

**People will come  
from east and west,  
and from  
north and south**



**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

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***Rest and healing on the sabbath.***

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love.

Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help others enjoy a sabbath day of rest?

One of the well-known verses of the Psalms is, “*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name*” (Psalm 103:1). The

Hebrew word for “bless” is actually “to kneel,” that is, to worship before God in a kneeling position. The verse literally means to kneel or worship God with all one’s soul, with all one’s self. This week, try the very humble position of kneeling as you pray.



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

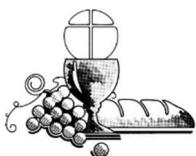
Here at Bethlehem Lutheran, we believe in the teachings of the Bible as taught by Jesus and the apostles and strive to live our lives in accord with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are all fellow sinners who live together in the mercy and grace of Jesus. Jesus is the heart and center of all that we say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



## **ATTENDING COMMUNION AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession

differing from that of Bethlehem Lutheran Church LCMS and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are invited to speak with Pastor Karl Glander.

## **ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*August 21, 2022*

### **PRELUDE**

**† ORDER OF WORSHIP †**

### **HYMN OF INVOCATION**

#### **915 TODAY YOUR MERCY CALLS US**

1 Today Your mercy calls us  
To wash away our sin.  
However great our trespass,  
Whatever we have been,  
However long from mercy  
Our hearts have turned away,  
Your precious blood can wash us  
And make us clean today.

**2** Today Your gate is open,  
    And all who enter in  
Shall find a Father's welcome  
    And pardon for their sin.  
The past shall be forgotten,  
    A present joy be giv'n,  
A future grace be promised,  
    A glorious crown in heav'n.

**3** Today our Father calls us;  
    His Holy Spirit waits;  
His blessèd angels gather  
    Around the heav'nly gates.  
No question will be asked us  
    How often we have come;  
Although we oft have wandered,  
    It is our Father's home.

**4** O all-embracing Mercy,  
    O ever-open Door,  
What should we do without You  
    When heart and eye run o'er?  
When all things seem against us,  
    To drive us to despair,  
We know one gate is open,  
    One ear will hear our prayer.

*(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 +**

**Psalm 50:1–15**

**God Himself Is Judge**

**P**The Mighty One, God the LORD,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**C** Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.

**P** Our God comes; he does not keep silence;  
before him is a devouring fire,  
around him a mighty tempest.

**C** He calls to the heavens above  
and to the earth, that he may judge his  
people:

**P** “Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

**C** The heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge!

**P** “Hear, O my people, and I will speak;  
O Israel, I will testify against you.  
I am God, your God.

**C** Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;  
your burnt offerings are continually before

**me.**

**P** I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds.

**C** For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

**P** I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.

**C** “If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine.

**P** Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?

**C** Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High,

**P** and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

*(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.

**♪**THIS IS THE FEAST**♪**

**C**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and  
honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in  
the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God  
and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His  
reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**P**The Lord be with you.

**C**And also with you.

**P**Let us pray.

O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C**Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**      *Isaiah 66:18–23*

<sup>18</sup>“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, <sup>19</sup>and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to

Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations.

<sup>20</sup>And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. <sup>21</sup>And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

<sup>22</sup>“For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain.

<sup>23</sup>From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.”

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

**C**Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*Hebrews 12:4–24*

<sup>4</sup>In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup>And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,  
nor be weary when reproved by him.

<sup>6</sup>For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,  
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

<sup>7</sup>It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? <sup>8</sup>If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. <sup>9</sup>Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup>For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. <sup>11</sup>For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, <sup>13</sup>and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. <sup>14</sup>Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. <sup>15</sup>See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; <sup>16</sup>that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. <sup>17</sup>For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

## A Kingdom That Cannot Be Shaken

<sup>18</sup>For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the

heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,<sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,<sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

**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 13:22–30*

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

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

## The Narrow Door

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, <sup>24</sup>“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup>When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ <sup>26</sup>Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ <sup>27</sup>But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ <sup>28</sup>In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. <sup>29</sup>And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

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

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

(Please be seated)

## **SERMON HYMN**

### **563 JESUS, THY BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS**

**1** Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness

My beauty are, my glorious dress;

Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,

With joy shall I lift up my head.

**2** Bold shall I stand in that great day,

Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;

Fully absolved through these I am

From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

**3** Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,

Which at the mercy seat of God

Pleads for the captives' liberty,

Was also shed in love for me.

**4** Lord, I believe, were sinners more  
Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,  
For all a full atonement made.

**5** When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.

**6** Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

## **SERMON**

### **"The Open Door"**

. . . Pastor Karl

(Please rise)

## **NICENE CREED**

**C**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth

**and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of  
the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under  
Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to  
judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and  
apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the  
remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✕ of the world to come.**

**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.**

*(Please rise)*

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

**P**The Lord be with you.

**C**And also with you.

**P**Lift up your hearts.

**C**We lift them to the Lord.

**P**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P**It is truly good, right, and salutary 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, having

created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## **♪SANCTUS♪**

**C**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**  
**Hosanna. Hosanna.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P**Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into

our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C**Amen.

(Please be seated)

**618 I COME, O SAVIOR, TO THY TABLE**

(*Stanzas 1, ref, 3, 5*)

**1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,  
For weak and weary is my soul;**

Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain

**ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!**

**3** Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,  
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain

**5** What higher gift can we inherit?  
It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P**Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\ddagger$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*(This is where congregation will take communion)*

*(Please rise)*

## **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**

### **735 HAVE NO FEAR, LITTLE FLOCK**

- 1 Have no fear, little flock;  
Have no fear, little flock,  
For the Father has chosen  
To give you the Kingdom;  
Have no fear, little flock!**
  
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock;  
Have good cheer, little flock,  
For the Father will keep you  
In His love forever;  
Have good cheer, little flock!**
  
- 3 Praise the Lord high above;  
Praise the Lord high above,**

For He stoops down to heal you,  
Uplift and restore you;  
Praise the Lord high above!

**4** Thankful hearts raise to God;  
Thankful hearts raise to God,  
For He stays close beside you,  
In all things works with you;  
Thankful hearts raise to God!

## **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

Elder: Paul Rugenstein

Altar Guild: Emmy Larson

Ushers: Gary Lohr and Paul Rugenstein

Reader: Pam Rugenstein



**The Flowers** at our altar this morning were given to the *Glory of God* and for all of God's Blessings for Richard's birthday by the Gerlach's.



This weeks  
BIRTHDAYS

## Birthday Greetings!!

8/21: Chester Rust

8/22: Carolyn Fernberg, 8/24: Richard Gerlach,  
Linda Rust, Betty Willis, 8/25: Jacqueline Blake  
8/27: Kurt Laser



## Anniversary Greetings!!

8/21: Ginny and Pastor Karl Glander (28yrs)

8/21: Judy and John Wittenberg (51yrs)



**Refreshments** were provided by Ginny and Pastor Karl Glander. Thank you!

## ***Stewardship & Attendance***

### **Monthly Giving**

Offerings: \$4715

Expenses: \$10, 428

### **Weekly Attendance**

Worship Service – 43

Bible Class – 14

Sunday School – 7

## **News & Notes**



**TODAY ~ AUGUST 21, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. ~  
ADULT BIBLE CLASS**



**TODAY ~ AUGUST 21, 2022, at 11:30 a.m.**



**TODAY ~ SUNDAY ~ AUGUST 21, 2022**

Church Council will meet today after Bible Class



**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY ~ AUGUST 24,  
2022, at 10:30 a.m.**



Vi Hacker

William and Nancy Weyl