



Bethlehem Lutheran Church – 2025

Truth – Forgiveness – Assurance – Peace – Guidance

Saturday, 6/21 at 4 pm; Sunday, 6/22 at 9 am



The Lord's Supper – Part 1

Church Year: Second Sunday after Pentecost | Divine Service: Setting Three, LSB 184-202

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 ➔ All Glory Be To God On High Zachau

Sunday ➔ How Beautiful is the Body of Christ
Twila Paris

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION:

- L: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*
- C: **Amen.**
- L: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, begging Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the LORD.
- C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

- L: ☩ I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD.
- C: **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
Silence for self-examination.
- L: To whom do you confess your sins?
- C: **To the almighty God, my merciful Father.**
- L: How do you look upon yourself?
- C: **I am a poor miserable sinner.**
- L: What sins do you confess?
- C: **I confess all my sins and iniquities.**
- L: What have you justly deserved?
- C: **I have justly deserved temporal death and eternal punishment.**
- L: What is your attitude toward your sins?
- C: **I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them.**
- L: What is the basis of your request?
- C: **The boundless mercy of my Heavenly Father and the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of His beloved Son, Jesus Christ.**
- L: What do we request from our merciful Father?
- A: **Dear Father, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- L: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead *[in the place of]* and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[In 20:19-23]*
- C: **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Saturday ➔ Hymn

Sunday ➔ Entrance Hymn and Procession

↑ **HYMN:** *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

See the words below / LSB 465

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav'n'ly blessèd sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47

L: O Lord Jesus, the Triumphant One,
C: **have mercy upon us.**

L: O Christ, the Winner over sin and death,

C: **have mercy upon us.**

L: O Lord Jesus, the Source of eternal life,

C: **have mercy upon us.**

SALUTATION and COLLECT:

L: The LORD be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray: O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; 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: I – I am the vine; you are the branches.
John 15:5

OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus 11-12

NAS-20

The Last Plague

¹ Now the LORD said to Moses, "One more plague I will bring on Pharaoh and on Egypt; after that he will let you go from here....

⁴ Then Moses said [to the people], "This is what the LORD says: 'About midnight I am going out into the midst of Egypt, ⁵and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of the Pharaoh who sits on his throne, to the firstborn of the slave girl who is behind the millstones; all the firstborn of the cattle as well.

⁶ So there shall be a great cry in all the land of Egypt, such as there has not been *before* and such as shall never be again. ⁷ But not *even* a dog will threaten any of the sons of Israel, *nor anything* from person to animal, so that you may learn how the LORD distinguishes between Egypt and Israel.'"

The Passover Lamb

^{12:1} Now the LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt... ³ Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, 'On the tenth of this month they are, each one, to take a lamb for themselves, according to the fathers' households, a lamb for each household.... ⁵ 'Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old... ⁶ You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to slaughter it ^bat twilight. ⁷ Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸ They shall eat the flesh that *same* night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread ^dand bitter herbs.... ¹² 'For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and fatally strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the human *firstborn* to animals; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments—I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will come upon you to destroy *you* when I strike the land of Egypt.

Feast of Unleavened Bread

¹⁴ 'Now this day shall be a memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it *as* a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it *as* a permanent ordinance.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM: 118:1-9

ESV

L: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: **for his steadfast love endures forever!**

L: Let Israel say,

C: **"His steadfast love endures forever."**

L: Let the house of Aaron say,

C: **"His steadfast love endures forever."**

L: Let those who fear the Lord say,

C: **"His steadfast love endures forever."**

L: Out of my distress I called on the Lord;

C: **the Lord answered me and set me free.**

L: The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.

C: **What can man do to me?**

L: The Lord is on my side as my helper;

C: **I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.**

L: It is better to take refuge in the Lord

C: **than to trust in man.**

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A: **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.**

EPISTLE: Titus 3:3-7

NAS-20

³ ...we too were once foolish, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another. ⁴ But when the kindness of God our Savior and *His* love for mankind appeared, ⁵ He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we did in righteousness, but in accordance with His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He richly poured out upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

↑ ALLELUIA (second option) — *Sung by All*

LSB 190

Al – le – lu – ia. Al – le – lu – ia. Al – le – lu – ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 22:14-20

NAS-20

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

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

The Lord's Supper

¹⁴ When the hour came, He reclined *at the table*, and the apostles with Him. ¹⁵ And He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶ for I say to you, I shall not eat it *again* until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷ And when He had taken a cup *and* given thanks, He said, "Take this and share it among yourselves; ¹⁸ for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹ And when He had taken *some* bread *and* given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body, which is being given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁰ And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup, which is poured out for you, is the new covenant in My blood."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ. ↓

HYMN: The Day of Resurrection

See the words below / TLH 205 / LSB 478

- 1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness,
The passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over
With hymns of victory.
- 2 Let hearts be purged of evil
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light
And, list'ning to His accents,
May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.
- 3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
Let earth its song begin,

Let all the world keep triumph
And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen,
Our joy that has no end!

SERMON: The Lord's Supper – Part 1

Part 1 – Today

Introduction

1: Passover Connection

2: Sacraments Are Mysteries

3: Various Names

Part 2 – Next Week

4: Reasons to Receive

5: Words of Institution

6: What Is Being Received

7: Benefit of Receiving

Part 3 – Week After

8: Preparation to Receive

9: How to Receive

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SERMON RESPONSE: Sung by all!

See the words below / **LSB 192-193**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

NICENE CREED: See back of either hymnal:

Offering: Plates are available in the center aisle.

Thanks for Honoring the LORD!

Instruction and Abundance: “Honor the LORD from your wealth, And from the first of all your produce; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine” (Prov. 3:9-10 NAS).

Please Consider Bethlehem In Your Will: Help others hear about Jesus and receive tax benefits for yourself. Get help: www.lcmsfoundation.org; 800-325-7912

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

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).

After Each Petition: L: LORD, in Your mercy.
C: Hear our prayer.

Nation

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

Congregation

- ➔ **Lost Ones:** Encourage Bible reading, thinking.
- ➔ **Saturday Greeter:** Volunteer is needed.
- ➔ **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, Mike & Susanna T (they are offered regular mailings and visits; please pray for our visitors).
- ➔ **Grief Share:** Fall session begins on 9/2.
- ➔ **Stephen Ministry:** Norma S (leader), Linda B, Alan C, Klara S, and Rhonda S (ministers).
- ➔ **Temporary Health Issues:**

- **Tim Chilton** (1) – fall: *pain relief, healing.*
- **Cedrick Hilliker** (2) shoulder: *surgery 7/2.*
- **Matt Kussmaul** – eye issues: *cont. healing.*
- **Tom Merkle** – radiation ➔ **6/23:** *success.*
- **Regina Mild** (2) broken arm: *cont. healing.*
- **Cindy Taress** (2) hip: *cont. recovery; recently diagnosed with cancer: peace, healing.*
- **Lynda Tomasch** (1) surg. 6/12; *healing, rehab.*
- **Bill Sweeny** (1) *better breathing, rehab.*
- **Harold Weseloh** (3) voice: *speech therapy success; swallowing: successful procedure.*

For Others

➔ **Temporary Health Issues:**

- **Luke** (1) bad fall, broken bones: *healing.*
- **Steve** (2) blood cell transplant (6/10): *healing*
- **Kimberly Borland** (2) cancer free: *guidance.*
- **Mikey Beauchesne** (2) hosp.: *cont. healing.*
- **Henry Byham** – lethargy, decline: *comfort.*
- **Stacey Dames** (1) prop. diag.: *peace, healing.*
- **PJ Hilliker** (3) hernia surg. 6/4: *cont. healing.*
- **Melanie Himmelberger** – cancer: *comfort.*
- **Sue House** (2) stroke 6/6: *healing, rehab.*
- **Mike Leone** (1) surg. 6/10: *cont. healing.*
- **Linda McKay** – skull surgery **6/19:** *healing.*
- **Nelson Onsongo** (3) future cancer surgery.
- **David Pajak** † passed away 6/14: *comfort and peace to all who are mourning.*
- **Shirley Prok** (3) infection: *healing, rehab.*
- **Bethany Transue** (3) lymphoma: *peace, good test results, successful treatments.*

Celebrate and Give Thanks

Physical Birthdays:

6/22 Dave Kaderbek
6/24 Matyas Liao
6/25 Larry Haslem

6/27 Lisa Woodward

6/28 Jaclyn Blaha

Spiritual Birthdays:

6/26 Phillip Giessler

6/26 Emma Rohman

6/27 Janice Martinez

6/28 Dolores Merkle

Conclusion:

L: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen. ↓

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SUPPER PREPARATION HYMN: *The Lamb*

See the words below / LSB 547

- 1 The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!

**Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb
whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

- 2 The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.

Refrain

- 3 The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will
On our behalf the Law to fill. **Refrain**

- 4 He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness. **Refrain**

- 5 He rose, He rose,
My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. **Refrain**

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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 1:** What is the Sacrament of the Altar?
- C: **It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.**

PRAYER FOR RIGHT RECEPTION:

- L: Dear Lord Jesus, in the solemn night of Your betrayal You established the holy meal of Your body and blood for us Christians to eat and to drink. Look in mercy on us who will receive the holy sacrament this day. Grant

that we come to Your table in true repentance and faith, that the gift of Your body and blood will sustain us in our afflictions, strengthen us in the communion of Your holy people, and be a pledge of the resurrection of our bodies to life everlasting; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 **LSB 198**

John 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen.

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 ➡ If You But Trust God To Guide You

Hildebrand

Sunday ➡ We Remember You

Arr. Raney

LORD'S SUPPER DISMISSAL

↑ NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Depart in Peace

LSB 199

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING:

Psalms 107:1

L: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: and His mercy endures forever.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT: *Let Us Pray*

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

C: Amen.

SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS:

L: The Lord be with you.

2 Tim. 4:22

C: And also with you.

L: Bless we the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

C: Thanks be to God.

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 lift up His *countenance* (face) upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen. ↓

CANDLE EXTINGUISHING and POSTLUDE:

Saturday ➔ Allein Zu Dir, Herr Jesu Pachelbel

Sunday ➔ Lamb of God Twila Paris

June Newsletter – Available in the Narthex

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

Volunteers Needed – Will You Serve?

- **Saturday Greeter** – Arrive by 3:45, welcome those who attend, and offer a gift bag to visitors. Interested? Talk to Pastor.
- **Mail to New Move-Ins in Parma** – Thanks to Susan S, Ruth B, and Kelly S for volunteering!

Schedule: 6/22/25 – 6/29/25

6/25 – Wednesday

11:00 – Stephen Ministry

6/26 – Thursday

10:00 – Living the Lutheran Lectionary

6/28 – Saturday

3:00 – Bible Class

4:00 – Divine Service

6/29 – Sunday

9:00 – Divine Service

10:30 – Bible Classes and Sunday School

Thanks For Serving on 6/21 & 6/22

Altar Guild: Kathy G

Saturday: Organist: Jim V Usher: Matt K
Welcome & Distribution: Brad S

Sunday: Organist: Gayle P
Pastor Team – Welcome: Harold W

Distribution – Cedrick H

Ushers: Carl B, Michael B

Refreshments: The Hilliker Family & others

Sunday School: Angie R, Harold/Cedrick

Financial Team: Natalia F, Financial Assistants

Thanks For Serving on 6/28 & 6/29

Altar Guild: Nancy B, Heather H

Saturday: Organist: Jim V Usher: Matt K
Welcome & Distribution: Brad S

Sunday: Organist: Gayle P
Pastor Team – Welcome: Harold W
Distribution – Harold W
Ushers: Carl B, Michael B
Refreshments: The Hilliker Family & others
Sunday School: Stacey H, Harold/Cedrick

Financial Team: Natalia F, Financial Assistants

Numbers From Last Week

Received God's Gifts – Services:

- Saturday at 4:00 – Inside: **31**; car: **3**
- Sunday at 9:00 – Inside: **50**; car: **1**

Studied God's Word – Classes:

- Saturday at 3:00: **14**
- Sunday at 10:30: **35**
- Thursday at 10: **9**

Supported God's Work:

- Needed each week to cover the budget: **5,443**
- Received last week for the budget: **4,515**
- YTD Budget Surplus as of last week: **6,301**



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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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