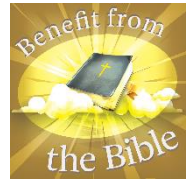




Bethlehem Lutheran Church – 2024

Truth – Forgiveness – Assurance – Peace – Guidance

Saturday, 6/29 at 4 pm; Sunday, 6/30 at 9 am

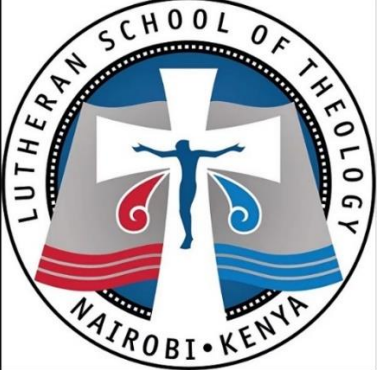


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LSB – maroon
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Welcome to Bethlehem, Parma

Guest Preacher
Rev. James May
Sat (6/29) 4:00
Sun (6/30) 9:00

Africa Presentation
Sat 5, Sun 10:30



Welcome, Rev. James May (LCMS Pastor) – serving on the Continent of Africa since 2006

Welcome: Thanks for honoring the LORD by gathering to receive His gifts!

Church Year: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Divine Service: Setting Three, LSB 184-202.

Today: Rev. James May will help us understand the Difficulties of Trusting God’s Mercy.

- ☺ **Visitors:** Welcome! Please complete an attendance slip and let us know 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.
- ☺ **Service Folder:** Available on your smartphone: 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...

CONFESSION 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: 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. *[Heb. 10:22]*
- C: Who made heaven and earth.** *Ps. 124:8*
- L: ☩ I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD.
- C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Ps. 32:5*

Silence for self-examination.

L: O almighty God, merciful Father,
A: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

L: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead *[in the place of]* and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20:19-23]

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Saturday → Hymn

Sunday → Entrance Hymn and Procession

↑ HYMN: *Be Still, My Soul*

Please turn to LSB 752 – Maroon Hymnal

KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47

L: 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:

L: The LORD be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray: Heavenly Father, during Jesus' earthly ministry You worked through Him to heal the sick and raise the dead. Now, through word and sacrament, keep us sorry for our sins, trusting in Jesus for eternal life, and sure of Your gift of forgiveness; through the same Jesus Christ, 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:

Let Us Trust in the LORD – No Matter What!

In each situation, what should we do?

- When our bodies are injured...
- When we are worried...
- When we are afraid...
- When we fall into sin...

OLD TESTAMENT: Lamentations 3:22-33 NAS-95

See Below / Pew Bible Page 1279 / Own Bible

Let us trust in the LORD – no matter what!

²² The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

²⁴ "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I have hope in Him." ²⁵ The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, To the person who seeks Him. ²⁶ It is good that he waits silently For the salvation of the LORD.

²⁷ It is good for a man that he should bear The yoke *[of wood (the burden)]* in his youth. ²⁸ Let him sit alone and be silent Since He has laid it on him. ²⁹ Let him put his mouth in the dust, Perhaps there is hope. ³⁰ Let him give his cheek to the smiter, Let him be filled with reproach. ³¹ For the Lord will not reject forever, ³² For if He causes grief, Then He will have compassion According to His abundant lovingkindness. ³³ For He does not afflict willingly Or grieve the sons of men.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM: 30

ESV

See Below / Front of LSB / Own Bible

- 1 I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up*
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,*
and you have | healed me.

3 O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;*

you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.

4 Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,* and give thanks to his | holy name.

5 For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.*

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.

6 As for me, I said in my pros- | perity,* “I shall nev- | er be moved.”

7 By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain | stand strong;*

you hid your face; I | was dismayed.

8 To you, O | LORD, I cry,* and to the Lord I plead for | mercy:

9 “What profit is there in my death, if I go down | to the pit?*

Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your | faithfulness?

10 Hear, O LORD, and be merci- | ful to me!*

O LORD, be my | helper!”

11 You have turned for me my mourning into | dancing;*

you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with | gladness,

12 that my glory may sing your praise and not be | silent.*

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you 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: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15 NAS-95
 See Below / Pew Bible Page 1801 / Own Bible

¹ Now, brethren [in Corinth], we wish to make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, ² that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy

and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality. ³ For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, *they gave* of their own accord, ⁴ begging us with much urging for the favor of participation in the support of the saints, ⁵ and *this*, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.

⁶ So we urged Titus that as he had previously made a beginning, so he would also complete in you this gracious work as well. ⁷ But just as you abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness and in the love we inspired in you, see that you abound in this gracious work also. ⁸ I am not speaking *this* as a command, but as proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity of your love also. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich....

¹³ For *this* [giving] is not for the ease of others and for your affliction, but by way of equality--
¹⁴ at this present time your abundance *being a supply* for their need, so that their abundance also may become *a supply* for your need, that there may be equality; ¹⁵ as it is written [in Ex. 16:18 regarding the gathering of manna], “HE WHO gathered MUCH DID NOT HAVE TOO MUCH, AND HE WHO gathered LITTLE HAD NO LACK.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

↑ ALLELUIA and VERSE

LSB 156

John 6:68

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: Mark 5:21-43 NAS-95
 See Below / Pew Bible Page 1559 / Own Bible

Trust in Jesus and Amazing Miracles!

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fifth chapter.

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

²¹ When Jesus had crossed over again in the boat to the other side [*of the Sea of Galilee*], a large crowd gathered around Him; and so He stayed by the seashore. ²² One of the synagogue officials named Jairus came up, and on seeing Him, fell at His feet ²³ and implored Him earnestly, saying, **“My little daughter is at the point of death; please come and lay Your hands on her, so that she will get well and live.”** ²⁴ And He went off with him; and a large crowd was following Him and pressing in on Him.

²⁵ A woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years, ²⁶ and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but rather had grown worse--²⁷ after hearing about Jesus, she came up in the crowd behind Him and touched His cloak. ²⁸ For she thought, **“If I just touch His garments, I will get well.”** ²⁹ Immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction.

³⁰ Immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that the power *proceeding* from Him had gone forth, turned around in the crowd and said, **“Who touched My garments?”** ³¹ And His disciples said to Him, **“You see the crowd pressing in on You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’”** ³² And He looked around to see the woman who had done this. ³³ But the woman fearing and trembling, aware of what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. ³⁴ And He said to her, **“Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your affliction.”**

³⁵ While He was still speaking, they came from the *house* of the synagogue official, saying, **“Your daughter has died; why trouble the Teacher anymore?”** ³⁶ But Jesus, overhearing

what was being spoken, said to the synagogue official, **“Do not be afraid any longer, only believe.”** ³⁷ And He allowed no one to accompany Him, except Peter and James and John the brother of James.

³⁸ They came to the house of the synagogue official; and He saw a commotion, and *people* loudly weeping and wailing. ³⁹ And entering in, He said to them, **“Why make a commotion and weep? The child has not died, but is asleep.”**

⁴⁰ They *began* laughing at Him. But putting them all out, He took along the child’s father and mother and His own companions, and entered *the room* where the child was. ⁴¹ Taking the child by the hand, He said to her, **“Talitha kum!”** (which translated means, **“Little girl, I say to you, get up!”**). ⁴² Immediately the girl got up and *began* to walk, for she was twelve years old. And immediately they were completely astounded.

⁴³ And He gave them strict orders that no one should know about this, and He said that *something* should be given her to eat.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.** ↓

HYMN: *Today Your Mercy Calls Us*

Please turn to LSB 915 – Maroon Hymnal

SERMON: Difficulties of Trusting in God’s Mercy

Rev. James May

SERMON RESPONSE: *Sung by all!*

See the words below / **LSB 192-193**

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: *See the back of either hymnal...*

Offering: Plates are available in the center aisle.

Thanks for Honoring the LORD!

↑ **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** 1 Timothy 2:1-4

Request a Prayer: Complete a PRAYER REQUEST card (available in the Narthex). Want a prayer sent through our prayer chain? Call or text Kathy G: 440-785-3802.

Prayer List Procedure: Names on our list with a (3) need to be renewed by Wednesday at 3:00. Contact your person to see how he/she is doing; then give Kathy an update. For non-members on our list, *share their address with Kathy* (secretary@blc7500.com).

After Each Petition: L: LORD, in Your mercy.
C: Hear our prayer.

- ➔ **Lutheran School of Theology:** Pray for faithful workers, dedicated students, safety on the campus and in Kenya, and the needed funding to train men to serve as Lutheran pastors.
- ➔ **US Armed Forces and Police:** Chris Sala, Brad Sala, Nick Riviotta, Jacob Smith, Hayden Sweeny, Drew Tenney, and Chris Weseloh.

Congregation

- ➔ **Care:** People who normally cannot attend and have chronic health issues: **Wally A, Helga B, Pat B, Doris C, Sandy C, Roger D, Carole G, Lois K, Edmund & Christl K, Bill M, Regina M, Connie P, June R, Jean S, Gertrude S, Mike & Susanna T.** (They receive mailings and visits.)
- ➔ **Stephen Ministry:** Pray for Norma S (leader), Linda B, Alan C, Klara S, Rhonda S, and Bill S (ministers), and their care receivers.
- ➔ **Grief Share:** It resumes on **9/3**; see the bulletin board, register, tell others.
- ➔ **Congratulations:** To Roger & Roseanne Dowell on the recent birth of their grandson, Wyatt Timothy Dowell.
- ➔ **Temporary Health Issues:**
 - **Mel Bucholtz** (3) prop. diag., peace, healing.

- **Sandy Crites** (2) left knee, pain, mobility.
- **Dennis Montick** (2) disc issue in neck, relief from severe pain, successful treatments.
- **Larry Haslem** (3) cataract surgeries, success.
- **Cedrick Hilliker** (3) rotator cuff tear: pain relief, medical approval for surgery.
- **Jim Jenni** (3) stroke, rehab success.
- **Eileen Kovach** (1) sciatica, shingles, pain relief and healing.
- **Kevin Liddy** (3) knee surgery 6/18, healing.
- **Gertrude Stephen-Hancko** (3) broken femur.

For Others

➔ Temporary Health Issues:

- **Dennis** (bro. of Janice M) (1) stroke, rehab.
- **Henry** (1) brain cancer, chemo, guidance.
- **Jeff** (1) (nephew of Mike & Sue C) brain and spine cancer, peace through Jesus, comfort.
- **Ken** (brother of Janice M) (1) cancer, peace.
- **Kathy Abernathy** (1) breast cancer, chemo.
- **Michael Beauchesne** – infusions, healing.
- **Bob Coufalik** (3) pacemaker, healing.
- **Garrett Haslem** (3) breathing problems from overseas military service, healing.
- **Melanie Himmelberger** – bone cancer.
- **Gayle Powers** (1) cont. strength and rehab.
- **Ed Stash** – cancer, chemo (hospice soon).
- **Jim Vrabel** (2) surgery (5/23), cont. healing.
- **Mark Woodward** (2) immunotherapy cancer treatments; severe pain from a herniated disc; recovering from a broken hip.

Celebrate and Give Thanks

Physical Birthdays:

- 7/2 Don Crites
- 7/3 Dave Rohman
- 7/5 Rachel Widzinski
- 7/5 Shawn Widzinski

7/6 Brad Sala

7/6 Brian Sala

Baptism Anniversaries:

7/1 Paul Moyer Jr.

7/1 Gabe Montgomery

7/1 Larry Haslem

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 HYMN:

Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

Please turn to LSB 619 – Maroon Hymnal

LORD’S SUPPER SELF-EXAMINATION:

“Let a person examine himself” (1Cor. 11:28 ESV).

Should I receive the Lord’s Supper today?

Can you answer “Yes” to these nine questions?

More: Read through a Self-Examination Brochure

Part 1: Am I a Christian?

1. **Do I believe the Bible is true?** Y N *John 17:17*
2. **Am I sorry for my sins?** Y N *2 Cor. 7:10*
3. **Am I trusting in Jesus alone for my entrance into heaven?** Y N *Acts 4:12*
4. **Am I baptized?** Y N *Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:38-39; Tit. 3:5*
5. **Do I desire to live for Christ?** Y N *2 Cor. 5:15*

Part 2: Am I right with others?

6. **Am I reconciled with others?** Y N *Rom. 12:18*
7. **Am I forgiving others?** Y N *Mark 11:25*

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 *1 Cor. 10:16*
9. **Is the main benefit of the Supper the assurance of the forgiveness of sins?** Y N *Matt. 26:26-28*

↑ PREFACE and PROPER PREFACE:

L: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim. 4:22*

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.** *[Col. 3:1]*

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

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.** *[Ps. 136]*

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. But now, risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy **LSB 195**

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

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: *See 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*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD:

Combining: Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1Co 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI ~ Peace of the Lord *John 20:19*

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

LSB 198

John 1:29

- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen.

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.
- ♦ Receive. Go in peace. Return via the side aisle.
- ♦ Main dismissal! After everyone has returned.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

LORD'S SUPPER DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT: *Let Us Pray*

L: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN: *O God, My Faithful God*

Sing to the tune of LSB 895

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.
- 6 And on that final day
When all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand,
My deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice,
Redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice
With those who love Your name.

SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS:

- L: The Lord be with you. 2 Tim. 4:22
- C: **And also with you.**
- L: Bless we the Lord. [Psalm 103:1]
- C: **Thanks be to God.**

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 lift up His *countenance* (face) upon you and give you peace.
- C: Amen.

July Newsletter – Available in the Narthex

CANDLE EXTINGUISHING and POSTLUDE

Refreshment Time – Will You Help?

The Hilliker's will be out-of-town the weekends of **7/7 & 7/14**. Please volunteer to help make the refreshment time happen on those Sundays! **If you are willing to help:** ➔ **Contact Kathy G**

Help Wanted – Part-time

Part-Time Help Wanted: Car delivery driver. More Info – Contact Paul Moyer at 440-227-6755.

Schedule: 6/30 – 7/7

Wednesday

1:00 – Sisters of Light

Thursday – 7/4

10:00 – LTLL: Preview of Upcoming Readings

Saturday

3:00 – Bible Class

4:00 – Divine Service

Sunday

9:00 – Divine Service

10:45 – Bible Classes and Sunday School

Thanks For Serving on 6/29 & 6/30

Altar Guild: Don & Carol D

Saturday: Organ: Kathy G Usher: Matt K
Pastor Team – Welcome: Alan C
Distribution – Mike C

Sunday: Organ: Marci S
Pastor Team – Welcome
Distribution – Matthias M
Ushers: Carl B
Refreshments: The Hilliker Family & others
Sunday School: Heather H, Cedrick/Harold

Financial Team: Natalia F, Linda W

Thanks For Serving on 7/6 & 7/7

Altar Guild: Kathy G

Saturday: Organ: Kathy G Ushers: Jim & Shawn W

Pastor Team – Welcome: Alan C

Distribution – Alan C

Sunday: Organ: Kathy G

Pastor Team – Welcome: Tim C

Distribution – Harold W

Ushers: Rand S, Nevin S

Refreshments: The Hilliker Family & others

Sunday School: Stacey J, Cedrick/Harold

Financial Team: Natalia F, Paul M

Numbers From Last Week

Received God's Gifts – Services:

- Saturday at 4:00 – Inside: **36**; car: **5**
- Sunday at 9:00 – Inside: **52**; car: **0**

Studied God's Word – Classes:

- Saturday at 3:00: **11**
- Sunday at 10:30: **39**
- Thursday at 10: **7**

Supported God's Work:

- **Needed** Each Week (budget): **5,134**
- **Received** Last Week (actual): **6,311**
- **Gross Surplus YTD** – *as of last week:* **23,495** – **Thanks so much!**
- **Net Surplus YTD** – *as of 5/31/24:* **7,471**



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