

✠ **THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** ✠

**September 19, 20 & 23, 2020**

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School  
Sheboygan, Wisconsin**

**WELCOME AND BELL**

**555 SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME vs. 1-4**

- 1 Salvation unto us has come  
By God's free grace and favor;  
Good works cannot avert our doom,  
They help and save us never.  
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,  
Who did for all the world atone;  
He is our one Redeemer.
- 2 What God did in His Law demand  
And none to Him could render  
Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand  
For man, the vile offender.  
Our flesh has not those pure desires  
The spirit of the Law requires,  
And lost is our condition.
- 3 It was a false, misleading dream  
That God His Law had given  
That sinners could themselves redeem  
And by their works gain heaven.  
The Law is but a mirror bright  
To bring the inbred sin to light  
That lurks within our nature.
- 4 From sin our flesh could not abstain,  
Sin held its sway unceasing;  
The task was useless and in vain,  
Our guilt was e'er increasing.

None can remove sin's poisoned dart  
 Or purify our guileful heart—  
 So deep is our corruption.

*(10:30) Baptism – Dylan George Visel*

#### INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

#### CONFESSION OF SINS

- P** 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.**
- P** Let us, then, confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **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.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your 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.

**C** Amen.

#### INTROIT

**P** I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

**C** What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?

**P** I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

**C** Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

**P** O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

#### KYRIE

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** *(Sung)* Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** *(Sung)* Lord, have mercy.

**P** 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** *(Sung)* Lord, have mercy.

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

**C** *(Sung)* Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** *(Sung)* Amen.

**(10:30) HYMN OF PRAISE “Glory to God”**

**P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**C** Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:  
 We worship You, we give You thanks,  
 We praise You for Your glory.  
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God:  
 You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
 You are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
 Receive our prayer.  
 For You alone are the Holy One,  
 You alone are the Lord,  
 You alone are the Most High,  
 Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**(5:30, 8:00, 6:00) HYMN OF PRAISE “This is the feast”**

**☐ This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
And honor, blessing, and glory are His.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Sing with all the people of God,  
And join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
For the Lamb who was slain  
Has begun His reign. Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**☐** The Lord be with you.

**☐** *(Sung)* And also with you.

**☐** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**☐** *(Spoken)* Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 55:6–9**

“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL**

**P** Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing!

**C** **Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

**EPISTLE READING Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30**

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### ALLELUIA VERSE

**C** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

**C** *(Sung)* Glory to you, O Lord.

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the

last, up to the first.’ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** *(Sung)* Praise to you, O Christ.

**555 SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME vs. 5-7**

5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled  
 Or we must die despairing,  
 Christ came and has God’s anger stilled,  
 Our human nature sharing.  
 He has for us the Law obeyed  
 And thus the Father’s vengeance stayed  
 Which over us impended.

- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made  
 And brought to us salvation,  
 Each Christian therefore may be glad  
 And build on this foundation.  
 Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,  
 Your death is now my life indeed,  
 For You have paid my ransom.
- 7 Let me not doubt, but truly see  
 Your Word cannot be broken;  
 Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"  
 No falsehood have You spoken.  
 Baptized into Your precious name,  
 My faith cannot be put to shame,  
 And I shall never perish.

**SERMON**

**(10:30) THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the ☩ life everlasting.  
 Amen.**

**(5:30, 8:00, 6:00) THE NICENE CREED**

**☐ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the ✕ life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

**THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

***(The 10:30 Service concludes with the Benediction, and Closing Hymn. The 5:30, 8:00 and 6:00 Services continue with the Liturgy of the Holy Communion.)***

## THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** *(Sung)* **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** *(Sung)* **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** *(Sung)* **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**C** *(Sung)* **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

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

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. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. 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. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. 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.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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.**

#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**THE PEACE**

**P** The ☩ peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** *(Sung)* Amen.

**AGNUS DEI**

**C** *(Sung)* Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION****DISTRIBUTION HYMNS****853 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord**

- 1       How clear is our vocation, Lord,  
          When once we heed Your call:  
          To live according to Your Word  
          And daily learn, refreshed, restored,  
          That You are Lord of all  
          And will not let us fall.
- 2       But if, forgetful, we should find  
          Your yoke is hard to bear;  
          If worldly pressures fray the mind,  
          And love itself cannot unwind  
          Its tangled skein of care:  
          Our inward life repair.
- 3       We marvel how Your saints become  
          In hindrances more sure;  
          Whose joyful virtues put to shame  
          The casual way we wear Your name  
          And by our faults obscure

Your pow'r to cleanse and cure.

- 4 In what You give us, Lord, to do,  
 Together or alone,  
 In old routines or ventures new,  
 May we not cease to look to You,  
 The cross You hung upon—  
 All You endeavored done.

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### **745 In God, My Faithful God**

- 1 In God, my faithful God,  
 I trust when dark my road;  
 Great woes may overtake me,  
 Yet He will not forsake me.  
 My troubles He can alter;  
 His hand lets nothing falter.
- 2 My sins fill me with care,  
 Yet I will not despair.  
 I build on Christ, who loves me;  
 From this rock nothing moves me.  
 To Him I will surrender,  
 To Him, my soul's defender.
- 3 If death my portion be,  
 It brings great gain to me;  
 It speeds my life's endeavor  
 To live with Christ forever.  
 He gives me joy in sorrow,  
 Come death now or tomorrow.

4 O Jesus Christ, my Lord,  
 So meek in deed and word,  
     You suffered death to save us  
     Because Your love would have us  
 Be heirs of heav'nly gladness  
 When ends this life of sadness.

5 "So be it," then, I say  
 With all my heart each day.  
     Dear Lord, we all adore You,  
     We sing for joy before You.  
 Guide us while here we wander  
 Until we praise You yonder.

### **769 Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ**

- 1 Eternal Spirit of the living Christ,  
     I know not how to ask or what to say;  
 I only know my need, as deep as life,  
     And only You can teach me how to pray.
- 2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;  
     Help me to see Your purpose and Your will—  
 Where I have failed, what I have done amiss;  
     Held in forgiving love, let me be still.
- 3 Come with the strength I lack, bring vision clear  
     Of human need; O give me eyes to see  
 Fulfillment of my life in love outpoured,  
     My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE “Thank the Lord”**

**C** 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**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us with this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** *(Spoken)* Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ☩ peace.

**C** *(Sung)* Amen.

**555 SALVATION UNTO Us HAS COME vs. 8-10**

8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin  
 And makes us conscience-stricken;  
 But then the Gospel enters in  
 The sinful soul to quicken.  
 Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;  
 The Law no peace can ever give,  
 No comfort and no blessing.

9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone  
And rests in Him unceasing;  
And by its fruits true faith is known,  
With love and hope increasing.  
For faith alone can justify;  
Works serve our neighbor and supply  
The proof that faith is living.

*(Stand)*

10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise  
To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
The God who saved us by His grace;  
All glory to His merit.  
O triune God in heav'n above,  
You have revealed Your saving love;  
Your blessed name we hallow.

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**ASSISTING AT WORSHIP**

Presiding Minister  
Preacher  
Organist

Rev. Patrick Niles (8:00, 10:30)  
Rev. Colin Moon  
Susan Wachter (8:00, 10:30)  
Terry Ourada (5:30, 6:00)

**COMMUNION PRACTICE AT BETHLEHEM – SPECIAL NEEDS**

Please note that **“gluten free”** communion wafers are available for those who need them. Please tell the Communion Assistant **“gluten free”** when he approaches you at the Communion Rail.

Also, for those who desire, **highly diluted wine** is available in individual cups (one drop of wine in the cup of water). Please tell the Communion Assistant **“clear”** when he approaches you at the Communion Rail.