



**"WHAT ARE YOU SO
WORRIED ABOUT?"**

(Luke 12:22-34)

August 10, 2025

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

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Be secure in God's love.

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love.

Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what organization can you contribute to that serves the needs of others?

In the reading from Genesis 15:1-6, God made a special covenant with Abram promising him as

many descendants as there were stars in the sky! And again, in the reading from Hebrews, we learn that Abraham (Abram), was faithful and that he and Sarah fulfilled the covenant. “[D]escendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven’” (Hebrews 11:12b). Go outside on a clear night and take a moment to look at all the stars in the sky. Can you count them? Think or talk about God’s promise to Abram. *Pray:* **Dear Lord, we are in awe of your presence in our lives. We ask that you give us faith in all your promises. Amen.**



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 pew and place in the offering plate. 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!

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 10, 2025

PRELUDE

✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

HYMN OF INVOCATION

728 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

(Stanzas 1–4)

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to
stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to
shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!
- 4 “When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

(Please rise)

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +
INVOCATION

PIn the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CAmen.

EXHORTATION

LSB 151

PIf we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

CBut 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.)

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 151

PLet us then confess our sins to God our Father.

CMost 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.

ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

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 +

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 33:12–22

P Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

C The LORD looks down from heaven;
he sees all the children of man;

P from where he sits enthroned he looks out
on all the inhabitants of the earth,

C he who fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.

P The king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

C The war horse is a false hope for salvation,
and by its great might it cannot rescue.

P Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who
fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,

C that he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.

P Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.

C For our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.

P Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

(Please rise)

KYRIE

LSB 152

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** ♪

LSB 204

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.

Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; 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

Genesis 15:1–6

God's Covenant with Abram

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

By Faith

Hebrews 11:1–16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to

be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

[L] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

(Please rise)

♪ ALLELUIA AND VERSE ♪

LSB 156

[C] Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:22–34

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

[C] Glory to You, O Lord.

Do Not Be Anxious

²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on.

²³For life is more than food, and the body more

than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³²“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.

³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

PThis is the Gospel of the Lord.

CPraise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON 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!

SERMON

"Do Not Be Anxious!"

. . . Pastor Karl

(Please rise)

APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 159

**☐ 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

LSB 159

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♪

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
Forever. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

CLOSING HYMN

733 O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

(Stanzas 1–6)

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

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



Go and Serve the Lord

Preacher: Rev. Karl P. Glander

Organist: Holly Bell

Flutist: Nancy Rybak

The Sound System: Jeff Kirsch

Elder: Klaus Naumann

Altar Guild: Emmy Larson, Betty Willis

Ushers: Greg Murray, Klaus Naumann

Reader: Greg Murray



Signup Sheets in the Fellowship Hall. This is your chance to get involved in worship.



Altar Flowers- Cheryl Nelson in remembrance of their 56th Anniversary

Celebrating birthdays this week: 8/10: Carrie Stecklein, **8/12:** Debbie Jackow

Celebrating anniversaries this week: 8/10: Laurie and Noel Schroskey (40yrs)



Food and Fellowship: Please join us immediately after the service. We meet in the fellowship hall at the rear of the church before Bible study. The refreshments this week are from Tammy Sheridan. Thank you! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall if you would like to sponsor a week.

Our Response to God's Love

Worship Service – 50

Church/VBS Indoor Picnic – 35

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CALENDAR

August 10, 2025 – August 17, 2025

TODAY: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

SUNDAY 11:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Pastor

August 10 11:30 a.m. Sunday School

MONDAY:

August 11

TUESDAY:

August 12

**WEDNESDAY: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study w/Pastor
August 13**

**THURSDAY
August 14**

**FRIDAY:
August 15**

**SATURDAY:
August 16**

**NEXT 10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion
SUNDAY 11:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Pastor
August 17 11:30 a.m. Sunday School
12:30 p.m. Church Council will meet (right
after Adult Bible Class)**

**FRIDAY: 7:00-9:30 p.m. Crafts and Pizza for Youth and
August 22 Young at Heart (for shoeboxes for Christmas)**



Our Special Prayers and Intercessions

Matt – stroke
Theresa – stroke
Chris – lung cancer
Sarah – stomach issues
Tim – health issues
Kurt – health issues
Jack – fighting depression, lung issues
JoAnn – heart issues
Tamara – medical issues
Susan – recovering from cancer
Chade – guidance
Steven – guidance
Ashton – esophageal atresia
Sandi – Hodgkins and autoimmune disease
Dorothy – in memory care
Gail – running tests for leukemia
Edison – health issues
Ava – cancer
Holly – start immunotherapy
Sharon – cancer
Joe – stage 4 lung cancer, hospitalized
Bob – need shots in eyes
Holly – needs pacemaker, hernia repaired, found a mass in her stomach area
Family with children who have strayed
Millie – bad fall
Lisa – family struggling in many ways
Sal Jr. – cancer
Sal – health issues & now worried about his son
Carol – heart, bursitis, eye mostly blind in one eye
Chip – physical health and rehab
Annette – ductal carcinoma in situ
Eddie – massive heart attack
Linda – open heart surgery
Texas – catastrophic floods
Martha – hospitalized for high blood pressure
Pam – health issues
Tim and his family - Grandma Jean has entered hospice and has about three days to live

Tara – health
Dustin – alcohol rehab
Brad – heart attack
Pat – health issues
Dave – health issues
Becky – cancer
Ken – cancer
Lidia – health issues
TA – spiritual guidance and removal of all temptation
Jenn – cancer
Yvonne – health issues
David – health issues
Rick – stage 3 lung cancer
Sean – God knows
Lynne – health issues
Ron – hospitalized
Pam – health issues
Terri – health issues
Joe – health issues
Jessica – health issues
Sam – health issues
Paul – strengthening of faith
Judy – cancer
Larry – cancer
Cole – cancer
Anonymous – cancer
Nicole – broke lower leg
Pat – lot of health issues
Ken - massive heart attack in January, still in hospital with major brain damage
Les – hernia surgery and kidney dialysis
Joan – stroke
Ron – prostate cancer
Andy – doing great after heart procedure
Barbara – had to remove part of her colon
Kenny – low oxygen and heart problems
Holly – going through a lot
Dennis - perforated appendix
Robert Walton – in hospital, will be going in rehab
Ralph – had a bad fall
Nancy Mihich - readmitted to the hospital.

***Please note: Those who are named in our special prayers and intercessions list are placed there by members of our congregation. St. Paul tells us in 1Timothy 2:1-2: “I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior.”**

Those named remain joyfully in our prayers until the person who requested our prayers removes them or until the Lord resolves their need. Therefore, as St. Paul tells us in Philippians 4:6 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.