

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Teaching God's Word for our temporal and eternal benefit!

Services: **Sunday**, June 12, 2016 at 8:00 & 10:45; **Monday**, June 13 at 7 PM

Church Year: 4th Sunday after Pentecost



Sermon: “Dem Bones, Dem Bones, Dem Dry Bones”– Now Hear the Word of the Lord”

Text: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Visitors – See the block on the back of this folder; pick up a “Visitor Information” packet!

L = Leader ♦ C = Congregation ♦ A = All

Today's service is **Divine Service, Setting Three** (Adapted from Lutheran Service Book, 184-202).

SERVICE BEGINNING:

1. **Bell:** Candle lighting. Please be seated.
2. **Service Folder on Your Smartphone:**
www.BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com/ServiceFolder
3. **Welcome:** *He is risen! (He is risen indeed!)*
4. **Prelude**

↑ CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION:

- L: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**

When you see the Baptismal Font: Remember this *present tense* reality: I am baptized! That means you are:

- ♦ *Continuing* to be clothed in Christ (Gal. 3:27)!
- ♦ *Continuing* to be saved (Titus 3:5)!
- ♦ *Continuing* to live a new life (Rom. 6:4)!

- L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C: who made heaven and earth.
- L: 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.**

L: 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.**

L: 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.**

Please ♣face the entrance and ♣focus on Jesus!

Service of the Word

ENTRANCE HYMN: TLH 9, vv. 1, 3, 5
O Day of Rest and Gladness

1. O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness,
Most beautiful, most bright,
On thee the high and lowly
Before th' eternal throne
Sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"
To the great Three in One.
3. Thou art a cooling fountain
In life's dry, dreary sand;

From thee, like Nebo's mountain,
We view our Promised Land;
A day of sweet reflection,
A day of holy love,
A day of resurrection
From earth to things above.

5. New graces ever gaining
From this our day of rest,
We reach the rest remaining
To spirits of the blest.
To Holy Ghost be praises,
To Father, and to Son;
The Church her voice upraises
To Thee, blest Three in One.

KYRIE: *Lord, Have Mercy*

L: Let us pray:

**A: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

To better understand this prayer, read Mark 10:46-52

SALUTATION and COLLECT: *Let Us Pray*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: *Let us pray.* O God, by Your almighty Word You set in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful, and give us those things that are beneficial for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.** ↓

LITTLE LAMB SERMON:

"What is Heaven Like?"

Memory Verse:

NET **1 Cor. 2:9** "No *ear* has heard;

No *eye* has seen; No *mind* has comprehended what God has prepared for those who believe in Him."

All children (parents) are welcome!



10:45 Staffed Nursery (4 and under) – Parents can now take their children to our Little Lamb Room!

Be blessed! *Read the Scripture readings in advance!*

OLD TESTAMENT: *See Sermon*

PSALM 32:1-7: Today, let's speak it by half verse!

Please use a MAROON hymnal

EPISTLE: Galatians 2:15-21; 3:10-14 NET

¹⁵ Since we were born Jews and not Gentile sinners, ¹⁶ we know that a person cannot be justified [declared righteous] by doing what the Law says, but only by believing in Jesus Christ. So we also believed in Jesus Christ in order to be justified [declared righteous] by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law, because not one person will be justified [declared righteous] by the works of the Law.

¹⁷ Now if we who are seeking to be justified [declared righteous] in Christ are found to be sinners ourselves, has Christ then become one who encourages sin? Never! ¹⁸ For if I build up again the very things which I have torn down, I make myself a sinner ¹⁹ To be sure, by the Law I died to the Law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. ²⁰ So, it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. The life I now live in my body I live by believing in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. ²¹ I do not reject the grace of God. For if we could receive righteousness through the Law, then Christ died for nothing.

^{3:10} There is a curse on all who depend on doing what the Law says, because it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the book of the Law."

¹¹ It is clear that no one is justified [declared righteous] before God by doing what the Law says, because the just [righteous] will live by faith. ¹² But the Law is not based on faith; rather, it says: "The person who does these things will find life in them."

¹³ Christ paid the price to free us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who on a tree [cross]."

¹⁴ He redeemed us so that in Jesus Christ the blessing of Abraham might come to the nations, and that we by believing might receive the promised Spirit.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

↑ ALLELUIA and VERSE (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: Luke 7:36-8:3 NET

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁶ One of the Pharisees invited Jesus to eat with him. Jesus went into the Pharisee's home and reclined at the table.

³⁷ In the town there was a sinful woman. When she found out He was eating at the Pharisee's home, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume ³⁸ and stood behind Him at His feet. She was weeping and began to wet His feet with her tears. Then with the hair of her head she dried His feet, kissed them, and poured perfume on them.

³⁹ The Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw this and said to himself, "If He were a prophet, He would know who is touching Him and what kind of woman she is, for she is a sinner."

⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Say it, Teacher," he said.

⁴¹ "Two men owed a moneylender some money: One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay it back, he was kind enough to cancel the debt

for both of them. Now, which of them will love him more?"

⁴³ Simon answered, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled." "You are right," Jesus told him. ⁴⁴ Then, turning to the woman, He said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your home, and you gave Me no water for My feet, but she wet My feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave Me no kiss, but ever since I came in, she has not stopped kissing My feet. ⁴⁶ You poured no olive oil on My head, but she poured perfume on My feet. ⁴⁷ That is why I tell you that her many sins have been forgiven--for she loved very much. But he who has little forgiven loves little."

⁴⁸ Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ His fellow guests began to ask among themselves, "Who is this Person who even forgives sins?"

⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith saved you. Go in peace!"

^{8:1} After this Jesus traveled from one town and village to another, preaching and telling the Good News of God's Kingdom. The Twelve were with Him, ² and some women who had been healed of evil spirits and diseases: Mary, also called the woman from Magdala (seven demons had gone out of her); ³ Joanna the wife of Chusa, Herod's manager; Susanna; and many other women. They supported Jesus and His disciples with their property.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ. ↓

SOLO:

by Harold Weseloh

Them Dry Bones

SERMON: "Dem Bones, Dem Bones, Dem Dry Bones" – Now Hear the Word of the Lord"

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹ The LORD laid His hand on me and by His Spirit took me out and put me down in the

middle of a valley that was full of bones. ² He led me past them all around: There were a great number lying on the floor of the valley, and they were very dry.

³ "Son of man," He asked me, "can these bones become alive?" "Lord GOD," I answered, "You know."

⁴ "Prophecy about these bones," He told me, "and say to them: Dry bones, listen to what the LORD says. ⁵ The Lord GOD says this to these bones: I will make breath enter into you, and you will live. ⁶ I will put sinews on you, have flesh come on you, cover you with skin, and put breath in you so you will live and 'know I am the LORD'." ' "

⁷ I prophesied as I was ordered, and as I prophesied, there was a noise and a rustling as the bones came together, one bone to another. ⁸ I saw sinews coming on them, flesh came on them, and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹ "Prophecy to the wind," He told me. "Prophecy, son of man, and tell the wind, the Lord GOD says this: Come from the four directions, O wind, and breathe on these slain people so they will live." ¹⁰ So I prophesied as He ordered me, and breath entered into them and they stood on their feet—a very great army.

¹¹ "Son of man," He said to me, "these bones are all the people of Israel. They are saying, 'Our bones are dry, and we have lost all hope. We are completely cut off.' ¹² So prophesy and tell them, the Lord GOD says this: I will open your graves and raise you out of them, O My people, and bring you to the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you will know I am the LORD when I open your graves and raise you, O My people. ¹⁴ I will put My Spirit in you so you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know I the LORD said it and I did it, says the LORD."

↑ OFFERTORY:

L: Let us pray.

A: 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:

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

[See the back inside cover of either hymnal – the RED one or the MAROON one – for the rest of the words.]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: *Let Us Pray*

After Each Petition:

L: Lord, in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

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. ↓

OFFERING: *Let us honor the Lord!*

- ✓ God has entrusted His possessions to our care!
- ✓ We honor Him and express our faith in Him by tithing from the first of all we receive!

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⇒ Please complete your attendance slip!

† Service of the Sacrament †

LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION: *Get Ready*

Self-Examination Questions:

1. Am I sorry for my sins, so I desire – *with God's strength* – to turn from my sins (2 Cor. 7:10-11)?
2. Do I believe in Jesus as my Savior (John 3:16)?
3. Do I believe Jesus' words of institution: bread-body, wine-blood, for my forgiveness (1 Co. 10:16; Mt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Co. 11:23-25)?

Who Should Receive the Supper Today?

- ⇒ LCMS Members who answered "yes" to the self-examination questions.
- ⇒ Non-Members who have completed our Lord's Supper Preparation packet (*which is available on the wall by our main entrance*) and answered "yes" to the self-exam questions.

Receive at Your Pew: Please notify an usher.

Everyone Not Receiving the Supper: All ages are invited to come forward for a *spoken* blessing!

↑ PREFACE and PROPER PREFACE:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

L: It is truly good, right and beneficial that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS (LSB 195): *Holy, Holy, Holy*

(“Hosanna” – save us now; “Sabaoth” – angelic armies)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that
cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER: *Let Us Pray*

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

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

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD: *On Good Friday*

L: 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: *The Peace of the Lord*

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

C: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI (LSB 550, st. 1): *Lamb of God*

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. ↓

10:45 Staffed Nursery – Please pick-up your children and bring them forward for a spoken blessing!

LORD'S SUPPER DISTRIBUTION and DISMISSAL:

⇒ Before Receiving: **Remember** the source of Jesus' body and blood (make the sign of the cross).

⇒ Receive the Supper: **Bread**—unleavened; Jesus—without sin. **Wine**—chalice or individual

cups (center cups are alcohol removed wine).

Benefit—we are forgiven through Jesus!

⇒ After the Dismissal: **Say** "Amen" to receive the blessing! **Return** with forgiveness—joy!

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION: **TLH 410**

Jesus, Lead Thou On

1. Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand To our fatherland.
2. If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;
Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many a woe
To our home we go.
3. When we seek relief From a long-felt grief;
When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore
Where we weep no more.
4. Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won.
Heavenly Leader, still direct us,
Still support, control, protect us,
Till we safely stand In our fatherland.

↑ **NUNC DIMITTIS** (LSB 199-200): *Depart in Peace*

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.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT: *Let Us Pray*

L: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary *[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.

CLOSING HYMN: TLH 382, vv. 4-6

Lord, We Confess Our Numerous Faults

4. 'Tis from the mercy of our God
That all our hopes begin;
'Tis by the Water and the Blood
Our souls are washed from sin.
5. 'Tis through the purchase of His death
Who hung upon the tree
The Spirit is sent down to breathe
On such dry bones as we.
6. Raised from the dead, we live anew;
And justified by grace.
We shall appear in glory, too,
And see our Father's face.

BENEDICTION: *Blessing*

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 upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen. ↓

ANNOUNCEMENTS: *Be Informed*

1. **Recent Memory Verses** (*Scripture memory tips – take a Daily Devotion brochure*):

- All Have Sinned:** Rom. 3:23; Is. 53:6
- Sin's Penalty:** Rom. 3:23; Heb. 9:27

- Christ Paid the Penalty:** Rom. 5:8; 1 Pet. 3:18
- Salvation Not by Works:** Eph. 2:8-9; Tit. 3:5
- Must Receive Christ:** Jn. 1:12; Acts 26:17b-18
- Assurance of Salvation:** 1 John 5:13

2. **This Week's Memory Verse: Assurance of Salvation**^{ESV} **John 5:24** Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.
3. **Facebook:** Check in and be positive!
4. **Let's Pray:** After the Postlude. Today's Prayer Partners: Dee (8:00); Matt (10:45).
5. **Refreshments** (9:10-9:30): Join us down the hall for coffee, juice, bakery, and more!
6. **Bible Class and Sunday School** (9:30-10:30): *Be blessed through God's Holy Word!*
7. **Faith in Action Insert:** Please pray, serve, and participate!
8. **The Story study:** This Thursday, June 9 at 7:30; chapters 24-25; everyone is welcome!

POSTLUDE and CANDLE EXTINGUISHING:

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK:

Isaiah 65:1-9; Ps. 3; Galatians 3:23-4:7; Luke 8:26-39

Thanks for Serving on June 12

Leader: Dr. Phillip Giessler
Pastoral Assts.: Alan Carlson, Ray Dmytriw, Matt Hlavacek,
Jerry Huttner, Brian Zeleznikar
Organist: Gayle Powers
Altar Guild: Kathy Green, Stacey Jasulevich, Angie R.
Candles: Lynda Tomasch
Financial Team: Natalia Ford, Janet Chilton

8:00 Service

Ushers: Matt Kussmaul, Mel Bucholtz,
Bonnie Moyer
Lord's Supper: Jim Schabel
Prayer Partner: Dee Kaderbek

9:10 Refreshments

Miriam Engleman, Doris Chmielewski

10:45 Service

Ushers: Jerry Huttner, Ray Dmytriw, Bart Pendley
Nursery: Angie Zeleznikar
Lord's Supper: Jerry Huttner
Prayer Partner: Matt Hlavacek

Thanks for Serving on June 19

Leader: Pastor Robert Green
Pastoral Assts.: Alan Carlson, Ray Dmytriw, Matt Hlavacek,
Jerry Huttner, Brian Zeleznikar
Organist: Gayle Powers
Altar Guild: Kathy Green, Stacey Jasulevich, Angie R.
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10:45 Service

Ushers: Jerry Huttner, Ray Dmytriw, Bart Pendley
Nursery: Hannah Hlavacek
Lord's Supper: Jerry Huttner
Prayer Partner: Ray Dmytriw

ABOUT US:

- + **Beliefs:** We believe the Bible is true and trust in Jesus as our only Savior!
- + **Assurance:** We want everyone to be certain of God's forgiveness through Jesus!
- + **Growth:** We want everyone to understand the Bible and live according to it!
- + **Children:** Bibles (center pew racks); Bags (worship entrance); Nursery (sometimes staffed).
- + **Special Needs:** Large print and hearing assistance are available in the narthex.
- + **Lord's Supper:** Learn our practice by seeing our explanation in this folder.
- + **Congregation:** Find out more by taking a Visitor Information packet.
- + **Podcast:** Listen to our sermons on your smartphone or tablet. Use a podcast app (Apple, use the "Overcast" app); then search for "Benefit from the Bible"
- + **Schedule:** **Sundays** – Service 8:00; Refreshments 9:10; Classes 9:30; Service 10:45
Mondays – Service 7 PM (except Advent and Lent, see the "Join Us" brochure for the details)
- + **Join Us:** Keep attending and tell the pastor of your interest to join.

How can we help you?
Let us know.
See the block below or talk to the Pastor or a Pastor Assistant after today's service.

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