

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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

Services: **Sunday**, July 31, 2016 at 8:00 & 10:45; **Monday**, August 1 at 7 PM

Church Year: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost / Tenth Sunday after Trinity

## Sermon: "How Does a Person Make a Hog Drown?"

Text: Luke 8:26-39



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:** Take a Service Folder and be seated.  
For a Service Folder on your smartphone:  
[www.BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com/ServiceFolder](http://www.BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com/ServiceFolder)
2. **Welcome:** He is risen! (He is risen indeed!)
3. **Today's Theme:** See the Sermon Title above.
4. **Prelude:** Let us listen and be silent as we prepare our hearts to receive God's blessings!

### ↑ CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION:

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

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

L: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. ☩ Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: **Amen.**

Please ☩ face the entrance and ☩ focus on Jesus!

## Service of the Word

### ENTRANCE HYMN:

TLH 15

*From All that Dwell below the Skies*

1. From all that dwell below the skies  
Let the Creator's praise arise;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
Through every land, by every tongue.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;  
Eternal truth attends Thy Word:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore  
Till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

### KYRIE:

- L: Let us pray: O Lord,  
C: **have mercy upon us.**  
L: O Christ,  
C: **have mercy upon us.**  
L: O Lord,  
C: **have mercy upon us.**

### SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY:

- L: The Lord be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**  
L: *Let us pray.* O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; 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'S MESSAGE:

*"None, Too Busy!"*

All children (parents) are welcome!



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

**Read the Scripture in advance** – to better understand!

### OLD TESTAMENT: Eccl. 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26 ATT

<sup>2</sup> *Vanity of vanities! says the preacher, vanity of vanities! Everything is vanity.*  
<sup>12</sup> *I, the preacher, have been king of Israel in Jerusalem.* <sup>13</sup> *I used my wisdom to study, search and explore everything done under the sun. It's a sorry task God has given human beings to weary themselves with.* <sup>14</sup> *I have seen*

everything that is done under the sun. It's all vanity, like trying to catch the wind.

<sup>18</sup> And I hated everything I had worked for under the sun. I have to leave it to the man who comes after me. <sup>19</sup> And who knows if he will be wise or foolish? He will take control of everything under the sun for which I worked and used my skill. This also is vanity.

<sup>20</sup> Then I started to despair of everything I worked for under the sun. <sup>21</sup> Here is a man who has worked hard with intelligence, knowledge, and skill only to turn it over to one who didn't work for it and so it belongs to him. This also is vanity and very bad.

<sup>22</sup> What does a man get for all his work and striving with which he wearies himself under the sun? <sup>23</sup> All his life is painful, and his work is troublesome. Even at night his mind can't rest. This also is vanity.

<sup>24</sup> There is nothing better among men than eating, drinking, and finding satisfaction in your work. I also saw that this comes from God's hand. <sup>25</sup> Without God, who can eat and enjoy himself? <sup>26</sup> To anyone who pleases Him He gives wisdom, knowledge, and pleasure. But to one who lives in sin He gives the job of gathering and collecting wealth only to turn it over to one who pleases God. This also is vanity, like trying to catch the wind.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

#### **PSALM 100 ESV:**

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD,

**C: all the earth!**

L: Serve the LORD with gladness!

**C: Come into his presence with singing!**

L: Know that the LORD, he is God!

**C: It is he who made us, and we are his;**

L: we are his people,

**C: and the sheep of his pasture.**

L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

**C: and his courts with praise!**

L: Give thanks to him;

**C: bless his name!**

L: For the LORD is good;

**C: his steadfast love endures forever,**

L: and his faithfulness to all generations.

**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: Colossians 3:1-11 NET**

<sup>1</sup> Now if you were raised with Christ, be eager for the things that are above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God.

<sup>2</sup> Keep your mind on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, your Life, appears, then you too will appear with Him in glory. <sup>5</sup> Therefore kill what is earthly in you: sexual sin, impurity, passion, evil lust, and greed, which is idol worship; <sup>6</sup> these bring down the anger of God.

<sup>7</sup> Once when you lived in them, you also practiced them. <sup>8</sup> But now also get rid of all such things as anger, fury, malice, slander, and filthy talk. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, since you have put away your old self and its ways <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is continually renewed in knowledge to be like Him who created him. <sup>11</sup> Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is everything in all of you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

#### **↑ ALLELUIA and VERSE (LSB 156) (sung):**

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.

## GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39 NET

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

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

<sup>26</sup> They landed in the region of the Gergesenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> When He stepped out on the shore, a man from the town who had demons in him met Him. He had not worn clothes for a long time. He would not stay in a house but in the burial caves. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before Him and in a loud voice said, "What do we have in common, Jesus, Son of the Most High God! I beg You, do not torture me!" <sup>29</sup> For Jesus had begun to order the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For a long time it had taken control of him. He had been bound with chains on <his> hands and feet and had been kept under guard, but he would tear the chains and be driven by the demon into lonely places.

<sup>30</sup> Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "Legion [Six Thousand]," he answered, because many demons had gone into him. <sup>31</sup> They begged Him not to order them to go into the bottomless pit.

<sup>32</sup> There was a herd of many hogs feeding on the hillside. So they begged Him to let them go into these. He let them. <sup>33</sup> The demons came out of the man and went into the hogs; and the herd stampeded down the cliff into the sea and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup> But when those who had taken care of the hogs saw what had happened, they ran away and reported it in the town and in the country. <sup>35</sup> The people went out to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone out. He was now sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and the people were frightened. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the man plagued by demons had been made well.

<sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding region of the Gergesenes asked Jesus to leave them, because terror had gripped them.

He got into a boat and started back. <sup>38</sup> Now the man from whom the demons had gone out begged Jesus to let him be with Him. But He sent him away and told him, <sup>39</sup> "Go home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man left and made known all over the town how much Jesus had done for him.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## APOSTLES' CREED (*confessed by everyone*):

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the  
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen. ↓**

## HYMN OF THE DAY:

**TLH 270**

*Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult*

1. Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult  
Of our life's wild, restless sea,  
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth,  
Saying, "Christian, follow Me."



**our lives in all we think, say, and do.**

L: Give us this day our daily bread.

**C: Help us day-by-day to thank You for our blessings and share them with others.**

L: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

**C: In Christ You have *freely* and *fully* forgiven us, so move us to gladly extend that same *free* and *full* forgiveness to all others.**

L: And lead us not into temptation.

**C: Dear Father, as Your forgiven children, help us to say “no” to sin and “yes” to Your will.**

L: But deliver us from evil.

**C: You have delivered us by grace through faith in Jesus; please keep us ever-trusting in Him.**

**A: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

#### **PRAYER FOR THE WORD:**

L: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen. ↓**

#### **CLOSING HYMN: “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise” TLH 47**

1. Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise  
With one accord  
our parting hymn of praise.  
Once more we bless Thee  
ere our worship cease,  
Then, lowly bending,  
wait Thy word of peace.

2. Grant us Thy peace  
upon our homeward way;  
With Thee began,  
with Thee shall end, the day;  
Guard Thou the lips from sin,  
the hearts from shame,  
That in this house have  
called upon Thy name.

3. Grant us Thy peace, Lord,  
through the coming night;  
Turn Thou for us its  
darkness into light.  
From harm and danger  
keep Thy children free,  
For dark and light are  
both alike to Thee.

4. Grant us Thy peace  
throughout our earthly life,  
Our balm in sorrow  
and our stay in strife;  
Then, when Thy voice shall  
bid our conflict cease,  
Call us, O Lord,  
to Thine eternal peace.

#### **BENEDICTION:**

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*):
  - His Spirit: 1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Cor. 2:12
  - His Strength: Isaiah 41:10; Philippians 4:13
  - His Faithfulness: Lam. 3:22-23; Num. 23:19
2. **This Week’s Memory Verse: His Peace:**



<sup>ESV</sup> **Isaiah 26:3** "You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you."

3. **Facebook:** Check in and be positive!
4. **Let's Pray:** After the Postlude. Today's Prayer Partners: Alan (8:00); Brian (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. **Africa Presentations:** Today at 9:30 and Noon; Monday at 8 PM.

### POSTLUDE and CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

### READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK:

Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-16; Luke 12:22-34

## The ABC Bible Verses

### How many of the 52 blanks can you correctly fill-in?

- A:** All have \_\_\_\_\_ and fall \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. **Romans 3:23**
- B:** Believe in the Lord \_\_\_\_\_, and you will be \_\_\_\_\_. **Acts 16:31**
- C:** Children, \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, for this pleases the Lord. **Colossians 3:20**
- D:** Do not be overcome by \_\_\_\_\_, but overcome evil with \_\_\_\_\_. **Romans 12:21**
- E:** Even a \_\_\_\_\_ is known by his \_\_\_\_\_. **Proverbs 20:11**
- F:** Forgive us our \_\_\_\_\_, for we also forgive \_\_\_\_\_ who sins against \_\_\_\_\_. **Luke 11:4**
- G:** God is \_\_\_\_\_. **1 John 4:8**
- H:** Honor your \_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_. **Exodus 20:12**
- I:** I am the \_\_\_\_\_; you are the \_\_\_\_\_. **John 15:5**
- J:** Jesus \_\_\_\_\_. **John 11:35**
- K:** Keep your \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_. **Psalm 34:13**
- L:** Lead us \_\_\_\_\_ into temptation. **Matthew 6:13**
- M:** My sheep \_\_\_\_\_ to My \_\_\_\_\_. **John 10:27**
- N:** No one can \_\_\_\_\_ masters. **Matthew 6:24**
- O:** O LORD my God, I take \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. **Psalm 7:1**
- P:** Praise the \_\_\_\_\_! **Psalm 149:9**
- Q:** Quick to \_\_\_\_\_, slow to \_\_\_\_\_ and slow to become \_\_\_\_\_. **James 1:19**
- R:** Remember the \_\_\_\_\_ day by \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_. **Exodus 20:8**
- S:** Seek \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_. **Matthew 6:33**
- T:** Trust in the Lord with \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_. **Proverbs 3:5**
- U:** Understand that the \_\_\_\_\_ was formed at \_\_\_\_\_ command. **Hebrews 11:3**
- V:** Victory rests with the \_\_\_\_\_. **Proverbs 21:31**
- W:** Walk as \_\_\_\_\_ did. **1 John 2:6**
- X:** Excel in \_\_\_\_\_ that build up the \_\_\_\_\_. **1 Corinthians 14:12**
- Y:** You are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_. **Matthew 5:14**
- Z:** Zion will be \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_. **Isaiah 1:27**



**Pickup an ABC Bible Verses brochure by our main entrance to check your answers!**

## Thanks for Serving on July 31

Leader: Dr. Phillip Giessler  
 Pastoral Assts.: Alan Carlson, Ray Dmytriw, Matt Hlavacek,  
 Jerry Huttner, Brian Zeleznikar  
 Organist: Gayle Powers  
 Altar Guild: Bonnie Moyer, Angie Zeleznikar  
 Candles: Lynda Tomasch  
 Financial Team: Natalia Ford, Jerry Huttner

### 8:00 Service

Ushers: Rand Stender, Diane Martin,  
 Jeanette De Simone  
 Lord's Supper: Alan Carlson  
 Prayer Partner: Alan Carlson

### 9:10 Refreshments

Miriam Engleman, Doris Chmielewski

### 10:45 Service

Ushers: Jim Ford, Paul Martens, Lillie Riechert  
 Nursery: Angie Zeleznikar  
 Lord's Supper: Brian Zeleznikar  
 Prayer Partner: Brian Zeleznikar

## Thanks for Serving on August 7

Leader: Pastor Robert Green  
 Pastoral Assts.: Alan Carlson, Ray Dmytriw, Matt Hlavacek,  
 Jerry Huttner, Brian Zeleznikar  
 Organist: Gayle Powers  
 Altar Guild: Kathy Green, Angie Rohman  
 Candles: Lynda Tomasch  
 Financial Team: Natalia Ford, Janet Chilton

### 8:00 Service

Ushers: Jim Cannonie, Ed Wasseen, Ray Klesch  
 Lord's Supper: Tim Chilton  
 Prayer Partner: Millie Sluka

### 9:10 Refreshments

Miriam Engleman, Doris Chmielewski

### 10:45 Service

Ushers: Terry Tomasch, Birian Zeleznikar,  
 Matt Fischer  
 Nursery: Lindsey Cheatham  
 Lord's Supper: Paul Martens  
 Prayer Partner: Matt Hlavacek

## 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:** Normally offered on the first, second, and fourth Sundays of each month.
- + **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 an Elder after today's service.

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