

**✠ The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost ✠**  
**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
**July 12, 13 & 16, 2025**

**WELCOME IN JESUS' NAME**

WELCOME to our guests and members as we gather for worship today! **Please place your names in our red “Record of Fellowship” books.** Also, please give attention to the written “News and Notes”.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

Almighty God, grant us a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in Your mercy, and a sincere love for You and on another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**WORSHIP NOTES**

The Law commands that *“you shall love the Lord your God”* with all your heart, soul, mind and strength (Luke 10:27), and that you shall *“love your neighbor as yourself”* (Lev. 19:18). Love fulfills the Law because love does no harm to the neighbor. Christ Jesus is the Good Samaritan, who with divine compassion saves you from all evil. He takes your sin and death upon Himself and bears these in His body to the cross. He binds up your wounds with the healing balm of His Gospel, and He brings you into His Church, where He takes care of you at His own expense (Luke 10:34–35). By such mercy, He proves *“to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers”* (Luke 10:36). Therefore, *“you go, and do likewise”* (Luke 10:37). By *“your faith in Christ Jesus”* and *“because of the hope laid up for you in heaven”* (Col. 1:4–5), you have the same love for others as the Lord Jesus has for you.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us**

- 1 Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given  
Blessings countless as the sand  
To the \_unthankful and the evil  
With Your own unsparing hand.

- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You  
Gladly, freely of Your own.  
With the sunshine of Your goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures,  
Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed  
'Tis to give than to receive.
- 3 Wondrous honor You have given  
To our humblest charity  
In Your own mysterious sentence,  
"You have done it all to Me."  
Can it be, O gracious Master,  
That You deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Your poor and needy,  
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?
- 4 Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust You boldly,  
Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
But, oh, best of all Your graces,  
With Your love our love renew.

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## *Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C Amen.**
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C who made heaven and earth.**
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

### ✠ Service of the Word ✠

#### Introit

*Psalm 136:23-26; antiphon: v.1*

P Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**C It is he who remembered us in our low estate,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;**

P and rescued us from our foes,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

**C he who gives food to all flesh,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

P Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**ALL 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.**

**ALL Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

**C** Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

**Gloria in Excelsis**

**C** To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy;  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit  
Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
"Amen!" our glad reply.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us  
from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all  
things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live  
and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Leviticus 18:1–5; 19:9–18*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. <sup>3</sup>You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. <sup>4</sup>You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. <sup>5</sup>You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD. . . .

<sup>9</sup>“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. <sup>10</sup>And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

<sup>11</sup>“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. <sup>12</sup>You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

<sup>13</sup>“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. <sup>14</sup>You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

<sup>15</sup>“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

<sup>17</sup>“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. <sup>18</sup>You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Colossians 1:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup>since we heard of your faith in Christ

Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, <sup>6</sup>which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, <sup>7</sup>just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf <sup>8</sup>and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### **Alleluia and Verse**

**C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**These things are written that you may believe that  
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Holy Gospel**

*Luke 10:25–37*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup>He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” <sup>27</sup>And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup>But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

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

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

### **Apostles' Creed**

**C** 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.**

*Sit*

**Offering (10:30)**

## **845 Where Charity and Love Prevail**

- 1    Where charity and love prevail  
      There God is ever found;  
      Brought here together by Christ's love  
      By love are we thus bound.
- 2    With grateful joy and holy fear  
      His charity we learn;  
      Let us with heart and mind and soul  
      Now love Him in return.
- 3    Forgive we now each other's faults  
      As we our faults confess,  
      And let us love each other well  
      In Christian holiness.
- 4    Let strife among us be unknown;  
      Let all contention cease;  
      Be God's the glory that we seek;  
      Be ours His holy peace.
- 5    Let us recall that in our midst  
      Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
      As members of His body joined  
      We are in Him made one.
- 6    For love excludes no race or clan  
      That names the Savior's name;  
      His family embraces all  
      Whose Father is the same.

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## **Sermon**

## **NYG Participant Commissioning (8:00) – *please see insert***

## **Offering (5:30 and 8:00)**

## ***Stand***



## Prayer of the Church

### ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

#### Preface

*LSB 208*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C** **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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### Sanctus

*LSB 208*

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;**

**Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.**

**Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;**

**Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in

Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### **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 Our Lord**

**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 cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **Pax Domini**

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

**C O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

*Sit*

### **Distribution**

*If you desire to commune, please speak to one of the pastors before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation.*

*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.*

**Distribution Hymns** (please refer to the hymnal)

**526 - You Are the Way; through You Alone**

**706 - Love in Christ Is Strong and Living**

**848 - Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service**

*Stand*

### **Nunc Dimittis**

**C O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav’nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.**

### **Post-Communion Collect**

- P** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through 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** **Amen.**

### **Benedicamus**

*LSB 212*

- P** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **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** **Amen.**

### **844 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace**

- 1** Lord of all nations, grant me grace  
To love all people, ev'ry race;  
And in each person may I see  
My kindred, loved, redeemed by Thee.
- 2** Break down the wall that would divide  
Thy children, Lord, on ev'ry side.  
My neighbor's good let me pursue;  
Let Christian love bind warm and true.

- 3    Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred  
     By loveless act and thoughtless word.  
     Make me to see the wrong I do  
     Will grieve my wounded Lord anew.
- 4    Give me Thy courage, Lord, to speak  
     Whenever strong oppress the weak.  
     Should I myself the victim be,  
     Help me forgive, rememb'ring Thee.
- 5    With Thine own love may I be filled  
     And by Thy Holy Spirit willed,  
     That all I touch, where'er I be,  
     May be divinely touched by Thee.

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                                      **Susan Wachter**

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                                      **Lisa Timm (8:00)**  
                                      **Luther Bajus (10:30)**  
                                      **Randy Holler (6:00)**

**Communion Assistants**  
                                      **Jim Schmidt & Richard Zimbal Sr. (5:30)**  
                                      **Bill Lang (8:00)**  
                                      **Doug Hasenstein (10:30)**  
                                      **Randy Holler (6:00)**