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# The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 27, 2021

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod  
14531 Old Olga Road  
Fort Myers, FL

# *Bethlehem Lutheran Church*

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class: 11:30 AM

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The woman who touched Jesus' clothes and was healed was an outcast among her own people. Her illness meant that others saw her as unclean and avoided her. Who are the people in your community that are often looked down upon or left out? What act of kindness can you do for someone who may be feeling left out in some way?

Appropriate touch is a way of expressing love and care for others. Research has shown that as humans we need the touch of others to stay healthy in body, mind and spirit. Holding hands while praying and blessing someone with the sign of the cross on their hand or forehead are forms of a healthy touch. Hold hands while praying the Lord's Prayer. Then bless one another:

**May God bless you to know that Jesus has touched you with peace today.**



**IT IS GREAT TO HAVE YOU IN WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!**

Here at Bethlehem Lutheran, we believe in the teachings of the Bible as taught by Jesus and the apostles and strive to live our lives in accord with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are all fellow sinners who live together in the mercy and grace of Jesus. Jesus is the heart and center of all that we say and do as we serve Him and live in Christian love with one another.

If you would like to learn more about this church, or are looking for a church family, please talk to our pastor or one of the ushers or elders. They would be happy to talk with you! Regardless of whether you join or not, we welcome you and your

family to worship with us any time! Please sign our guest register in the lobby and fill out the Communication Card in the bulletin and place in the offering plate in the Narthex. Please include your local contact information and email.

Members, please fill in your name for attendance. Thank you!

Should you have something we could privately pray about for you this week, we invite you to let our pastor or one of our members know so we can seek the Lord's face together.

Come visit us again sometime soon and may the Lord richly bless you!

## **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*June 27, 2021*

### **PRELUDE**

### **✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠**

### **HYMN OF INVOCATION**

## **739 PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND**

- 1** Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Lead me on, let me stand;  
    I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light.  
    Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.
  
- 2** When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, linger near,  
    When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call;  
Hold my hand lest I fall.  
    Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.
  
- 3** When the darkness appears  
And the night draws near  
    And the day is almost gone,  
At the river I stand;  
Guide my feet, hold my hand,  
    Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

*(please rise)*

✠ **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** ✠

**P**In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C**Amen.

**P**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.)*

**P**Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our

**neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*(please be seated)*

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**INTROIT**

*Psalm 30*

**Joy Comes in the Morning**

**P** I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up

and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

**C** O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.

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

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

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

**P** 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.

**C** As for me, I said in my prosperity,  
“I shall never be moved.”

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

you hid your face;  
I was dismayed.

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

**P** “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?”

**C** Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!  
O LORD, be my helper!”

**P** You have turned for me my mourning into  
dancing;  
you have loosed my sackcloth  
and clothed me with gladness,

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

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you  
forever!

*(please rise)*

## **KYRIE**

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** 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.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

# **♪ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ♪**

**1 To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy;  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit**

**Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, during His earthly ministry  
Your Son Jesus healed the sick and raised the  
dead. By the healing medicine of the Word and  
Sacraments pour into our hearts such love  
toward You that we may live eternally; through  
the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*(please be seated)*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

### *Lamentations 3:22–33*

- <sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;  
his mercies never come to an end;  
<sup>23</sup>they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.
- <sup>24</sup>“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,  
“therefore I will hope in him.”
- <sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul who seeks him.
- <sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.
- <sup>27</sup>It is good for a man that he bear  
the yoke in his youth.
- <sup>28</sup>Let him sit alone in silence  
when it is laid on him;
- <sup>29</sup>let him put his mouth in the dust—  
there may yet be hope;
- <sup>30</sup>let him give his cheek to the one who strikes,  
and let him be filled with insults.
- <sup>31</sup>For the Lord will not  
cast off forever,
- <sup>32</sup>but, though he cause grief, he will have  
compassion  
according to the abundance of his steadfast

love;

<sup>33</sup>for he does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **EPISTLE**

*2 Corinthians 8:1–9, 13–15*

### **Encouragement to Give Generously**

<sup>1</sup>We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, <sup>2</sup>for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.

<sup>3</sup>For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, <sup>4</sup>begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— <sup>5</sup>and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

<sup>6</sup>Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. <sup>7</sup>But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in

our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

<sup>8</sup>I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. <sup>9</sup>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 by his poverty might become rich. . . .

<sup>13</sup>I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness <sup>14</sup>your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. <sup>15</sup>As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(please rise)*

**♪ ALLELUIA AND VERSE ♪**

**C** Alleluia.

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Mark 5:21–43*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fifth chapter.

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Jesus Heals a Woman and Jairus's Daughter**

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." <sup>24</sup>And he went with him.

And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. <sup>25</sup>And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, <sup>26</sup>and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. <sup>28</sup>For she said, "If I

touch even his garments, I will be made well.”

<sup>29</sup>And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my garments?” <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’” <sup>32</sup>And he looked around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your disease.”

<sup>35</sup>While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler’s house some who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?” <sup>36</sup>But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” <sup>37</sup>And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>And when he

had entered, he said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.” <sup>40</sup>And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>Taking her by the hand he said to her, “Talitha cumi,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.” <sup>42</sup>And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup>And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

**P**This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(please be seated)*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

### **783 TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE**

1 Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;

Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

**2** Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

**3** Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.

**4** Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

**5** Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

**6** Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;

Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

## **SERMON**

**" Made Rich by His Poverty"**

*. . . Pastor Karl*

*(please rise)*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**☐ 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.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Lord, in Your mercy

**C** Hear our prayer.

*(please be seated)*

## OFFERING

## ♪ OFFERTORY RESPONSE ♪

## 805 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

*(please rise)*

△ 1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;

**Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**☑** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

*(please be seated)*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

## **922 GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING**

*(Stanzas 1–4)*

**1** Go, My children, with My blessing,  
Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;  
You are My own.  
In My love's baptismal river  
I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children, with My blessing—  
You are My own.

**2** Go, My children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you,  
What I can cure.  
Here you heard My dear Son's story;  
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.

**3** Go, My children, fed and nourished,  
Closer to Me;  
Grow in love and love by serving,  
Joyful and free.

Here My Spirit's power filled you;  
Here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished,  
Joyful and free.

4 I the Lord will bless and keep you  
And give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you  
And give you peace:  
I the Lord will be your Father,  
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, My children; I will keep you  
And give you peace.

## **BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be  
gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give  
you peace.

**C** Amen.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **POSTLUDE**

# *This Week's Calendar*



**Today, Joyce Kimbrell's Farewell Service JUNE 27, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.**  
followed by Country ham croissants (Joyce's direction) and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall



**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY ~ JUNE 30, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.**

## *SPECIAL NEWS & NOTES*



**SUNDAY ~ JULY 4, 2021**  
**10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship**



**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME ~ JULY 7, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.**



**ADULT BIBLE CLASS WILL RESUME SUNDAY ~ JULY 11, 2021, at 11:30 a.m.**



## **Food basket for a family in need.**

**Items needed:** Canned vegetables and fruits, canned soups, canned tuna, canned chicken, Pasta, Family size frozen Lasagna, macaroni and cheese dinners, spaghetti sauce, and flavored rice mixes. Hot breakfast cereals such as oatmeal, complete pancake mix, requiring water only, maple syrup. All donations needed by today.

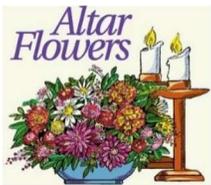


Bethlehem would like to extend our sympathy to Harrison (Kim) Kimbrell who lost his loved one; † **Joyce Kimbrell**, who passed away Tuesday, May 25th. Her Farewell service will be held here at Bethlehem today at 2:00.



**Flower Calendar:** The 2021 Flower Chart is up in the narthex. The flowers decorating the chancel at Bethlehem are placed there as an act of worship and devotion to glorify God. They are also, an expression of the beauty and goodness of God. Members of the congregation may donate altar flowers as an expression of thanksgiving to God, in

remembrance of departed loved one, on the occasion of a special event, such as a baptism, birthday, wedding anniversary, or simply to praise God. If you wish to donate flowers for use on the chancel, the cost is \$40.00 for two vases, if you would like to just purchase 1 vase at \$20.00 that's okay, but please put up there 1 vase and someone can sign up with you for the other. It is also tax deductible. Please place money in an envelope marked flowers in the offering basket.



**The Flowers** at our altar this morning were given to the *Glory of God* in memory of **†Joyce Kimbrell** by her husband Harrison (Kim) Kimbrell



## **Birthday Greetings!!**

6/27: Emeline Larson, 6/28: Robert Wiersum, 6/29: Matthew Glander

## ***Stewardship & Attendance***

### **Monthly Giving**

Offerings: \$5831

Expenses: \$8638

### **Weekly Attendance**

Worship Service – 27



## **Air Conditioning Fund:**

Air Conditioning Fund: The air conditioning units for the sanctuary were installed about 15 years ago. They have required more frequent maintenance and repair in the last year. We have begun raising funds to replace these units. The estimated replacement cost is approximately \$25,000. We have raised \$11,710. so far. Please label your donations as “A/C Fund “.

**Prayer Chain:** Life presents challenges to all of us, but sometimes those challenges can feel like it’s just too much. If you are experiencing situations, whether physical, emotional, or spiritual, you may give your prayer requests to Linda Kirsch 239-693-5026 or e-mail: [jlkirsch3@comcast.net](mailto:jlkirsch3@comcast.net) or call or email Linda if you would like to become a part of our Prayer chain. “Hear my prayer, O Lord; listen to my cry for mercy.”



Bertha Bos  
Frederick Dreischerf  
Vi Hacker  
Harrison Kimbrell



**OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY** goes to Emy Larson and the Larson family for the death of Jan Larson who passed away on June 17<sup>th</sup>, Susan Hansing and the Hansing family for the death of Ron Hansing who passed away May 30<sup>th</sup>, Holly Bell and the Bell family for the death of Gary Bell, who passed away May 25<sup>th</sup> and Harrison (Kim) Kimbrell and the Kimbrell family for the death of Joyce Kimbrell who passed away on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Please remember these families in your prayers as they grieve.



Rev. Karl P. Glander  
Organist: Holly Bell  
Elder: Paul Rugenstein  
Altar Guild: Pam Rugenstein, Betty Willis  
Ushers: Richard and Terri Gerlach  
Reader: Pam Rugenstein  
Acolyte: Jase Albert