



Bethlehem Parma (LCMS)

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2026

Saturday, 6/27 at 4:00

Sunday, 6/28 at 9:00



Thank you to Mr. Harold Weseloh – *today's worship leader and preacher*,
and Dr. Phillip Giessler – *today's Bible class teacher*, substituting for Pastor Robert Green

Church Year: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service – Setting Four: LSB 203-212

WELCOME:

- ☺ **Visitors:** *Welcome!* See our Welcome Table, sign our book, take a bag, and tell us 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.
- ☺ **Difficult to Stand:** It's okay to remain seated.
- ☺ **Service Folder:** 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...* Sun, Moon and Stars join with all Nature in Manifold Witness to Thy Great Faithfulness
Arr. Wagner

↑ CONFESION 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: Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
- C: whose sin is covered.**
- L: Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
- C: and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
- L: ☪ For when I kept silent,
- C: my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.**

L: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

C: my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

L: Let us pray:

A: Dear LORD, I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Ps. 32:1-5*

L: In the mercy of the almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the LORD, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ! *John 1:12; Philippians 1:6*

C: Amen.

L: Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

C: but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

L: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,

C: and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! *Ps. 32:10-11*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Saturday ➔ Hymn

Sunday ➔ Entrance Hymn and Procession

HYMN: *O God, My Faithful God*

See the words below / TLH 395 / LSB 696

1 O God, my faithful God,
True fountain ever flowing,
Without whom nothing is,
All perfect gifts bestowing:
Give me a healthy frame,
And may I have within
A conscience free from blame,
A soul unstained by sin.

2 Grant me the strength to do
With ready heart and willing
Whatever You command,
My calling here fulfilling;
That I do what I should
While trusting You to bless
The outcome for my good,
For You must give success.

3 Keep me from saying words
That later need recalling;
Guard me lest idle speech
May from my lips be falling;
But when within my place
I must and ought to speak,
Then to my words give grace
Lest I offend the weak.

4 Lord, let me win my foes
With kindly words and actions,
And let me find good friends
For counsel and correction.
Help me, as You have taught,
To love both great and small
And by Your Spirit's might
To live in peace with all.

KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

LSB 942; Mark 10:47

L: Kyrie! God Father in heaven above,

C: You abound in gracious love,

L: Of all things the maker and preserver.

C: Have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

L: Kyrie! O Christ, our King, salvation for all You came to bring.

C: O Lord Jesus, God's own Son, our Mediator at the heavenly throne:

L: Hear our cry and grant our supplication.

C: Have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

L: Kyrie! O God, the Holy Ghost,

C: Guard our faith, the gift we need the most,

L: And bless our life's last hour,

C: That we leave this sinful world with gladness.

A: Have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY:

L: The LORD be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray: Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; 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: Can I Have It Both Ways?

OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 28:5-9 NAS-20

Hananiah's False Prophecy

⁵Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the sight of the priests and in the sight of all the people who were standing at the house of the LORD, ⁶and Jeremiah the prophet said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill your words which you have prophesied, to bring back the vessels of the LORD's house and all the exiles, from Babylon to this place. ⁷Yet hear now this word which I am going to speak so that you and all the people can hear it! ⁸The prophets who were before me and before you from ancient times also prophesied against many lands and against great kingdoms regarding war, disaster, and plague. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet comes to pass, then that prophet will be known as one whom the LORD has truly sent."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: 119:153-160 ESV

153 Look on my affliction and de- | liver me,*
for I do not for- | get your law.

154 Plead my cause and re- | deem me,*
give me life according to your |
promise!

155 Salvation is far from the | wicked,*
for they do not seek your | statutes.

156 Great is your mercy, | O LORD;*
give me life according to your | just
decrees.

157 Many are my persecutors and my adver- |
saries,*
but I do not swerve from your testi- |
monies.

158 I look at the faithless | with disgust,*
because they do not keep | your
commands.

159 Consider how I love your | precepts!*
Give me life according to your |
steadfast love.

160 The sum of your | word is truth,*
and every one of your just and
righteous decrees endures for- | ever.

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

EPISTLE: Romans 7:1-13 NAS-20

Believers United to Christ

¹Or do you not know, brothers *and sisters* (for I am speaking to those who know the Law), that the Law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives? ²For the married woman is bound by law to her husband as long as he is alive; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband. ³So then, if while her husband is alive she gives herself to another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress if she gives herself to another man.

⁴Therefore, my brothers *and sisters*, you also were put to death in regard to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might belong to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God. ⁵For while

we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were *brought to light* by the Law, were at work in the parts of our body to bear fruit for death. ⁶ But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.

⁷ What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? Far from it! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, "YOU SHALL NOT COVET."⁸ But sin, taking an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law sin *is* dead. ⁹ I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin came to life, and I died; ¹⁰ and this commandment, which was to result in life, proved to result in death for me; ¹¹ for sin, taking an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me, and through it, killed *me*. ¹² So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

¹³ Therefore did that which is good become *a cause of death* for me? Far from it! Rather *it was* sin, in order that it might be shown to be sin by bringing about my death through that which is good, so that through the commandment sin would become utterly sinful.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

↑ ALLELUIA and VERSE *John 6:68* **LSB 156**

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e-ter-nal life.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 10:34-42 **NAS-20**

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

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

The Meaning of Discipleship

³⁴ "Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I came to TURN A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, AND A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW; ³⁶ and A PERSON'S ENEMIES *WILL BE* THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD.

³⁷ "The one who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and the one who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁸ And the one who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁹ The one who has found his life will lose it, and the one who has lost his life on My account will find it.

The Reward for Service

⁴⁰ "The one who receives you receives Me, and the one who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. ⁴¹ The one who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and the one who receives a righteous person in the name of a righteous person shall receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴² And whoever gives one of these little ones just a cup of cold *water* to drink in the name of a disciple, truly I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

APOSTLES' CREED: *See back of either hymnal* ↓

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus
See the words below / TLH 409 / LSB 685

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,

Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.

- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.

SERMON: Simultaneously Sinners and Saints

OT: Jeremiah 28:5-7a

⁵ Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and in the presence of all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord ^[a] confirm your words which you have prophesied to bring back the vessels of the Lord's house and all the exiles, from Babylon to this place. ⁷ Yet hear now this word...

Psalms: Psalm 119:153-154

¹⁵³ Look upon my affliction and rescue me,
For I do not forget Your law.

¹⁵⁴ Plead my cause and redeem me;
Revive me according to Your word.

Epistle: Romans 7:7, 13

What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! (See verses 6:2, 6:15 "...Therefore did that which is good become a cause of death for me? May it never be!)

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-39, 42

³⁷ "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁸ And he who does not take his cross and

follow after Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁹ He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it...⁴² And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward."

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

See the words below / TLH 409 / LSB 685

- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.

Offering: Plates are available in the center aisle.

The LORD has blessed us with life, salvation, and all we need, let us trust Him, thank Him, honor Him!

REQUEST a Prayer: Complete a **yellow** PRAYER REQUEST card (available in the Narthex).

RENEW Your Request: Names with a **(3)** must be renewed by Wednesday at 3:00. Contact your person; update Kathy (call: 440-845-2230; text: 440-785-3802).

PRAYER: *Let Us Pray*

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, *let us pray to the Lord:*

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, *let us pray to the Lord:*

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, *let us pray to the Lord:*

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, *let us pray to the Lord:*

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, *let us pray to the Lord:*

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, *let us pray to the Lord:*

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, *let us pray to the Lord:*

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: **For these additional requests...**, *let us pray to the Lord:*

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Finally, for those named and for all our needs of body and soul, *let us pray to the Lord:*

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Please Pray During the Week

Nation

- ➔ **US Armed Forces:** Kohen Berkley, Teagan Dedula, Nathaniel Kaye, Nick Riviotta, Chris Sala, Nevin Sherepita, Jacob Smith, Hayden Sweeny, Drew Tenney, Chris Weseloh.

Congregation

- ➔ **Inactive Members:** Dear Holy Spirit, please move the following to give a favorable response to our recent letter: Donna, Todd, Susan, Amanda, Kegan, Annabelle, Jim, Nicole, Ava, Regan, James, Jordyn, Betty, Nicole, Kandice, Jacob, Andrew, Joann, Monica, Olivia, Gabriel, Cameron, Jackson, Eric, Erin, Grace, Reggie, Dan, Kelly, Kendra, Miranda, Renee, Tricia, Chuck, Judy, Delores.
- ➔ **Outreach:** Dear HS, bless & guide our efforts!
- ➔ **Stephen Ministry:** Bless our Stephen Ministers and those who receive their care!
- ➔ **Care List:** Helga B, Pat B, Zach B, Doris C, Sandy C, Jim F, Trudy F, Carole G, Esther H, Hilda K, Edmund & Christl K, Bill M, Regina M, June R, Jean S, Cindy T, Mike & Susanna T, Vicki T, Jim V (most are offered mailings & visits).
- ➔ **Temporary Health Issues:**
 - **Pat Beal** (2) *more strength and energy.*
 - **Natalia Ford** (3) cancer – chemo is working but more is needed: *peace, success.*
 - **Matt Hlavacek** – Lyme disease: *cont. healing.*
 - **Matt Kusmaul** – eye issues: *cont. healing.*
 - **Angie Rohman** (1) hip 5/21: *cont. recovery.*

- **Cindy Taress** (1) *peace, continued healing.*
- **Tami Taylor** (3) *more strength, full recovery.*
- **Lynda Tomasch** (2) *knee: cont. pain relief.*

Others

➔ Temporary Health Issues:

- **Dr. Vince** (3) *surg. 5/6: continued healing.*
- **Kim Blaha** (3) *wrist surgery: cont. healing.*
- **Kim Borland** (3) *pain relief, daily devotion.*
- **Richard Browning** (3) *chemo: success.*
- **Melanie Himmelberger** – *peace, healing.*
- **John Kovachic** (1) *stage 4 colon cancer: peace, comfort.*
- **Steve Marzella** (2) *cancer, heart: healing.*
- **Bernice Mease** – *kidney cancer: healing.*
- **Shirley Myers** (1) *stage 4 stomach cancer, chemo, surgery: peace, healing, success.*
- **Jim Vrabel** (1) *cont. strength and rehab.*

Celebrate and Give Thanks

Physical Birthdays:

6/28 **Jaclyn Blaha**

7/2 **Donald Crites**

7/3 **David Rohman**

Spiritual Birthdays:

6/28 **Dolores Merkle**

6/30 **Noah Potantus**

7/1 **Larry Haslem**

7/1 **Gabe Montgomery**

7/1 **Paul Moyer Jr**

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*

PRAYER FOR THE PEACE:

L: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we,

being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.** ↓

CLOSING HYMN: *Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain*

See the words below / TLH 288 / LSB 865

- 1 Lord, help us ever to retain
The Catechism's doctrine plain
As Luther taught the Word of truth
In simple style to tender youth.
- 2 Help us Your holy Law to learn,
To mourn our sin and from it turn
In faith to You and to Your Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One.
- 3 Hear us, dear Father, when we pray
For needed help from day to day
That as Your children we may live,
Whom You baptized and so received.
- 4 Lord, when we fall or go astray,
Absolve and lift us up, we pray;
And through the Sacrament increase
Our faith till we depart in peace.

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 look upon you with *favor* and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

CANDLE EXTINGUISHING and POSTLUDE:

Earth and All Stars Sing to the Lord!

David N. Johnson

Food & Fire – June 27 at 5:30 – Join Us Out Back

July Newsletter – Available in the Narthex

Prayer – God Is Ready to Hear You and Help You!

See any Stephen Minister for a prayer that is confidential and caring. **Saturdays** – Linda B;
Sundays – Klara S, Rhonda S, or Norma S

Change the Outside Banners – Thanks to Matt S and Cedrick Jr. for volunteering!

Bible Classes – Sat at 3, Sun at 10:30 Proverbs – Read these chapters in advance

- ~~Week 1: Read 1-3~~
- Week 2 (for 7/11 & 12): Read 4-9
- Week 3 (for 7/18 & 19): Read 10-15
- Week 4 (for 7/25 & 26): Read 16-22
- Week 5 (for 8/1 & 2): Read 23-29
- Week 6 (for 8/8 & 9): Read 30-31

Yard Signs – Take One and Display It! Thanks!

Church Safety Mini-Class

Join us for a mini class on “*How to Protect our House of Worship.*” The class includes security evaluations, key safety considerations, threat identification and much more. **Wednesday, July 8th at 6:00 PM**. Free event! *Everyone welcome!*

Schedule: 6/28/26 – 7/4/26

7/1 – Wednesday

1:00 – Sisters of Light (every 1st & 3rd Wednesday)

7/2 – Thursday

10:00 – Living the Lutheran Lectionary

7/4 – Saturday

3:00 – Bible Class

4:00 – Divine Service

7/5 – Sunday

9:00 – Divine Service

10:30 – Bible Class & Sunday School

Thanks For Serving 6/27/26 & 6/28/26

Altar Guild: Don & Carol D

Saturday: Organist: Gayle P Usher: Matt K

Sunday: Organist: Gayle P
Ushers: Carl B, Michael B
Acolytes: Noah H, Leo J
Sunday School: Angie R, Cedrick/Harold

Financial Team: Natalia F, Ken H

Thanks For Serving 7/4/26 & 7/5/26

Altar Guild: Heather H

Saturday: Organist: Gayle P Usher: Matt K
Distribution: Alan C

Sunday: Organist: Gayle P
Distribution – Cedrick H
Ushers: Rand S, Nevin S, Andrew S
Acolytes: Carter R, Shelby R
Sunday School: Heather H, Cedrick/Harold

Financial Team: Natalia F, Paul M

Numbers From Last Week

Received God's Gifts – Services:

- Saturday at 4:00 – Inside: **28**; car: **3**
- Sunday at 9:00 – Inside: **63**; car: **1**

Studied God's Word – Classes:

- Saturday at 3:00: **10**
- Sunday at 10:30: **40**
- Thursday at 10:00: **8**

Weekly Financial

Stewardship:

- Needed: **6,769**
- Received: **3,700**
- Actual YTD: **162,766**
- Budget YTD: **169,225**
- Over/(Short): **(6,459)**



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Regular Services: Saturdays at 4:00; Sundays at 9:00

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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