing.*
 - **Tom Merkle** – *cont. peace, healing.*
 - **Regina Mild** (3) broken arm: *cont. healing.*
 - **Cindy Taress** (2) hip, cancer: *peace, healing.*
 - **Lynda Tomasch** (3) *cont. healing, rehab.*
 - **Bill Sweeny** (3) *better breathing, rehab.*
 - **Harold Weseloh** (2) sore back: *pain relief, healing; swallowing proc.* 7/10: *success.*

For Others

- ➔ **Temporary Health Issues:**
 - **Ed** (1) MRI 7/25: *peace, good results.*
 - **Eileen** (1) hip surg. 5/19: *healing, rehab.*
 - **Joyce** (1) cancer: *continued recovery.*
 - **Luke** (3) bad fall, broken bones: *healing.*
 - **Tim** (1) chemo: *peace, success, healing.*
 - **Jim Allen** (1) hip replacement *surgery 7/11:* *peace, success, healing, rehab.*
 - **Kimberly Borland** (1) Infection and opioid addiction: *healing, pain relief, recovery.*
 - **Mikey Beauchesne** (1) *continued healing.*
 - **Henry Byham** – lethargy, decline: *comfort.*
 - **Stacey Dames** (3) prop. diag.: *peace, healing.*
 - **Melanie Himmelberger** – cancer: *comfort.*
 - **Sue House** (1) stroke 6/6: *healing, rehab.*
 - **Mike Leone** (3) surg. 6/10: *cont. healing.*
 - **Linda McKay** (3) surgery 6/19: *cont. healing.*
 - **Bethany Transue** (2) lymphoma: *peace, good test results, successful treatments.*

Celebrate and Give Thanks

Physical Birthdays:

7/6 Brian Sala
 7/6 Bradley Sala
 7/9 Miyu Liao
 7/10 Wilhelm Mild

7/12 John Haller

Spiritual Birthdays:

7/10 Lisa Woodward

Wedding Anniversaries:

7/11 Ed & Patti Cepis (45th)

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SUPPER PREPARATION HYMN:

Your Table I Approach

See the words below / TLH 310 / LSB 628

- 1 Your table I approach;
 Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
 Let not an unrepentant heart
 Prove hurtful to me there.
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins
 And mourn their wretched bands;
 A contrite heart is sure to find
 Forgiveness at Your hands.
- 3 Your body and Your blood,
 Once slain and shed for me,
 Are taken at Your table, Lord,
 In blest reality.

LORD'S SUPPER SELF-EXAMINATION:

1 Cor. 11:28

Let's be serious, understand, and benefit!

Please ask yourself these 10 questions...

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*
6. Am I forgiving all others? Y N *Mark 11:25*
7. Am I doing my part to reconcile? Y N *Rom. 12:18*
8. Are the elements of the Lord's Supper bread, body, wine, and blood? Y N *1 Cor. 10:16*
9. Is the main benefit of the Supper the assurance of the forgiveness of sins? Y N *Matt. 26:26-28*
10. Do I understand and agree with the teachings of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS)?
 Y N *1 Cor. 10:15-22*

Uncertain? Ask an usher for “The Lord’s Supper” brochure and “A Simple Explanation of Christianity.”
The pastor would be glad to talk/meet with you!

↑ LUTHER’S SMALL CATECHISM: The Sixth Chief Part – The Sacrament of the Altar

- L: **Question 4:** Who receives this sacrament worthily?
- C: **Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.**

PRAYER FOR RIGHT RECEPTION:

- L: Dear Father, in the beginning You created all things by the Word, who is Your Son; then, *in the fullness of time*, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Now, *with repentant hearts*, as we receive the body He gave – along with the bread, and the blood He shed – along with the wine, help us to rejoice in Your love and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

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...** *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 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:

Saturday ➔ May God Bestow On Us His Grace Kerr

Sunday ➔ Musical selections

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.**

PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION:

- ➔ **For Responsible Leaders:** O merciful Father in heaven, from You comes all rule and authority over the nations of the world for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well. Graciously regard Your servants, those who make, administer, and judge the laws of this nation, and look in mercy upon all the rulers of the earth. Grant them wisdom and understanding that Your people may be guarded and directed in righteousness, quietness, and unity.

➔ **For the USA:** Dear LORD, please work powerfully in every needed way to turn us:

- ✓ from sinning to repenting,
- ✓ from foolishness to wisdom,
- ✓ from weakness to strength,
- ✓ from division to unity, and
- ✓ from self-centeredness to compassion!

➔ **For Our Nation:** Almighty God, Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life.

- ✓ Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action.
- ✓ Support us in defending our liberties and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom that there may be justice and peace in our land.
- ✓ When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail.

HYMN: *America the Beautiful*

See the words below / (TSC 548, vv. 1, 3-4)

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!
O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife.
Who more than self their country loved
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

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:

Saturday ➔ America the Beautiful Kerr

Sunday ➔ My Country Sweet land of Liberty
Arr. Linker

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

July Newsletter – Available in the Narthex

Grief Share: Fall session begins on 9/2. To register – contact Norma: 216-406-4871

Schedule: 7/6/25 – 7/13/25

7/11 – Friday

10:00 – Living the Lutheran Lectionary

7/12 – Saturday

9:00 – Men's Bible Study

3:00 – Bible Class

4:00 – Divine Service

7/13 – Sunday

9:00 – Divine Service

10:30 – BLC Quarterly Information Meeting

10:30 – Bible Classes and Sunday School

Volunteer Needed

Saturday Greeter – Arrive by 3:45, welcome those who attend, and offer a gift bag to visitors. Interested? Talk to Pastor.

Thanks For Serving on 7/5 & 7/6

Altar Guild: Don & Carol D

Saturday: Organist: Jim V Usher: Matt K
Welcome & Distribution: Alan C

Sunday: Organist: Gayle P
Pastor Team – Welcome: Tim C

Distribution – Cedrick H
Ushers: Rand S, Nevin S
Refreshments: The Hilliker Family & others
Sunday School: Kathy G, Harold/Cedrick

Financial Team: Natalia F, Linda W

Thanks For Serving on 7/12 & 7/13

Altar Guild: Heather H

Saturday: Organist: Jim V Usher: Matt K
Welcome & Distribution: Alan C

Sunday: Organist: Gayle P
Pastor Team – Welcome: Harold W
Distribution – Cedrick H
Ushers: Rand S, Nevin S
Refreshments: The Hilliker Family & others
Sunday School: Heather H, Harold/Cedrick

Financial Team: Natalia F, Paul M

Numbers From Last Week

Received God's Gifts – Services:

- Saturday at 4:00 – Inside: **32**; car: **6**
- Sunday at 9:00 – Inside: **49**; car: **0**

Studied God's Word – Classes:

- Saturday at 3:00: **13**
- Sunday at 10:30: **41**
- Thursday at 10: **6**

Supported God's Work:

- **Needed** each week to cover the budget: **5,443**
- **Received** last week for the budget: **4,614**
- **YTD Budget Surplus** as of last week: **3,262**



As we enjoy the summer, let us remember our **Great God** who gave us:

- 😊 summertime,
- 😊 life,
- 😊 good health,
- 😊 food,
- clothing, and shelter,
- 😊 family and friends,
- 😊 citizenship in a free nation, and
- 😊 especially our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



No matter where we are or what our plans might be, let us:

- ➡ put Christ first in our lives,
- ➡ read and live the Bible every day, and
- ➡ continue to honor the LORD with the first from all He gives to us.

In other words, being a Christian is MUCH MORE than attending church each week.

Jesus was perfectly faithful to the Father's will for our eternal benefit, so let us seriously and faithfully:

- ✓ deny ourselves,
- ✓ take up our cross daily, and
- ✓ follow Him (Luke 9:23).

Connect With Us

➡ **Website**: BLC7500.com ➡ **YouTube**: Benefit from the Bible ➡ **Facebook**: Bethlehem Parma

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

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

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

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