



# Bethlehem Lutheran Church

➔ Know Jesus, ➔ Grow in the Bible, ➔ Excel in Loving God and Others

**Saturday, August 15 at 4:00**

**Sunday, August 16 at 9:00**

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Tenth after Trinity – 2020

YOUR WORD is a lamp unto my feet  
and a LIGHT unto my path.

PSALM 119:105

Thanks to Dr. Phil Giessler for substituting today for Pastor Green!

Today's service is **Divine Service, Setting One** (Adapted from Lutheran Service Book, 151-166).

## BETHLEHEM – A SAFE PLACE FOR EVERYONE:

- **Receive God's Gifts:** Join us inside, or listen from your car through FM 89.9
- **Seating:** Sit in the **RESERVED** pews.
- **Precautions:** We are not currently shaking hands, passing plates, or using the common cup.

**WELCOME TO DIVINE SERVICE:** We gather to receive God's gifts through Word and Sacrament!

- ✦ **Visitors:** We are glad you are here! This folder will guide you through today's service. We look

forward to getting better acquainted, so please complete the green attendance slip!

- ✦ **Prayer Request:** See a "yellow" card (Narthex) and the "Receive Prayer" section (end of folder).
- ✦ **Young Children:** Activity bags (by worship entrance); Little Lamb Room (off Narthex).
- ✦ **Phone:** Please silence at this time!
- ✦ **Hearing Assistance:** Available in Narthex.
- ✦ **Service Folder:** Get it on your smartphone: [www.BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com/ServiceFolder](http://www.BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com/ServiceFolder)

## GOOD NEWS:

L: He is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## PRELUDE

**PREPARTION TO RECEIVE:** *Use One or More...*

⇒ **Prayers for Worship:** *Inside front cover of LSB*

⇒ **Table of Duties:** *Page 328 in LSB*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

### ↑ GOD'S WORK of SORROW and ASSURANCE:

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

L: [kneel / stand] 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 deserve 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: 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!

C: **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**HYMN:** *Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear*  
See the words below / TLH 5

1. Lord, open Thou my heart to hear  
And through Thy Word to me draw near;  
Let me Thy Word e'er pure retain,  
Let me Thy child and heir remain.
2. Thy Word doth deeply move the heart,  
Thy Word doth perfect health impart,  
Thy Word my soul with joy doth bless,  
Thy Word brings peace and happiness.
3. To God, the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Shall glory, praise and honor be  
Now and throughout eternity.

## 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.* Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.** ↓

## OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 AAT

See Below / Pew Bible Page 1149 / Own Bible

<sup>1</sup> The LORD says: "Be just and do what is right, for I am ready to save you and to show My righteousness."

<sup>6</sup> And the strangers who join the LORD to be His servants and bless the LORD's name, those who keep the Sabbath and cling to My covenant--

<sup>7</sup> I will also bring them to My holy hill and make them happy in My house of prayer. They will bring their burnt offerings and their sacrifices to be accepted on My altar, for My temple will be called a house of prayer for all people.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord GOD, who gathers the scattered people of Israel, says this: "I will gather others to them besides their own people who are already gathered."

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## PSALM: 67 ESV

See Below / Front of LSB / Own Bible

- 1 May God be gracious to us and | bless us\*  
and make his face to shine up- | on us,
- 2 that your way may be | known on earth,\*  
your saving power among all | nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, | O God;\*  
let all the peoples | praise you!
- 4 Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,\*

for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations up- | on earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, | O God;\*  
let all the peoples | praise you!

6 The earth has yielded its | increase;\*  
God, our God, shall | bless us.

7 God shall | bless us;\*

let all the ends of the earth | fear him!

**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 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32 NET

See Below / Pew Bible Page 1761 / Own Bible

<sup>1</sup> So I ask, "God did not reject His people, did He?" Certainly not--I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham and of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup> God has not rejected His people whom He chose long ago.

<sup>13</sup> Now, I am speaking to you Gentiles.

Therefore, I will continue to glorify my ministry for as long as I am sent to the Gentiles. <sup>14</sup> Perhaps I can make my fellow Jews jealous and save some of them. <sup>15</sup> For when God rejects them, the world is reconciled to God; when God accepts them, what can it mean but that the dead will come to life?

<sup>28</sup> From the viewpoint of the Gospel they are treated as enemies for your benefit, but from the viewpoint of God's choice they are loved on account of their fathers. <sup>29</sup> For God never changes His mind when He gives anything or calls anyone. <sup>30</sup> Once you disobeyed God, but now that the Jews have disobeyed, He has been merciful to you. <sup>31</sup> So they also have disobeyed now--while you enjoy mercy--that they also might receive mercy. <sup>32</sup> You see, God has put all people in a prison of disobedience in order to be merciful to all.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**↑ ALLELUIA and VERSE** (LSB 156):

See the words below / 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 15:21-28 NET**

See Below / Pew Bible Page 1522 / Own Bible

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

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

<sup>21</sup> Leaving that place, Jesus went away to the neighborhood of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> There was a Canaanite woman of that territory who came out and began to shout: "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! A demon is severely tormenting my daughter." <sup>23</sup> But He did not answer her a word. Then His disciples came to Him and urged Him, "Send her away. She's yelling after us." <sup>24</sup> "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel," He answered. <sup>25</sup> She came and bowed down before Him. "Lord, help me!" she said. <sup>26</sup> He answered, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup> "You are right, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat some of the crumbs that drop from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, you have a strong faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." At that moment her daughter was made well.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ. ↓**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

See the words below / TLH 320

1. Lord Jesus, think on me  
And purge away my sin;  
From earth-born passions set me free  
And make me pure within.
3. Lord Jesus, think on me  
Amid the battle's strife;  
In all my pain and misery  
Be Thou my Health and Life.

4. Lord Jesus, think on me  
Nor let me go astray;  
Through darkness and perplexity  
Point Thou the heavenly way.
7. Lord Jesus, think on me  
That I may sing above  
To Father, Spirit, and to Thee  
The strains of praise and love.

**SERMON: THE MAGNIFICENT 119TH PSALM**

Psalm 119:105

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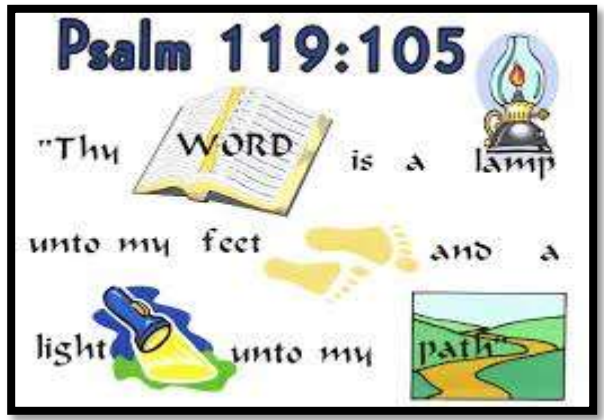
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## POST-SERMON HYMN:

*O Word of God Incarnate*

See the words below / TLH 294

1. O Word of God Incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,  
O Light of our dark sky,  
We praise Thee for the radiance  
That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps  
Shines on from age to age.
2. The Church from her dear Master  
Received the gift divine,  
And still that light she lifteth  
O'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the golden casket  
Where gems of truth are stored;  
It is the heaven-drawn picture  
Of Christ, the living Word.
3. It floateth like a banner  
Before God's host unfurled;  
It shineth like a beacon  
Above the darkling world.  
It is the chart and compass  
That o'er life's surging sea,  
'Mid mists and rocks and quicksands,  
Still guides, O Christ, to thee.
4. O make thy church, dear Savior,  
A lamp of burnished gold,  
To bear before the nations  
Thy true light, as of old!  
O teach thy wand'ring pilgrims  
By this their path to trace,  
Till, clouds and darkness ended,  
They see thee face to face.

## ↑ OFFERTORY: *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.**

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

### 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 reasonable 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 some requests in our Participation Guide, including the following . . . , *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.**

**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...**

**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.**

**Saturday** → **LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER:**

L: We pray together:

A: **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me (Mt. 18:10), that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

**Sunday** → **LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER:**

L: We pray together:

A: **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day**

**also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me (Mt. 18:10), that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION:** *Receive 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.** ↓

**CLOSING HYMN:**

*My God, Accept My Heart This Day*

See the words below / TLH 339

1. My God, accept my heart this day  
And make it always Thine  
That I from Thee no more may stray,  
No more from Thee decline.
3. Anoint me with Thy Spirit's grace  
And seal me for Thine own  
That I may see Thy glorious face  
And worship near Thy throne.
5. Let every thought and work and word  
To Thee be ever given;  
Then life shall be Thy service, Lord,  
And death the gate of heaven.

**POSTLUDE and CANDLE EXTINGUISHING**

*Let us apply God's Word to our daily lives!*

**BENEFIT FROM TODAY'S SERMON:**

Listen Again – on our website or podcast!

**SATURDAYS – Regular Schedule:**

- ◆ Bible Class: 3:00
- ◆ Divine Service: 4:00



**SUNDAYS – After Service Blessings:**

- ◆ Receive Prayer: Active Stephen Ministers (Alan, Jerry, Dee, Bill, Norma) are available after the service; they are glad to pray for you!
- ◆ Refreshments (10:15): Join us down the hall!
- ◆ Bible Class and Sunday School (10:30):
  - ⇒ Bible Class (CLR): 9<sup>th</sup> grade to adults
  - ⇒ Sunday School (UR): 3 years to 8<sup>th</sup> grade

**OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION:** *Would you consider increasing by 10%? THANKS!*

- Needed Each Week (budget): **4,684**
- Received Last Week (actual): **2,441**
- Budget Versus Giving (YTD): **826**
- Spending Versus Giving (YTD): **- 2,738**

**THANKS FOR SERVING ON 8/15 & 8/16**

Smart Recorder: Kathy G  
 Altar Guild: Kathy G  
 Financial Team: Natalia F, Jerry H

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Saturday: Pastor Team: \_\_\_\_\_ ; Usher: Matt K

Sunday: Pastor Team: Matthias M  
Ushers: Terry T, Larry H, John H, Klaus K  
Beverages: Doris C  
Sunday School: Marci S

**THANKS FOR SERVING ON 8/22 & 8/23**

Altar Guild: Norma S  
 Financial Team: Natalia F, Inez G

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Saturday: Pastor Team: \_\_\_\_\_ ; Usher: Matt K

Sunday: Pastor Team: Harold W  
Ushers: Terry T, Larry H, John H, Klaus K  
Beverages: Doris C  
Sunday School: Kathy G

# NEXT WEEK



**And how is your answer influencing your daily life?**

# COMING SOON

## ➔ Important sermon series on the topic of Heaven:

- ✓ What happens the moment we die?
- ✓ Will we have a body in heaven?
- ✓ Will we see people we know?
- ✓ Will our life undergo a thorough review?
- ✓ Will some go to hell?
- ✓ Which is more real, life now or life to come?

## ➔ New ways to work with our members – including a proper distribution of responsibilities!

## ➔ More emphasis on outreach – our dying (dead) world needs the living Christ!

## WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS

### Connect With Us

<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com">BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com</a>	<b>Podcast:</b>	"Benefit from the Bible" (listen to the sermons)	
<b>Facebook:</b>	"Bethlehem Lutheran Church Parma"	<b>Address:</b>	7500 State Road, Parma, Ohio 44134	
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<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	
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