

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Scott Thompson, Pastor
Marshall Jones, Director of Music

18th Sunday after Pentecost, September 26, 2021



Children are always welcome in the sanctuary during worship.

Today's Worship

Prelude

"Build New Bridges"

Wayne Wold

Elley Alvord, violin and Don Beller, double bass

Build new bridges--build them out of love, with hearts that dare to offer care and show God's mercy everywhere; build new bridges out of love, build them sturdy out of love.

Build new bridges--build them out of hope, with eyes that see how things can be and seek God's kingdom earnestly; build new bridges out of hope, build them sturdy out of hope.

Build new bridges--build them out of peace, with knees that kneel and hands that heal and strive to make God's justice real; build new bridges out of peace, build them sturdy out of peace.

Build new bridges--build them out of joy, with radiant smiles that stretch for miles and share the Word that reconciles; build new bridges out of joy, out of peace, out of hope; build them sturdy out of love.

THE GATHERING

(please stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

Presider: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

All: Amen.

Presider: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

(silence for reflection)

Presider: God, our comforter,

All: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Amen.

Presider: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True”

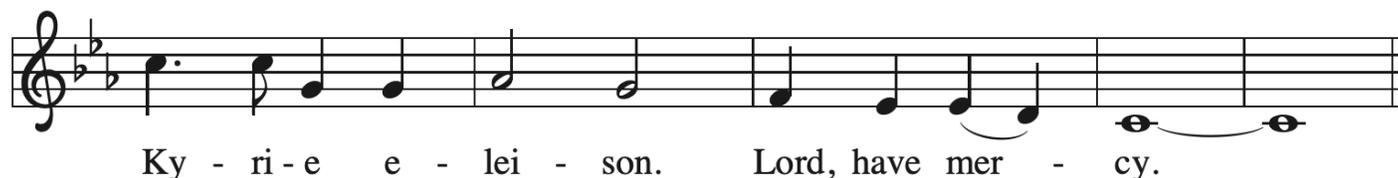
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Greeting

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Kyrie



Hymn Of Praise— verses 1 & 3



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

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Prayer of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen

(be seated)

THE WORD

First Reading

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me?"

¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. ²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

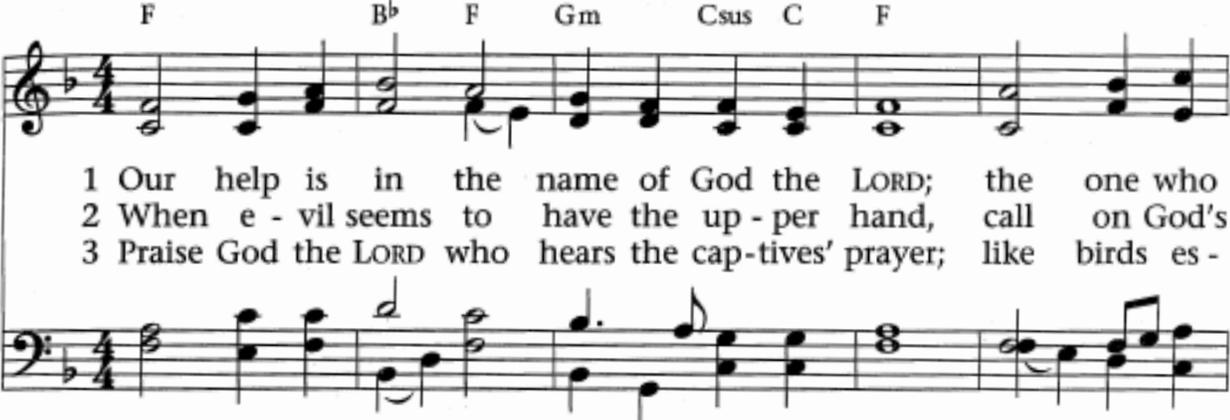
²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

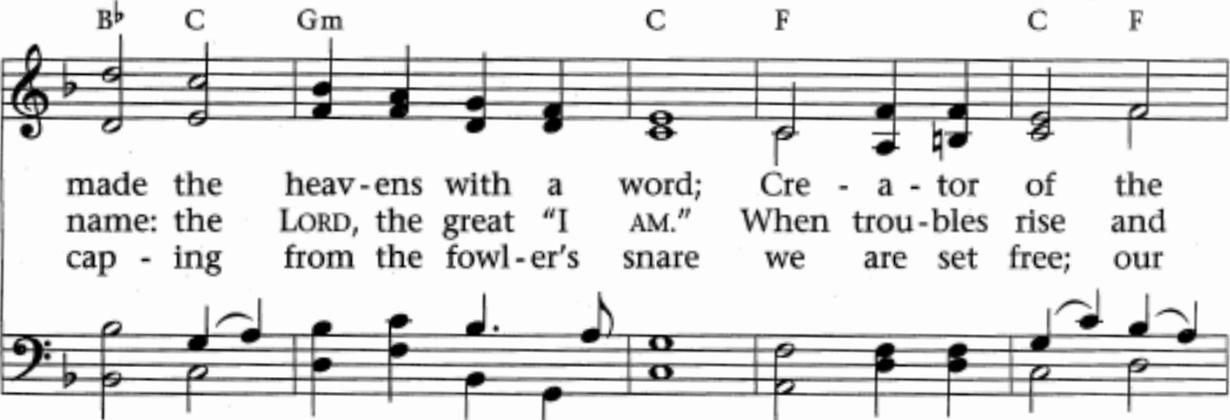
Psalm— Our Help Is In the Name of the Lord

F B^b F Gm Csus C F



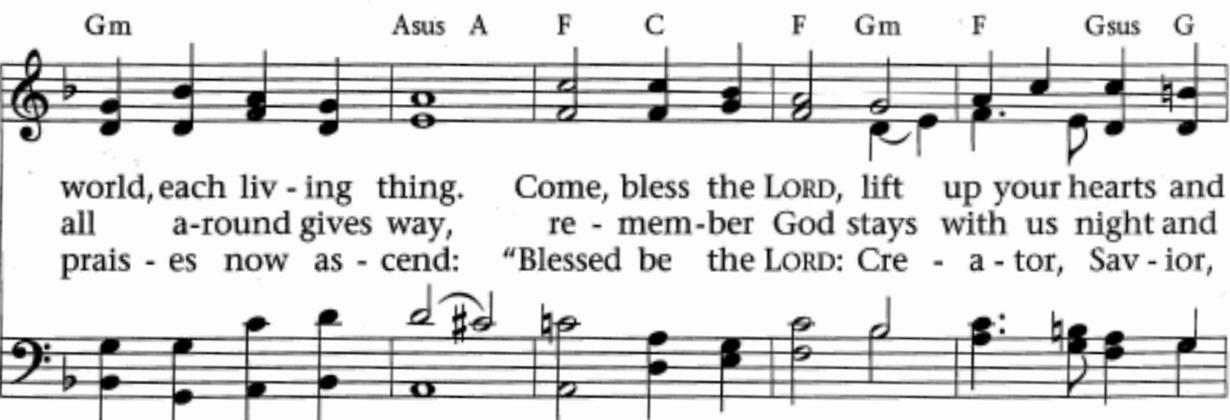
1 Our help is in the name of God the LORD; the one who
 2 When e - vil seems to have the up - per hand, call on God's
 3 Praise God the LORD who hears the cap-tives' prayer; like birds es -

B^b C Gm C F C F



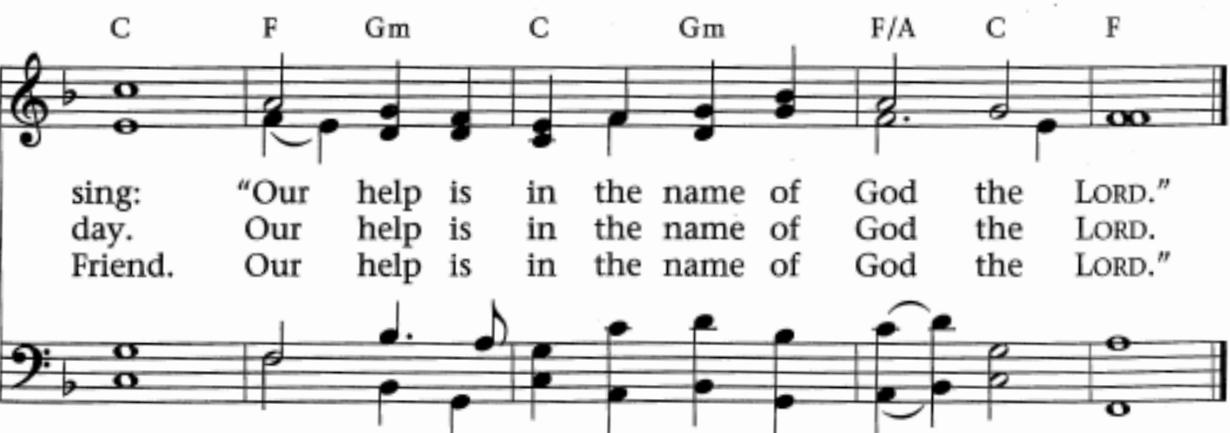
made the heav - ens with a word; Cre - a - tor of the
 name: the LORD, the great "I AM." When trou-bles rise and
 cap - ing from the fowl - er's snare we are set free; our

Gm Asus A F C F Gm F Gsus G



world, each liv - ing thing. Come, bless the LORD, lift up your hearts and
 all a - round gives way, re - mem - ber God stays with us night and
 prais - es now as - cend: "Blessed be the LORD: Cre - a - tor, Sav - ior,

C F Gm C Gm F/A C F



sing: "Our help is in the name of God the LORD."
 day. Our help is in the name of God the LORD.
 Friend. Our help is in the name of God the LORD."

Second Reading**James 5:13-20**

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand)



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



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Gospel Reading**Mark 9:38-50**

Reader: The Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us.

⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"⁴²If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.

⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell,

⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Reader- The Gospel of the Lord.

All- Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon**Sermon****Hymn of the Day**

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

ELW#719

(please stand)

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

The Prayers

Presider: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

After each portion of the prayers:

Presider: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Assistant- Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

(be seated)

Offering

“O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth”

Bender

Bethlehem Lutheran Choir

Your offerings are important to the ongoing mission of Bethlehem and it's mission partners. Please mail your offering to 603 S. Main St. Kalispell, MT 59901 or give online at <https://bethluth.org/give> . Thank you!

(please stand)

Offertory Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: It is our duty and our delight...

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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

(be seated)

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Lamb of God, Anne Krentz Organ
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Distribution of Holy Communion

All are welcome at the table of Christ. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.

Communion Hymns

“In the Garden”

Back of Hymnal

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

ELW#712

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

ELW#705

(please stand)

Communion Blessing

Presider: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

Post Communion Hymn



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

The Benediction

Presider: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, one God, bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Go, Make Disciples”

ELW#540

Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” arr. Anne Krentz Organ
 Please reflect on the words of the hymn ELW#712 or at
<https://hymnary.org/hymn/ELW2006/712>

Altar flowers are dedicated by Bill and Lauri Erickson in celebration of their anniversary.



Thank you to Pastor Al Jensen for leading us in worship today.



Blessing of our pets...

Blessing of the Animals Sunday will be on Oct 3. We'll have a special tribute to our pets during worship, plus an afternoon outdoor service of Blessing. **Send us a picture of your pet that we can use during worship.** A digital photo sent via email is best, but if you have a print, bring it to the office and we'll scan it. We'll also include a special segment for pets who have died, so feel free to send those pictures, too. Then, at 3PM we'll host a Blessing of the Animals – pets and their humans are welcome. Praise God for the animals!



FLBC's Fall Harvest Festival and Auction

An even to help make camp financially accessible to all. October 9th at FLBC.
 4:00pm– 5:30pm Silent Auction, Happy Hour, & Appetizers
 5:30pm Dinner Served
 6:15pm Live Auction & Program
 Contact FLBC at 406-752-6602 to purchase tickets.



God's work. Our hands.

This Fall we'll be joining with 3 neighborhood organizations to provide help and encouragement for our partners. These are opportunities to give of ourselves and serve those in need. One Sunday afternoon in each of Sept, Oct, and Nov. we'll go out to one of our partner ministries and lend a hand... we might serve a meal, we might sort some clothes, we might clean windows... all in the name of Jesus!



On October 17th our second partner organization will be The Sparrow's Nest. They need us to come do some yardwork. Mark your calendars and plan to share a couple hours that afternoon – more details to come!

And don't forget to wear your Yellow God's Work, Our Hands t-shirt! Or if you don't have one, we'll give you one!



Prayer Concerns: Illness/surgery:

Louise Gullick, Billy Byrd, Peggy Aasheim, Ashley Bissett, Kathryn Hoyt, Larry Passmore, Brian Hawken, Linda Galvin, Betsy Loftfield, Meghan Goodwin, and Joanne Getman.

A Special Thank You To Our Assisting Ministers:

Welcome Hosts: Tony and Gaylynn Nelson

Coffee Servers: Rick and Jan Ulvin

Communion Host:

Cantor: Solveig Munson

Reader:

Video Tech: Elley Alvord

This Week at Bethlehem

SUNDAY

9:00am

09/26

Worship / Communion and Sunday School

MONDAY

1:00pm

5:30pm

6:30pm

09/27

Women on the Go, FH

Handbell Practice

Mixture Practice

WEDNESDAY

6:45am

10:00am

5:30pm

6:00pm

7:00pm

09/29

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, FH

Staff Meeting

High School Youth Group

Strategic Planning Committee, FH

Choir Practice

THURSDAY

9:00am

9:00am

09/30

Knitters, FR

Quilters, FH

SUNDAY

9:00am

10:20am

3:00pm

5:00pm

10/03– Blessing of the Animals

Worship / Communion and Sunday School

Adult Bible Study, FH

Blessing of the Animals

High School Youth Group

