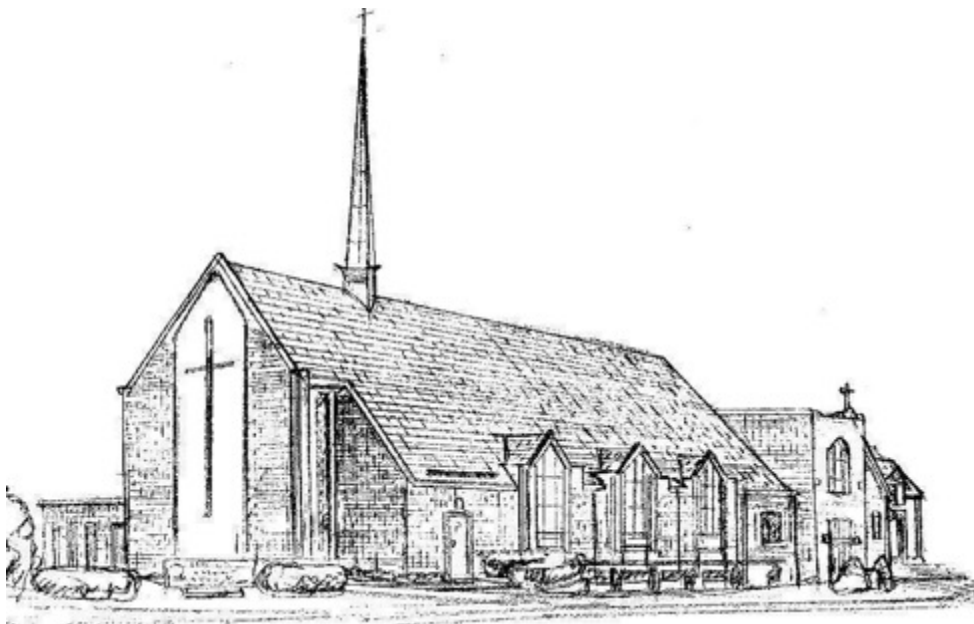


# **BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**



*Serving, accepting, and loving all.*

**Bulletin**

**May 25, 2025**

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**Sunday, May 25, 2025**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C**

**Introduction**

*Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.*

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

**P:** In the name of ✠ the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C: Amen.**

**L:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**L:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

**L:** Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

## **GATHERING SONG NO. 834 Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise**

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
- 4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

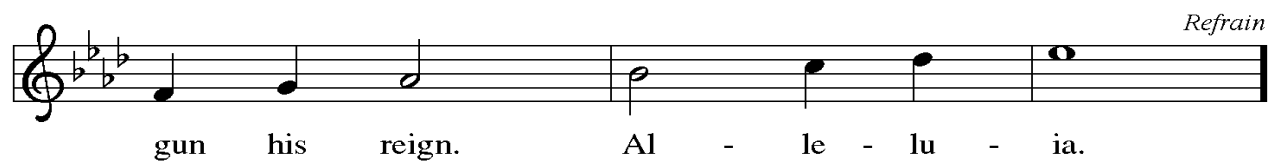
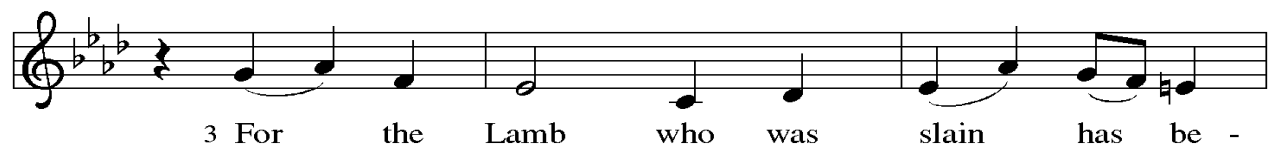
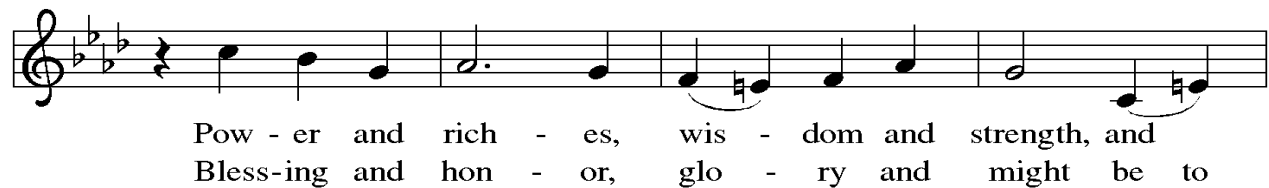
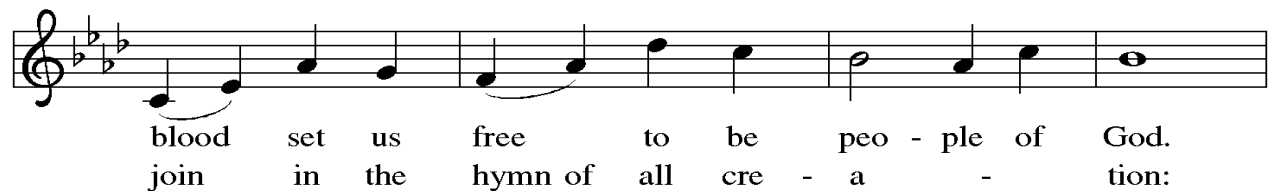
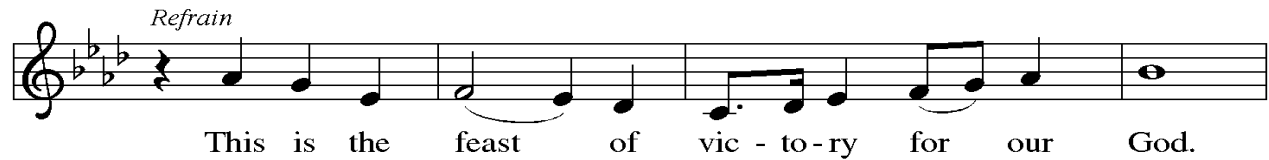
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## **GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW P. 101)



## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## **WORD**

### **First Reading: Acts 16:9-15**

*A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.*

A reading from Acts,

<sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

<sup>11</sup> We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup> On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

**A:** The word of the Lord.

**C : Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 67

<sup>1</sup> May God be merciful to | us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.

<sup>2</sup> **Let your way be known | upon earth,  
your saving health a- | mong all nations.**

<sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise | you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup> **Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide  
all the na- | tions on earth.**

<sup>5</sup> Let the peoples | praise you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup> **The earth has brought | forth its increase;  
God, our own | God, has blessed us.**

<sup>7</sup> May God | give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe

## SECOND READING Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

*John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.*

A reading from Revelation,

<sup>10</sup> And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

<sup>22</sup> I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup> Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the

Lamb's book of life.<sup>22</sup>:

<sup>1</sup> Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup> they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C : Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## GOSPEL John 14:23-29

*As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.*

P: The holy gospel according to John,

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot)], “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

P : The gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON - The Rev. Ellen S. Lundie**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 804 Come Down, O Love Divine**

- 1 Come down, O Love divine;  
seek thou this soul of mine  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near;  
within my heart appear  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
- 2 Oh, let it freely burn,  
till worldly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3 Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing--  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4 And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;  
no soul can guess Love's grace  
till it become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833-1890

## **THE NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Unite your people with communities of faith throughout the world. Further cooperation between people of different faith traditions and bless our non-Christian neighbors, that we learn and grow in deeper relationship. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bless the earth with fresh water, clean air, and rich soil. Nurture growing crops and encourage communities developing sustainable farming

practices. Help us to live in balance and harmony with your good creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Reconcile nations and communities suffering from violence and conflict. Protect all who flee their homes seeking safety and security. Make all nations safe for all their residents. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Sustain all who are in need, especially individuals and families struggling with trauma or addiction. Support caregivers, especially nurses, doctors, counselors, and social workers. Come alongside all who are ill or struggling; especially those we name within our hearts (*a moment of silence*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

This Memorial Day weekend, we remember all who have died in military service. Soothe loved ones who mourn and strengthen support systems for veterans and their families. Bring peace among nations, that war and conflict around the world might cease. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give you thanks for all your saints raised to new life in Christ. Gather us, with them, into the peace only you can give. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

## MEAL

**OFFERING** - *Offering boxes are located in the narthex and in back of the sanctuary.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray,

C: Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace

along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again,

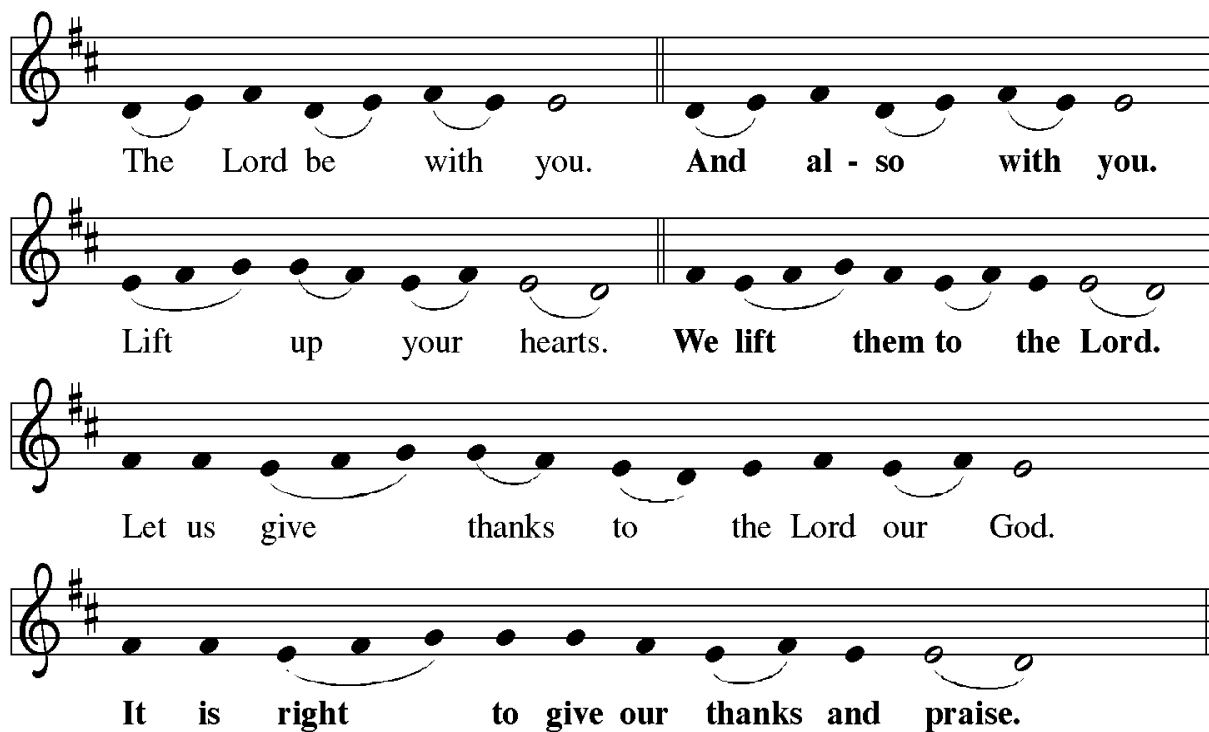
breathe your life into us,

and enliven us with this meal,

that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

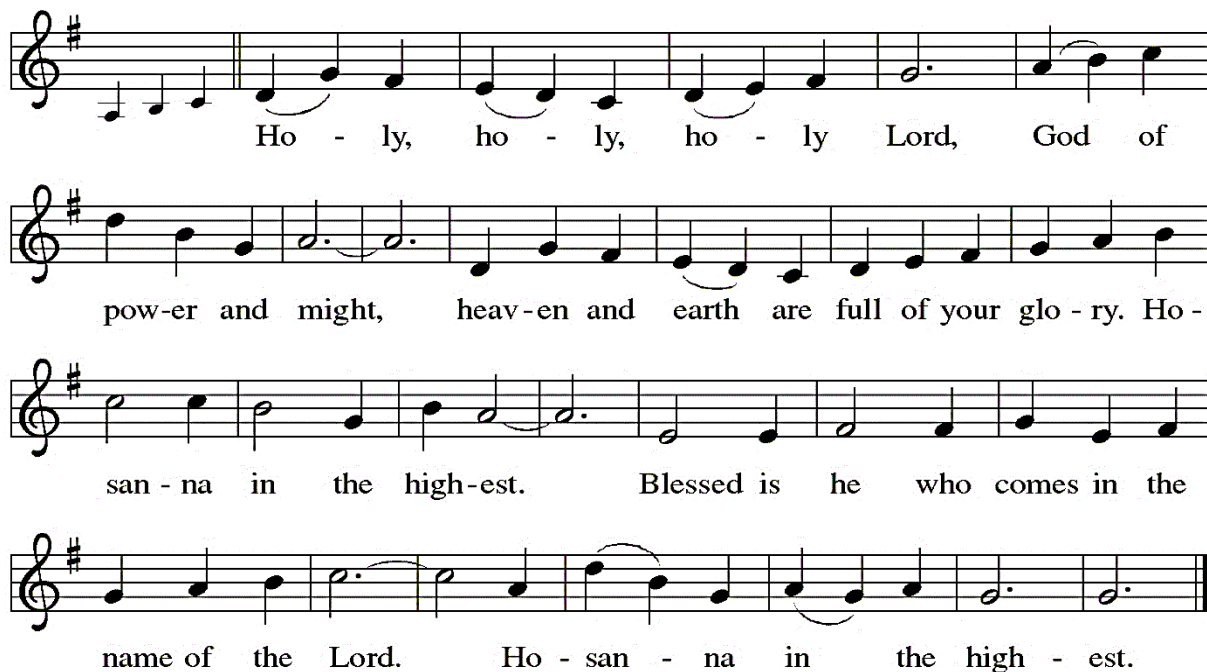
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY HOLY HOLY Page 108



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, living, and loving God,

we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,

for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,  
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus

who, living among us,

healed the sick,

fed the hungry,

and with a love stronger than death,

gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,  
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,  
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:  
carry us in your arms from death to life,  
that we may live as your chosen ones,  
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be thy name,**  
**thy kingdom come,**  
**thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**  
**and forgive us our trespasses,**  
**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**  
**and lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**  
**and the power, and the glory,**  
**forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

## COMMUNION

### Lamb of God (Page 112)



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, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN

### NO. 715 Christ, Be Our Light

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

#### *Refrain*

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

5 Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

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## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

L: Let us pray,  
Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders,  
sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life  
to a wounded and weary world.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BENEDICTION**

P: The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always.

**C: Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN 888 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies**

- 1 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.
- 2 O beautiful for heroes proved  
in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved,  
and mercy more than life:  
America! America!  
May God thy gold refine,  
till all success be nobleness,  
and ev'ry gain divine.
- 3 O beautiful for patriot dream  
that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam,  
undimmed by human tears:  
America! America!  
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self-control,  
thy liberty in law.

## DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

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**NO YOUTH** – Memorial Day Weekend... Spend time with your family.

### Children's Space

We encourage children to worship in the sanctuary as much as possible. However, we know that some days, a break may be needed. Please stop in the lounge for shorter breaks where there are coloring activities and snacks provided. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The nursery is also available downstairs in Fellowship Hall with the ability to hear the service.

### *The Week at Bethlehem*

Sunday, May 25th - 8:00am worship / Communion

\*9:30am Worship / Communion

\* 9:30 am--- Live Streamed

NO Youth Group – Memorial Day weekend spend some family time

Monday, May 26th MEMORIAL DAY - office closed

Tuesday, May 27th 10:30a AA (Schmid Hall)

6:00-8:30pm NA (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, May 28th 10:30am & 7:00pm Bible Study (Schmid Hall)

7-8:30pm Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, May 29th 10:00am Stained Glass Class (Music Rm. )

Saturday, May 31st 9:00am L.I.F.T. Group (Fellowship Hall)

Baking for the Strawberry Festival

6:00pm Worship/Comm.

### ***Bible Study in May 2025!***

Please join us for the final week as we continue looking into the Hebrew Scriptures. More Specifically, we will be studying 1 and 2 Samuel, which provide us with a deeper appreciation of the critically important reigns of Saul and David. There is interesting biblical history, some political intrigue, and lots of meaningful and impactful conversation concerning the implications of the biblical witness... so do not miss it. We'll gather on 28<sup>th</sup>. As is our custom, we have study sessions at 10:30 in the morning and at 7:00 in the evening. This is well worth your time!

### **Octogenarian Brunch (for BELC members ages 80+) Sunday, June 29th - immediately following the 9:30 am Worship Service FREE - RSVP now!**

Were you born in 1945 or earlier? You may have grown up listening to swing music, early rock and roll, or folk music. You might remember watching classic Hollywood films, westerns, and musicals in black and white. Perhaps you still reminisce about poodle skirts and the jitterbug. This special event is for you! The BELC Hope & Compassion Team is celebrating our members ages 80+ by hosting a summer brunch gathering on Sunday, June 29th. Please join us for FREE food, music, activities, social time, and more immediately following the 9:30 am Worship service.

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#### **RSVP now for the Octogenarian Brunch**

Please complete this form and place in the offering or return to the church office.

Name(s) of those attending: \_\_\_\_\_

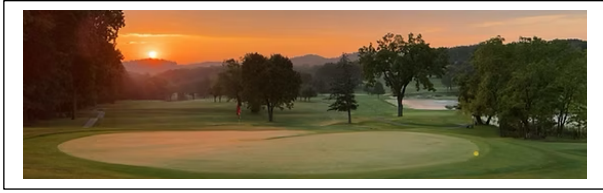
Special dietary restriction(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### **The big question is: BOXERS OR BRIEFS??**

Well, in this case – **BOTH!** Northside Common Ministries has made us aware of the need for new (in packages) men's underwear in EITHER style! The most needed sizes are LARGE and EXTRA LARGE. If you would like to pick up a package or two, when you're out shopping for clothes for the upcoming summer season, your donation will be much appreciated!

Please place your donations in the large box that will be in the Narthex beginning the last weekend in April! The collection will continue thru the end of May.

As always, NCM is so thankful for the generosity of the good folks at Bethlehem ...and we'll let you know, based on the BELC collection, whether Boxers or Briefs are the most popular style!



### ***Bethlehem Golf Nights!***

Ready for some good times on the links? Great! Please join us at LakeVue North Golf Course for this summer's series of ***Bethlehem Golf Nights***. Mark your calendars for June 1<sup>st</sup>, July 6<sup>th</sup>, and August 3<sup>rd</sup>. We'll start teeing off between 5:00 and 5:30, feel free to show up a little early for some friendly banter. If you plan to attend on any of these evenings, please sign up in the narthex or RSVP to Pastor Dan (d.smail@belc.org), so we know who to expect. Thanks in advance for participation in this wonderful fellowship opportunity!\*

\*LakeVue North has asked that everyone who turns out for our congregation's golf events needs to be a paying golfer with clubs who can maintain appropriate pace of play, no "ride-alongs," thanks so very much!



### **Pentecost Sunday**

#### **Coffee Hour**

**June 8**

#### **Following the 9:30am Service**

Please join us for cookies and coffee to celebrate Pentecost Sunday!

### **BAKERS NEEDED FOR STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL's BAKE SALE!**

If you are willing to bake a dessert for the Strawberry Festival's Bake sale on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, the LIFT group will very much appreciate your help! Baked goods of any and all kinds are welcome. Also, homemade candy, snack mixes, etc. are also big hits at our Bake Sales. Please let the church office (412-486-0550). As always, your generosity is much appreciated!



## GERANIUMS

On Pentecost weekend, June 7-8, the chancel will be decorated with beautiful red geraniums. If you would like to have one placed on the altar in memory or in honor of someone, please indicate the number of plants you would like at a cost of \$4.75 each at the bottom of this form and return payment along with the completed form to the church office by Sunday, May 25th for the dedication to be included in the bulletin on Pentecost Sunday weekend.

Contact Marianne Reed at (412) 486-0550 in the church office, if you have any questions.

Any orders received after the **deadline date of May 25th** will not have the dedication listed in the bulletin on Pentecost, they will be printed in a bulletin at a later date.

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**Geranium order form** -- deadline May 25th

\_\_\_\_\_ No. of Geraniums @ \$4.75 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name as you want it printed in the bulletin)

**\*\*Plants can be picked up after the 9:30am service on Sunday or during the week.**

# *A Look into Summer At Bethlehem's Summer Study*

## *"C.S. Lewis, Uncle Screwtape, and a Reinvestment in Virtue"*

This summer we will gather bi-weekly and make our way through portions of C.S. Lewis' classic, "The Screwtape Letters." With the help of Lewis' writing, pertinent pieces of scripture, and robust conversation we may just find our way to a deeper appreciation of personal Christian ethics and more virtuous lives; lives increasingly characterized by love, patience, and generosity. We will gather on June 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, and August 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. On each of those days Pastor Ellen and Pastor Dan will offer study sessions at 10:30 (except on July 9<sup>th</sup>) and 7:00. Please do join us, as this is a wonderful way to engage the spiritual imagination and invest in serious faith formation throughout the summer months!



### Vacation Bible School Volunteer Meeting

We're so excited for VBS and need your help for our Road Trip themed week, July 7-11 from 9:30 am-12:00 pm! Volunteers are needed for all sorts of roles during VBS. If you'd like to volunteer, please let Pastor Ellen ([e.lundie@belc.org](mailto:e.lundie@belc.org)) know. A meeting for all volunteers will be Tuesday, June 17 at 7 pm.



## **EVERYTHING'S COMING UP..... STRAWBERRIES**

*Mark your calendars for BELC's 6th Strawberry Festival  
being held on Saturday, June 14th from 4-8pm!*

*There will be Strawberry Shortcake, Strawberry Sundaes,  
a Bake Sale, Chocolate Covered Strawberries,  
homemade Strawberry Jam in addition to  
Blueberry Jam for sale!*

*There will also be a kid's corner with Strawberry activities they can do.*

*Also, don't forget the ever-popular Baskets Raffle.*

*We are looking for anything and everything Strawberry!*

*And as always, we're counting on the support of our  
very generous congregation!*

*We'll need bakers, crafters, and donations for the Baskets Raffle.*

*Then as time gets closer, look for tickets to be sold in the Narthex .*

*Admission will be \$6.00*

*That price will get you a yummy dessert (Angel food cake, pound cake  
with strawberries and ice cream) and drink of your choice)*

"All profits of the festival will go toward purchasing food for the BELC Blessing Box and local food pantries."



# Save the date!

## **BETHLEHEM BARBERSHOP JUBILEE - SHALER COMMUNITY IN HARMONY**

When? **Sunday, June 22, from 2 to 4 p.m.**

Where? Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the Huddleston Pavilion

Bethlehem has a vibrant history as a part of the life and legacy of Shaler Township, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year. We look forward to bringing our church family and the community together to honor that history and have a little fun -- more like a LOT of fun! It will be a FREE, community-wide afternoon of olde tyme family fun, games, music and refreshments -- rain or shine, with entertainment provided by the North Hills Harmony Line Chorus.

Mark your calendars for June 22, and look for updates about all the excitement in the coming weeks!

**Stained Glass and other crafts** - The group continues meeting at BELC on Thursday mornings through June 12<sup>th</sup>. After that, they will be on summer break. Classes will resume in September, on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the Music Room. Be sure to mark your calendar accordingly.

We are calling on our congregation's bakers to please help out by baking cookies ~ as many as you care to, all kinds of cookies welcome and appreciated ~ for Bethlehem to serve to our neighbors in the community at this event. They can be brought to church Friday, June 20; Saturday, June 21; or Sunday morning of the event, June 22.

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

**July 7-11, 2025**

**9:30 am-12:00 pm**

**Registration Cost: \$5**

(one form per child please)

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE DURING VBS \_\_\_\_\_

ALLERGIES, MEDICAL INFORMATION, SPECIAL NEEDS, OTHER:

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PLEASE COMPLETE RELEASES ON BACK SIDE

Who is authorized to pick up your child?

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***"Road Trip Themed Camp"***

Medical Release: I give my permission for the VBS staff to administer basic first aid to my child (named above) in the event of an injury. I understand that the VBS staff will contact emergency services in the event of a significant injury and all expenses for such emergency services will be paid by me.

Photo Release: Bethlehem Lutheran Church/VBS has my permission to use my child's photograph publicly in VBS materials. I understand the images may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. I also understand that no royalty, fee, or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

COVID-19 Community Agreement: I will not send my child to VBS if they are experiencing any of the following symptoms:

Fever or chills

Cough

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Fatigue

Muscle or body aches

Headache

New loss of taste or smell

Sore throat

Congestion or runny nose

Nausea or vomiting

Diarrhea

OR

If they have been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19.

All staff, volunteers, and participants will follow current CDC Guidelines for prevention.

Permission to Attend: I give permission for my child to attend Vacation Bible School at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

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Parent Signature

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Date

