



# **Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

**Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**

14531 Old Olga Road

Fort Myers, FL

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14531 Old Olga Road S.E.

Ft Myers, FL 33905

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class: 11:30 AM

Church Office: **(239) 694-3878**

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Linda Kirsch, Church Secretary

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love.

Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, when someone is experiencing tough times, how can you comfort them?

The Greek word, *makarioi*, means blessed or happy. A blessing announces God's love and care for others. We are blessed to be followers of Jesus. Establishing the ritual of blessing those in

our home and those who visit builds trusted, caring relationships. Use this blessing as you greet and say farewell to family and friends: **May God bless you with hope and joy.**



## **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!

**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**LWML SUNDAY**  
*February 13, 2022*

**PRELUDE**

✠ **ORDER OF WORSHIP** ✠

**HYMN OF INVOCATION**

**973 THY WORD IS A LAMP**

**ref Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.**

1 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,  
Still You're there right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Please be near me to the end. **Refrain**

**ref Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.**

2 I will not forget Your love for me, and yet  
My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;  
And I will love You to the end. **Refrain**

*(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.

**☐** 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.)*

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

**☐** 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.

**☐** 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 1*

### **The Way of the Righteous and the Wicked**

**P** Blessèd is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

**C** but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.

**P** He is like a tree  
planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.

**C** The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

**P** Therefore the wicked will not stand in the  
judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**C** for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

*(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 ♪**

**C** 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.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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**     *Jeremiah 17:5–8*

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man  
and makes flesh his strength,  
whose heart turns away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>He is like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see any good come.  
He shall dwell in the parched places of the  
wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>He is like a tree planted by water,  
that sends out its roots by the stream,  
and does not fear when heat comes,  
for its leaves remain green,  
and is not anxious in the year of drought,  
for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

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

**C**Thanks be to God.

## **EPISTLE**

*1 Corinthians 15:1–20*

### **The Resurrection of Christ**

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the

contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

<sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

## **The Resurrection of the Dead**

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**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**

*Luke 6:17–26*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

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

## **Jesus Ministers to a Great Multitude**

<sup>17</sup>[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup>who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all the crowd

sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

## **The Beatitudes**

<sup>20</sup>And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

<sup>22</sup>“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!

<sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

## **Jesus Pronounces Woes**

<sup>24</sup>“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>“Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you,  
for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

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

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

*(Please be seated)*

## **SERMON HYMN**

### **729 I AM TRUSTING THEE, LORD JESUS**

**1** I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,  
Trusting only Thee;  
Trusting Thee for full salvation,  
Great and free.

**2** I am trusting Thee for pardon;  
At Thy feet I bow,  
For Thy grace and tender mercy  
Trusting now.

**3** I am trusting Thee for cleansing  
In the crimson flood;



Trusting Thee to make me holy  
By Thy blood.

4 I am trusting Thee to guide me;  
Thou alone shalt lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying  
All my need.

5 I am trusting Thee for power;  
Thine can never fail.  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me  
Must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall.  
I am trusting Thee forever  
And for all.

## **SERMON**

**"Blessed are those who suffer on account of  
Christ."**

*. . . Karl Glander*

*(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.

## **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**

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

**C** 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**

### **821 ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS**

**1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:**

“Jesus out of ev’ry nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood.”

**2** Alleluia! Not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him  
When the forty days were o’er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise:  
“I am with you evermore”?

**3** Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
Here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
Flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

**4** Alleluia! King eternal,  
Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary,  
Earth Your footstool, heav’n Your throne.

As within the veil You entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,  
Here on earth both priest and victim  
In the eucharistic feast.

**5** Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood.”

## **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**



## *Serving the Lord with Gladness*

Rev. Karl P. Glander

Organist: Holly Bell

Pianist: Sharon Burns

Elder: Paul Rugenstein

Altar Guild: Sandy Grage, Pam Rugenstein

Ann Gallipo, Terri Gerlach,

Sandy Grage, Betty Willis

Reader: Pam Rugenstein

Acolyte: Jase Albert



**The Flowers** at our altar this morning were given to the *Glory of God* this morning by Rugenstein's in thankfulness for Paul's birthday today!



*This weeks*

**BIRTHDAYS**

### **Birthday Greetings!!**

2/13: Paul Rugenstein

2/14: Ginny Glander

2/15: John Rousch

2/18: Joseph Kogoy



## **Anniversary Greetings!!**

2/14: Gary & Carolyn Fernberg (52 yrs.)



**Refreshments** were provided by the LWML. Thank you!

### ***Stewardship & Attendance***

#### **Monthly Giving**

Offerings: \$20407

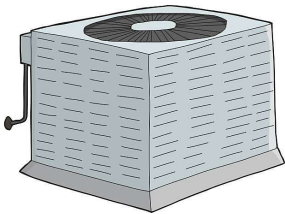
Expenses: \$8139

#### **Weekly Attendance**

Worship Service – 62

Bible Class – 15

Confirmation – 2



#### **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 \$21,881. so far. Please label your donations as “A/C Fund “.

## ***THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR***





**LWML Today, February 13<sup>th</sup>** in the narthex and fellowship hall the ladies will be selling hibiscus plants for \$15.00. All proceeds will go to support LWML local and statewide charities.



**TODAY ~ FEBRUARY 13, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. ~ ADULT BIBLE CLASS ~ CONFIRMATION CLASS**



**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
will meet today **FEBRUARY 13, 2022**  
following adult Bible class.



**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**  
Monday, February 14, 2022, 10:00 -12:00 a light lunch will be provided after the seminar.

### **“Heaven”**

Session 12 answers questions about heaven and the afterlife, such as what heaven is like, Whether they should communicate with their deceased loved one, Whether near-death experiences are reliable descriptions of heaven, And many more

**Call Holly Bell for more information at**

**239-292-7200**



**Choir practice Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m.** We welcome all interested singers to join  
**Call Holly Bell for more information at 239-292-7200**



**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY ~ FEBRUARY 16, 2022, at 10:30 a.m.**



**2022 Bell Choir - Wednesday, FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm for rehearsal.** Do not need to read music, music will be marked. All are welcome!

**Call Holly Bell for more information at 239-292-7200**

## ***LOOKING AHEAD***



**SUNDAY ~ FEBRUARY 20, 2022 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship**



**SUNDAY ~ FEBRUARY 20, 2022 at 11:30  
a.m. ~ ADULT BIBLE CLASS ~  
CONFIRMATION CLASS**



**MOVIE NIGHT ~ SUNDAY~ FEBRUARY  
20, 2022 ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ POPCORN AND  
ROOTBEER FLOATS WILL BE SERVED  
STARTING AT 5:00 p.m. COME JOIN IN THE  
FUN!!**



**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP  
Monday, February 21, 2022,  
10:00 -12:00 a light lunch will be  
provided after the seminar.**



**Choir practice Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at  
1:00 p.m. We welcome all interested  
singers to join  
Call Holly Bell for more information at  
239-292-7200**



**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY ~ FEBRUARY  
23, 2022, at 10:30 a.m.**



**2022 Bell Choir - Wednesday,  
FEBRUARY23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 pm for  
rehearsal. Do not need to read music, music  
will be marked. All are welcome!**

**Call Holly Bell for more information at  
239-292-7200**



**Flower Calendar:** The 2022 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.

**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  
Vi Hacker  
William and Nancy Weyl

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