



# Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Forgiveness — Guidance — Assurance — Peace

Saturday, 5/27 at 4 pm; Sunday, 5/28 at 9 am

## The Day of Pentecost – 2023



Divine Service, Setting One

Adapted from Lutheran Service Book, 151-166

**DIVINE SERVICE:** *Let us gladly receive God's life-changing gifts through word and sacrament!*

- ♦ **Visitors:** Welcome! Please help yourself a visitor basket on the table in the Narthex. Let's get acquainted! How can we be a blessing to you?
- ♦ **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 silence.
- ♦ **Hearing Assistance:** Available in the Narthex.
- ♦ **Service Folder:** Available on your smartphone: [www.BLC7500.com/ServiceFolder](http://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: Come Down O Love Divine

Ralph Vaughn Williams

In silence, let us prepare to receive God's gifts!

Preparation suggestions:

- Prayers for Worship: *Inside front cover of LSB*
- Prayers at Worship: *Pages 308-309 in LSB*
- Lord's Supper Self-Examination: *In this folder*

## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION:

L: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

L: 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.**

Silence for self-examination.

L: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

A: **Most merciful God, I confess that I am by nature sinful and unclean.**

- ⇒ **I have sinned against You in *thought, word, and deed*, by what I *have done* and by what I *have left undone*.**
- ⇒ **I have *not* loved You with my whole heart; I have *not* loved my neighbors as myself.**
- ⇒ **I justly deserved Your *present* and *eternal punishment*.**

**For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may *delight* in Your will and *walk* in Your ways to the *glory* of Your holy name. Amen.**

L: The Almighty God in His mercy has *given His Son to die for us* and for His sake *forgives us all our 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.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

Saturday → Hymn

Sunday → Entrance Hymn and Procession

↑ **HYMN:** *Holy Spirit, Light Divine*

See the words below / TLH 234 / LSB 496

- 1 Holy Spirit, light divine,  
Shine upon this heart of mine;  
Chase the shades of night away,  
Turn the darkness into day.
- 2 Let me see my Savior's face,  
Let me all His beauties trace;  
Show those glorious truths to me  
Which are only known to Thee.
- 3 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,  
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;  
In Thy mercy pity me,  
From sin's bondage set me free.
- 4 Holy Spirit, joy divine,  
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;  
Yield a sacred, settled peace,  
Let it grow and still increase.
- 5 Holy Spirit, all divine,  
Dwell within this heart of mine;  
Cast down ev'ry idol throne,  
Reign supreme, and reign alone.

## KYRIE:

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: 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: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

### SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY:

L: The LORD be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. O Jesus, on this Day of Pentecost You once poured out the Holy Spirit on Your faithful people to empower them to tell others about You. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to tell others of ♦Your saving work, ♦Your rising from the dead, ♦Your return to judge the world in righteousness, and ♦the importance of repentance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. ↓ Children! Please come forward!

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: God's Love Flows:

1: Into Us >>> 2: Through Us >>> To Others



### WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS:

- ♦ Saturday: Linda Taylor – *Please come forward*
- ♦ Sunday: Esther Hofener – *I will come to you*

### FIRST READING: Numbers 11:24-30 NAS-95

See Below / Pew Bible Page 225 / Own Bible

The Spirit rested upon certain leaders!

<sup>24</sup> So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD [how He would provide men to

assist him]. Also, he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and stationed them around the tent. <sup>25</sup> Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to [Moses]; and He took of the Spirit who was upon him and placed *Him* upon the seventy elders. And when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do *it* again. <sup>26</sup> But two men had remained in the camp; the name of one was Eldad and the name of the other Medad. And the Spirit rested upon them (now they were among those who had been registered, but had not gone out to the tent), and they prophesied in the camp.

<sup>27</sup> So a young man ran and told Moses and said, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup> Then Joshua the son of Nun, the attendant of Moses from his youth, said, “Moses, my lord, restrain them.” <sup>29</sup> But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’S people were prophets, that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!” <sup>30</sup> Then Moses returned to the camp, *both* he and the elders of Israel.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

### SECOND READING: Acts 2:1-21 NAS-95

See Below / Pew Bible Page 1693 / Own Bible

Fifty days after Jesus’ resurrection!

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And when this sound occurred, the crowd came

together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup> They were amazed and astonished,

saying, “Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we each hear *them* in our own language to which we were born?”



<sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs-- we hear them in our *own* tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God.”

<sup>12</sup> And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But others were mocking and saying, “They are full of sweet wine.”

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: “Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words.

<sup>15</sup> “For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is *only* the third hour of the day; <sup>16</sup> but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> ‘AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,’ God says, ‘THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS,

AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS; <sup>18</sup> EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT And they shall prophesy.’

<sup>19</sup> ‘AND I WILL GRANT WONDERS IN THE SKY ABOVE AND SIGNS ON THE EARTH BELOW, BLOOD, AND FIRE, AND VAPOR OF SMOKE. <sup>20</sup> THE SUN WILL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD SHALL COME.’

<sup>21</sup> ‘AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.’”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

**Saturday** → **SERMON HYMN:** *Shine, Jesus, Shine*  
See the words below (PRA 2)

Lord, the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me.

**Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine**  
**Fill this land With the Father's glory;**  
**Blaze, Spirit, blaze Set our hearts on fire.**  
**Flow, river, flow Flood the nations**  
**With grace and mercy;**  
**Send forth Your Word Lord**  
**and let there be light.**

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
 So our faces display Your likeness;  
 Ever changing from glory to glory  
 Mirror'd here may our lives tell Your story  
 Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

**Sunday** → **CHOIR: HYMN OF THE DAY:**  
*Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord*  
 See the words below / TLH 224 / LSB 497

**Choir Only – Acapella**

1. Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,  
 With all Your graces now outpoured  
 On each believer's mind and heart;  
 Your fervent love to them impart.  
 Lord, by the brightness of Your light  
 In holy faith Your Church unite;  
 From ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue  
 This to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be  
 sung: Alleluia, alleluia!

**Choir and Congregation – Acapella**

2. Come, holy Light, guide divine,  
 Now cause the Word of life to shine.  
 Teach us to know our God aright  
 And call Him Father with delight.  
 From ev'ry error keep us free;  
 Let none but Christ our master be  
 That we in living faith abide,  
 In Him, our Lord, with all our might  
 confide. Alleluia, alleluia!

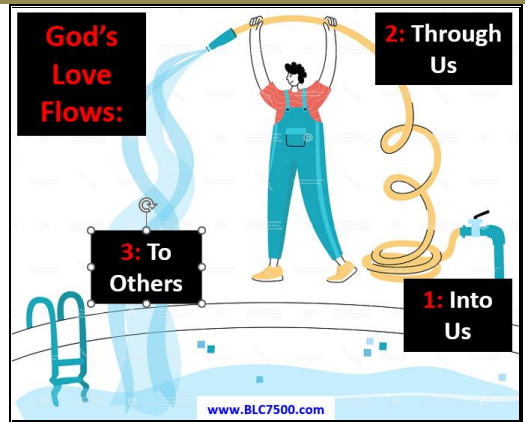
**Choir and Congregation – Acapella**

3. Come, holy Fire, comfort true,  
 Grant us the will Your work to do  
 And in Your service to abide;

Let trials turn us not aside.  
 Lord, by Your pow'r prepare each heart,  
 And to our weakness strength impart  
 That bravely here we may contend,  
 Through life and death to You, our Lord,  
 ascend. Alleluia, alleluia!

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**SERMON: John 7:37-39 NAS-95**



1. **The OT Meaning of Pentecost:** Pentecost is the 4<sup>th</sup> of 7 feasts commanded in **Leviticus 23**. The men were required to ♦assemble, ♦make a wave offering of wheat bread, and ♦offer seven males lambs without blemish. Why?
  - a. To remember:
  - b. To be thankful:
  - c. To look ahead:
2. **Jesus' Reference to Pentecost in John 7:**  
<sup>37</sup> **Now on the last day, the great day of the feast [not the feast of Pentecost, but the feast of the Booths, a.k.a. Tabernacles, the 7<sup>th</sup> feast of the year], Jesus stood and cried out, saying,**
  - a. **"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink." ...**
    - i. Thirsty:

ii. Jesus:

iii. Rivers:

- b. <sup>38</sup> **He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water [grace and salvation].’”** <sup>39</sup> **But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive [on the Day of Pentecost]; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.**

### 3. **What Happened after Jesus’ Resurrection:**

a. Before the 50<sup>th</sup> day:

b. On the 50<sup>th</sup> day:

### 4. **How Pentecost Has Changed Us:**

a. Jesus’ apostles were given power: Shortly before Jesus ascended, He said to them: “...you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth” (Acts 1:8 NAS-77). // That power was evident...

b. All believers were enabled to prophesy:

c. All believers became a source of living water: Going back to [John 7:38](#), Jesus said, “**He who believes in Me..., ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water [grace and salvation].’”**

i. What is living water?

ii. How does living water flow from us?

iii. We are difference-makers:

**HYMN:** *O Holy Spirit, Enter In*

See the words below / TLH 235 / LSB 913

- 1 O Holy Spirit, enter in,  
And in our hearts Your work begin,  
Your dwelling place now make us.  
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,  
Around and in us brightly shine,  
To joy and gladness wake us  
That we may be  
Truly living, To You giving  
Prayer unceasing  
And in love be still increasing.

**APOSTLES’ CREED** (*Third Article – Sanctification, and Luther’s Explanation – in the form of questions and answers*):

L: What is the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed?

**C: 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.**

L: Do you have the ability to believe in Jesus Christ?

**C: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.**

L: How have you become a Christian?

**C: The Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

L: What is the Holy Spirit doing to bless all Christians?

**C: He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

L: How is God, through Jesus, blessing all Christians every day?

**C: He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.**

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L: What will happen when Jesus returns?

C: **On the Last Day Jesus will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.**

A: **This is most certainly true.**

- **Thanks for Honoring the LORD:** By giving to His work ♦first, ♦proportionately, and ♦faithfully.
- **Offering:** A plate is available in the center aisle.

### ↑ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: *Let Us Pray*

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

C: **Hear our prayer.**

➔ **The Holy Spirit:** Almighty and ever-living God, You fulfilled Your promise by sending the gift of the Holy Spirit to unite disciples of all nations in the cross and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. By the preaching of the Gospel and our simple sharing of Your word with others, spread Your love and salvation to the ends of the earth.

#### **World**

➔ **Wars:** Pray for evil forces to be bound, peace to be established, and help to all the needy, hurting, and mourning.

#### **Nation**

➔ **Armed Forces:** Chris Sala, Warren Gellings, Nick Riviotta, Jacob Smith, Drew Tenney, Chris Weseloh

#### **Congregation**

➔ **Care:** *For those who cannot attend: Wally A, Helga B, David C, Carole G, Nancy H, Lois K, Edmund & Christl K, Bill M, Regina M, Bonnie M, Connie P, June R, Jean S, Susanna T* (Mailing each week; visit each month. Is someone missing?)

➔ **Grief Share:** *Blessings on Norma, the facilitators, and the participants!*

➔ **Stephen Ministry and Training:** *Pray for Norma S (leader and trainer), Alan C, Nancy B (ministers), trainees, and the care receivers.*

➔ **Childcare Center:** *Staffing – our new staff person, Phyllis, growth with our child count, and effective outreach to the unchurched.*

➔ **Health Concerns:** *See below for names and needs, then pray accordingly! Thanks!*

- **David Cisco** (2) – breathing issues, rehab.
- **Roger Dowell** – COPD, breathing issues.
- **Trudy Fischler** (3) – hip repl. recovery.
- **Natalia Ford** (2) – cancer, chemo.
- **Klaus Kitzler** (1) – successful carpal t. rehab.
- **Christl Kissinger** (3) continued recovery.
- **Jim Jenni** (3) – stroke rehab.
- **Connie Pysz** (2) – hematoma on leg, dialysis.
- **Debbie Stender** (3) – hip revision recovery.
- **Bill Sweeny** (3) – dialysis 3x/week.
- **Cindy Taress** (3) – osteoporosis pain, shots.
- **Harold Weseloh** (2) – proper diagnosis.

#### **For Others**

➔ **Health Concerns:**

- **Jackie Baker** (1) – brain aneurism.
- **Kimberly Borland** (3) – rare tissue disorder.
- **Melanie Himmelberger** (3) – bone cancer.
- **Rick Irvin** (2) – quint. bypass surgery 5/16.
- **Julie Lau** (3) – pancreatic cancer, chemo.
- **Dave McCollum** (1) – lung cancer.
- **June Murany** (1) – fall, broken hip, surg. 5/23
- **Mark Woodward** (1) – cancer, pain, eating.
- **Rev. Kurt Ziemann** (1) – Lymphoma, chemo.

#### **Celebrate and Give Thanks**

**Physical Birthdays:**

5/29 Janice Martinez

5/31 Emma Rohman

### **Baptism Birthdays:**

5/31 Eileen Kovach

5/31 David Liddy

6/1 Trudy Fischler

6/2 Connie Pysz

6/3 Cedrick Hilliker Jr.

### **Wedding Anniversaries:**

5/29 Alan & Linda Blaha (47<sup>th</sup>)

### **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:**

Breathe On Me Breath of God

### **LORD'S SUPPER SELF-EXAMINATION:**

The Supper can certainly give us much assurance that our sins are forgiven through Jesus, *but self-examination is essential*: "Let a person examine himself" (1Co. 11:28 ESV).

**Please ask yourself these NINE questions!**

*For the supporting Bible passages, see the brochure rack!*

### **Part 1: Am I a Christian?**

1. **Do I believe the Bible is true?** Y N
2. **Am I sorry for my sins** (*admitting them and wanting to turn from them*)? Y N
3. **Am I trusting in Jesus alone** (*in who He is – the Son of God, and what He did – living as my sinless substitute, receiving my sins and eternal punishment, and laying down His life*) **for my entrance into heaven?** Y N
4. **Am I baptized?** Y N
5. **Do I desire to live for Christ?** Y N

**Summary:** A Christian knows the Bible is true, is sorry for his sins, is trusting in Jesus alone for eternal life,

has been baptized into Christ, and desires to live for Christ! If those things are true for you, *then you are a Christian!* If not, let's schedule a time to talk!

### **Part 2: Am I right with others?**

6. **Am I reconciled with others?** Y N
7. **Am I forgiving others?** Y N

**Summary:** Even if others refuse to reconcile or accept our forgiveness, *it is vital for us to try to work things out and extend forgiveness!* Are such things true in your life? If not, repent!

### **Part 3: Do I believe what the Bible says about the Lord's Supper?**

8. **Are the elements of the Lord's Supper bread, body, wine, and blood?** Y N
9. **Is the main benefit of the Supper the assurance of the forgiveness of sins?** Y N

**Summary:** Since all have sinned (Rom. 3:23), Jesus gave His body and shed His blood to provide forgiveness. In the Lord's Supper, by the power of God, Jesus' given body has been united to the bread and Jesus' shed blood has been united to the wine. Since Christians cannot live sinless lives (Eccl. 7:20), the Lord's Supper is God's way of assuring us that – *in Christ* – we are forgiven. Do you believe such things? If not, let's schedule a time to talk!

### **↑ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: Let Us Pray**

L: 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.

C: **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.**

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

C: **We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.**



L: 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.

C: Amen.

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD:** *Spoken on the evening before He finished His saving work!*

**LORD'S PRAYER:** *See back of either hymnal:*

L: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

A: **Our Father who art in heaven...**

**PAX DOMINI** (Latin): *Peace of the Lord*

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: Amen.

**AGNUS DEI:** *Not All the Blood of Beasts*

See the words below / TLH 156 / LSB 431

- 1 Not all the blood of beasts  
On Jewish altars slain  
Could give the guilty conscience peace  
Or wash away the stain.
- 2 But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,  
Takes all our sins away;  
A sacrifice of nobler name  
And richer blood than they.

**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.
- ♦ After the Agnus Dei: Come forward to the railing.
- ♦ Receive. Go in peace. Return via the side aisle.
- ♦ Main dismissal: After everyone has returned.

**DURING DISTRIBUTION:**

Come Holy Ghost Our Souls Inspire

**LORD'S SUPPER DISMISSAL**

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:** *Let Us Pray*

L: Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting.

C: Amen.

**MEMORIAL DAY:**

**Armed Forces Day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. in May** – *Serving now!*  
**Memorial Day, Last Mon. in May** – *Died while serving!*  
**Veterans Day, 11/11** – *Served in the past!*



**Number of American military fatalities in all major wars involving the United States from 1775 to 2023: About 1.3 Million**

L: Let us pray for those who made the ultimate sacrifice: Lord God, **accept** ♦our thanks for those who died for us and ♦our prayers for those who mourn. **Refresh our hearts with** ♦the ideals of heroic men, ♦the honesty of just men, and ♦the obedience of upright men. **Forgive us** ♦when the support of our country is hollow or halfhearted. **Stir within us** ♦thanksgiving for all we have inherited, ♦concern for the freedoms of all people, and ♦willingness to sacrifice for the needs of others. **And in every needful way,** move us to repent!

C: Amen.

**Saturday** ➔ **↑ HYMN: *God Bless Our Native Land***

See the words below / TLH 577 / LSB 965

1. God bless our native land;  
Firm may she ever stand  
Through storm and night.  
When the wild tempests rave,  
Ruler of wind and wave,  
Do Thou our country save  
By Thy great might.
2. So shall our prayers arise  
To God above the skies;  
On Him we wait.  
Thou who art ever nigh,  
Guarding with watchful eye,  
To Thee aloud we cry:  
God save the state!

**Sunday** ➔ **↑ HYMN: *Battle Hymn of the Republic***

See the words below (TSC 549)

Of all the songs written during and about the Civil War, perhaps none is as strongly identified with the Union cause today as Julia Ward Howe's stirring "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory  
Of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage  
Where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning  
Of His terrible swift sword;  
His truth is marching on.

**Refrain:** **Glory, glory, hallelujah.**  
**Glory, glory, hallelujah.**  
**Glory, glory, hallelujah.**  
**Our God is marching on.**

2. I have seen Him in the watchfires  
Of a hundred circling camps;  
They have builded Him an altar  
In the evening dews and damps;  
I can read His righteous sentence  
By the dim and flaring lamps;  
His day is marching on. **REFRAIN**

3. He has sounded forth the trumpet  
That shall never sound retreat;  
He is sifting out the hearts of men  
Before His judgment seat;  
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him!  
Be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. **REFRAIN**
4. In the beauty of the lilies,  
Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in His bosom  
That transfigures you and me;  
As He died to make men holy,  
Let us live to make men free,  
While God is marching on. **REFRAIN**

**BENEDICTION: *Believe and Be Blessed***

**L:** The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the LORD look upon you with *favor* and give you peace.

**C: Amen.** ↓

**CANDLE EXTINGUISHING and POSTLUDE:**

Come Down O Love Divine

R. V. Williams

**Saturday – 5/28**

**Join us for Food and Fire at 5:30**  
**Bring a chair and a snack to share**

**Watch – Learn – Benefit**

**This Week ➔ TWO Episodes!**



**WEDNESDAY, 5/31 – Episode 7: Reckoning**

**THURSDAY, 6/1 – Episode 8: Beyond the Mountains**

## This Week: 5/28 – 6/4

### Sunday:

- ➔ **9:00** Divine Service
- ➔ **10:30** BC – Ephesians; SS – Israel’s First King

### Tuesday:

- ➔ **6:30** Grief Share

### Wednesday:

- ➔ **9:30** BFC Bible Time
- ➔ **1:15** Stephen Ministry Training (CLR)
- ➔ **6:30** The Chosen, Season 2, Episode 7

### Thursday:

- ➔ **10:00** Living the Lutheran Lectionary
- ➔ **11:00** Stephen Ministry
- ➔ **6:30** The Chosen, Season 2, Episode 8

### Saturday:

- ➔ **3:00** Bible Class
- ➔ **4:00** Divine Service

### Sunday:

- ➔ **9:00** Divine Service
- ➔ **10:15** Refreshments
- ➔ **10:30** BC – Ephesians; SS – God Chooses David

## Blessings on Your Week *Stay Close to Jesus!*

- ➔ **Listen** to God through His word: Gen. 1:1-2:4a; Ps. 8; Acts 2:14a, 22-36; Matthew 28:16-20
  - Attend “Living the Lutheran Lectionary” on Thursdays at 10:00
  - Listen to Issues Etc.: [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org)
  - Listen to The Lutheran Hour: Sundays at 6:30 AM on WTAM 1100; Sundays at 8:00 AM on WHKW 1220
- ➔ **Talk** to God through prayer.
- ➔ **Watch** Worship Anew – A Lutheran Service for shut-ins: Sundays at 11:30 AM: Cox: 12; Direct TV: 67, 377; Dish: 47

➔ **Pray** for those in need. *If you have a prayer chain request, call Kathy at 440-785-3802.*

➔ **Grow** through our website ➔

➔ **Reach** those who are lost.

➔ **Use** Your Abilities: See a “Ways to Serve” brochure (by the main entrance).

➔ **Gather** here each Saturday / Sunday!



## Thanks For Serving on 5/27 & 5/28

**Altar Guild:** Heather H

**Saturday:** Organist: Kathy G; Usher: Matt K

**Sunday:** Organist: Gayle P

Pastor Team – Welcome: Harold W

Pastor Team – Distribution: Harold W

Ushers: Matthias M, Mel B, Nick B

Refreshments: The Hilliker Family & others

Sunday School: Angie R, Cedrick/Harold

**Financial Team:** Ken H, Paul M

## Thanks For Serving on 6/3 & 6/4

**Altar Guild:** Nancy B

**Saturday:** Organist: Kathy G; Usher: Matt K

**Sunday:** Organist: Gayle P

Pastor Team – Welcome: Tim C

Pastor Team – Distribution: Matthias M

Ushers: Carl B, Rhonda S

Refreshments: The Hilliker Family & others

Sunday School: Kathy G, Cedrick/Harold

**Financial Team:** Ken H, Linda W

## LOANS and SCHOLARSHIPS

- ➔ **Elementary Scholarship Fund** – Since Bethlehem does not operate its own Lutheran day school, the fund was established to provide financial assistance to our members who choose to send their children to schools operated by other Missouri Synod Lutheran Churches. Contact the church office for an application. Deadline is May 31.

- ➔ **Barrick Nursing Scholarship** – Contact the church office for an application. Deadline is June 30.
- ➔ **Loans for College Bound Students:** Visit [www.Pierstorf.org](http://www.Pierstorf.org) and complete the 2023-2024 application. Deadline is June 30.
- ➔ **Mikitta College Scholarship** – To be considered for the scholarship, you must be an active member of Bethlehem; be a full-time student working toward your bachelor’s degree in ♦Christian ministry, ♦education, ♦music, or ♦engineering. Contact the church office for an application. Deadline is June 30.

## Numbers From Last Week

### Received God’s Gifts – Services:

- Saturday at 4:00 – Inside: **36**; car: **5**
- Sunday at 9:00 – Inside: **47**; car: **0**

### Studied God’s Word – Classes:

- Saturday at 3:00: **13**
- Sunday at 10:30: **29**
- Wednesday at 6:30: **13**
- Thursday at 10: **6**

### Supported God’s

#### Work:

- Needed Each Week (budget): **5,027**
- Received Last Week (actual): **6,295**
- Gross Surplus YTD As of last week: **14,202**
- Net Surplus YTD:**  
**7,094 Thanks!**



## Connect With Us

➔ <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://BLC7500.com">BLC7500.com</a>		➔ <b>YouTube:</b> Benefit from the Bible		➔ <b>Facebook:</b> Bethlehem Lutheran Church Parma	
<b>Services:</b>	Saturdays at 4:00; Sundays at 9:00	<b>Studies:</b>	Thurs at 10:00; Sat at 3:00; Sun at 10:30		
<b>Facebook:</b>	Bethlehem Lutheran Church Parma	<b>Address:</b>	7500 State Road, Parma, Ohio 44134		
<b>Church Office:</b>	Wed & Thu: 9:30-3:30; Sat: 2:00-5:30	<b>Kathy Green:</b>	<a href="mailto:Secretary@blc7500.com">Secretary@blc7500.com</a> ; 440-845-2230		
<b>Pastor Green:</b>	<a href="mailto:RevRLGreen@aol.com">RevRLGreen@aol.com</a> ; 440-292-5915	<b>Church Body:</b>	<a href="http://lcms.org">lcms.org</a> District: <a href="http://oh.lcms.org">oh.lcms.org</a>		
<b>Childcare Center:</b>	Monday – Friday, 6:45-6:00	<b>Tricia Wise:</b>	<a href="mailto:ChildcareDirector@blc7500.com">ChildcareDirector@blc7500.com</a> ; 440-884-0430		