

August 24, 2025



We encourage children to feel welcome in church during worship. And we recognize that kids need to move and fidget while we share this time together. Tables and coloring pages are available to kids in both the front of the worship space and in the Commons. Parents, please feel free to let your kids move around as needed.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(please stand)

Confessions and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

(silence is kept for reflection)

Merciful God,

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

ELW# 858

Greeting

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

Kyrie



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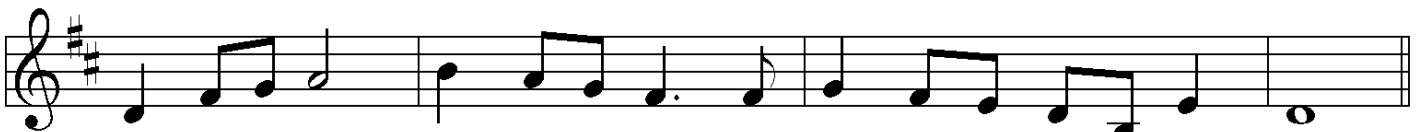


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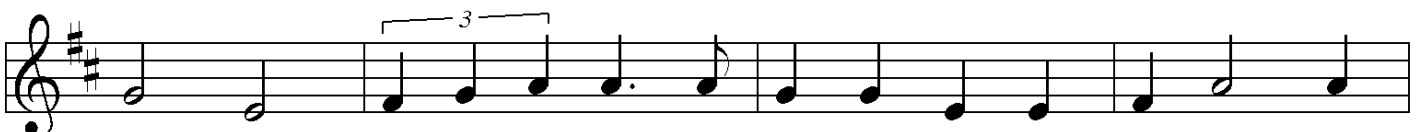
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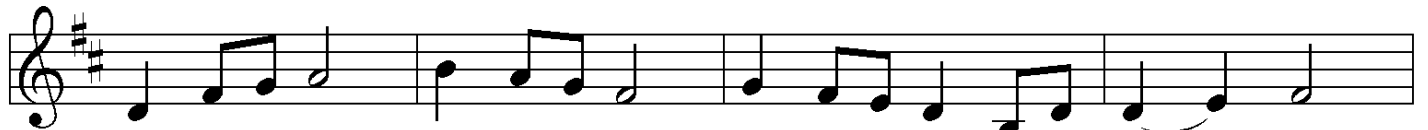
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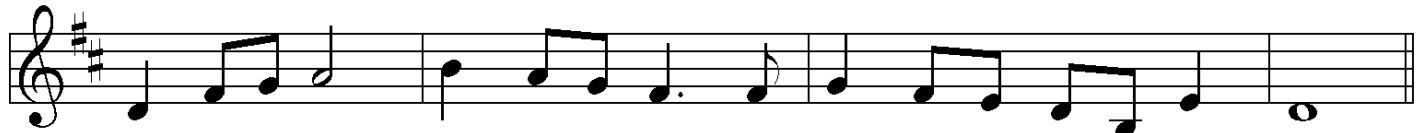
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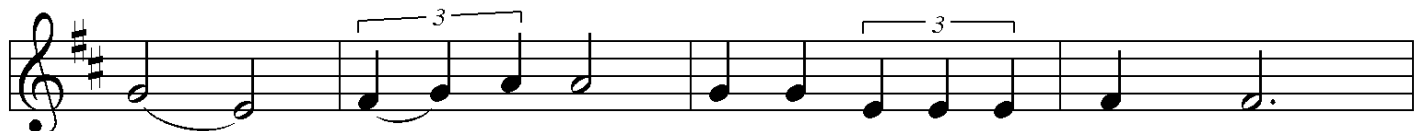
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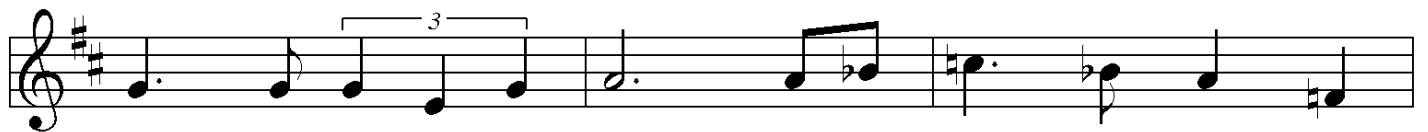
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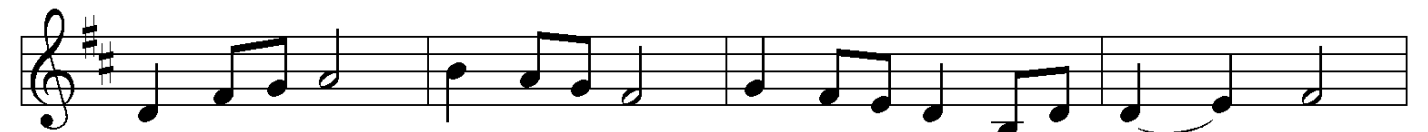
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

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II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.
III Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,
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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

(be seated)

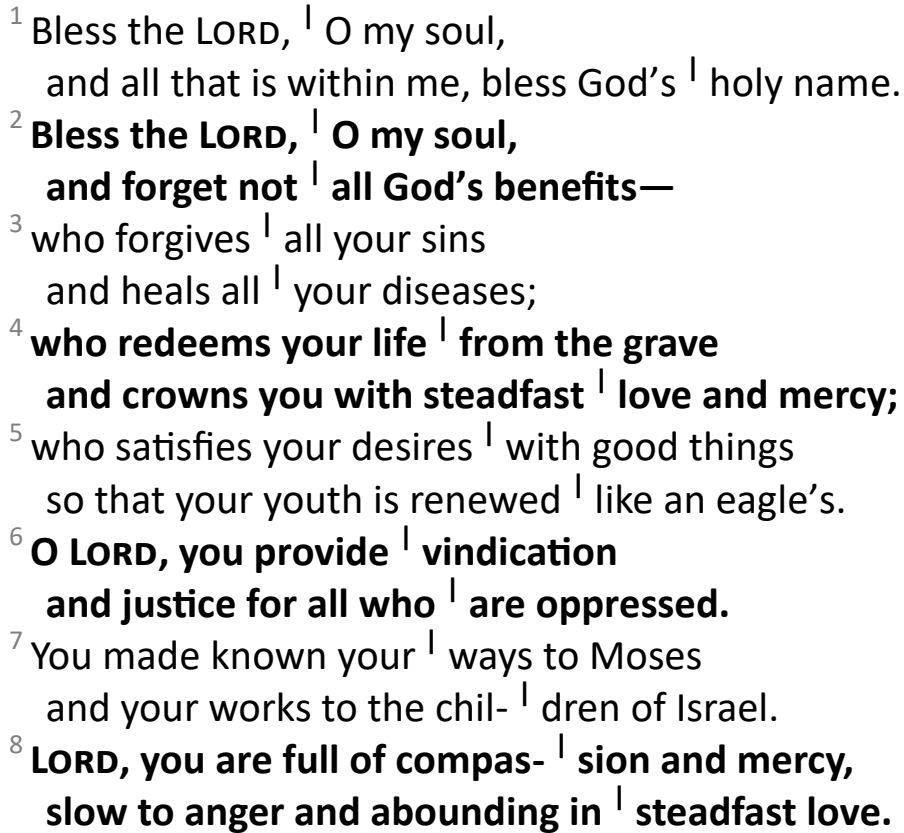
First Reading

Isaiah 58:9b-14

^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.
¹³ If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;
¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.





Gospel Reading

Luke 13:10-17

The Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰ Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(be seated)

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand"

ELW# 441

(please stand)

The 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

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

After each portion of the prayers:

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Greet one another with a word of welcome and peace.

(be seated)

Offering

Thank you for your offerings today. As Christ comes to us in the bread and cup of the holy table, we present ourselves through our own sacrifice of generosity to love and serve our neighborhood and the whole world. You can also give online at www.bethluth.org/give as a one time donation or as a recurring gift. Use this code to access the giving site.



(please stand)

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

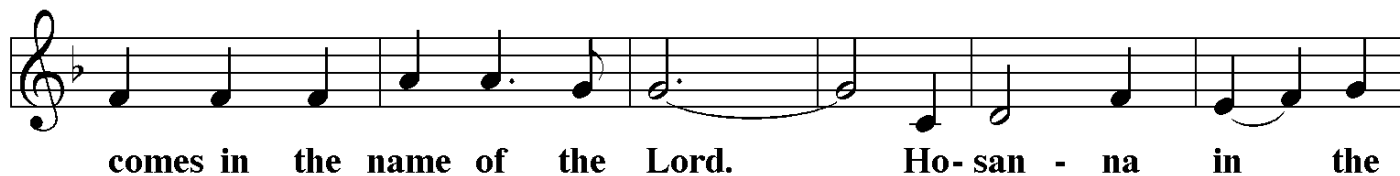
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus



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.

Distribution of Holy Communion

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

Communion Hymns

“Morning Has Broken”

ELW# 556

“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

ELW# 864

(please stand)

Communion Blessing

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

Amen.

The Benediction

May the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Light Dawns on a Weary World”

EWL# 726

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

**Good luck to all of our learners who
are headed back to school this week!
Have fun! We know you'll do great
things!**



Cotton Fabric and Sheets Needed

The quilters are in need of cotton fabric and cotton sheets to use for the quilts they make and donate to Lutheran World Relief. If you have a minute, please take a look and see if you have anything you think might be usable and bring to the church office or drop off when you come to church so they can continue their wonderful works.



FLBC Labor Day Family & Work Retreat

Aug 29-Sept 1st

Enjoy all that FLBC has to offer during this great family retreat: swimming, stand up paddle boarding, crafts, sailing, and much more! Come to help us with some work projects or join us for a weekend of relaxation, or both!



Help Kids Around the World with School Supplies!!

It's that time of year when school supplies are on sale for great prices. As you are shopping please consider picking up supplies for Lutheran World Relief school kits. Items needed are:

- 70 page count spiral notebooks
- pencil sharpeners
- blunt tip scissors, unsharpened
- black or blue ballpoint pens
- Donations are always welcome to buy any needed supplies as well.

A collection box will be in the Commons or bring your donation to the church office.



Ice Cream Social and Sunday School Sign Up



Hey parents and kids! Summer is almost over, so it's nearly time for Sunday School. **September 7th**, come have an ice cream and socialize after service! We will have registration forms for Sunday school and a build-your-own Sunday buffet. Hear what we have planned this year as we dive into the story of Moses and learn our way to a movie party.

We Need Your Help

The education committee is looking for donations while we organize and prepare our curriculum for the upcoming year. We are looking for page protectors and 3" binders. If you see a good deal on them or have some lying around that are not in use, please let Katie Havens know! katie.havens2014@gmail.com



Calling All Bakers!

The Fellowship Committee would like to invite anyone who would like to bring coffee cakes or quick breads (please no cookies or cakes) for after-worship fellowship to feel welcome to do so. If this is something you would be interested in from time to time, please contact Peggy Agenes-Janzer or Linda Erfle by the Saturday afternoon of the week you will be bringing a treat so they have time to alter the doughnut order for Sunday if needed. We thank you for your generosity and we look forward to enjoying your delicious creations!



Potluck Picnic– Save the Date

Sept. 21st

The Fellowship Committee is planning a church picnic for September 21st at Village Greens in the community center. Arrive between 12:30-1:00. We'll start eating at 1:00 or shortly thereafter. We will be extending an invitation to our friends from Eidsvold as well. There will be more details to come in the upcoming weeks so save the date on your calendars now!



New Bible “Conversation” Groups!

We'll be encouraging folks this Fall and Winter to enter into “**Conversation Small Groups**” around the text of Paul's letter to the Romans. This is less a “Bible Study” and more of an opportunity to hear certain passages from Romans, talk about what you hear, and discover how God might be speaking through all of us. Your conversations will be a complement to a more in-depth study Pastor Scott will be leading on Sunday Mornings after Church. If you would like to be a leader of a Romans Bible Conversation, let Pastor Scott know (prior knowledge of the Bible is not required). Also, watch for ways that you can join a group!



New Study this Fall: Romans - Nothing Can Separate Us, New Life for All Sept 14, 21/ Oct 5, 12/ Nov 2, 9, 16, 23

Join us, Sundays after worship, for an overview of the book of Romans. Paul's longest letter, Romans seeks to define and defend the Gospel as a message of inclusion for all people under the gift of love and grace made manifest in Christ's death and resurrection. Paul proclaims God's new life as salvation for all of creation. We continue to carry that message as the church - always and forever sharing God's love even into our own communities. Grab a cup of coffee and stay for a presentation by Pastor Scott with lots of room for questions and discussion - Starting September 14 in the Fellowship Hall.

Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. Luke 13:12-13

Based on Luke 13:10-17



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HANDS
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DAYS
PRAISE
JESUS

Prayer Concerns: Illness/surgery:

Celeste Hauser, Erika Hauser, Al Hauser, Roland Roth, Glenda Skeim, and Scott Caruso.

Grief:

Vickie Cunningham and Family.

A Special Thank You To Our Assisting Ministers:

<u>Assisting Mnstr/Reader:</u>	Duane Anderson
<u>Cantor:</u>	Duane Anderson
<u>Greeters:</u>	Cindy & Mike Galvin
<u>Communion Setup:</u>	Glenda Skeim
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Jana & Bill Pursell, Lynette Lorenzen
<u>Usher:</u>	John & Linda Erfle, Sherry Korthase, Gary Aasheim
<u>Power Point:</u>	

This Week at Bethlehem

SUNDAY

9:00am

08/24

Worship

MONDAY

10:00am

12:00pm

6:00pm

08/25

Respite Care, FH

Women on the Go, CM

Feeding the Flathead, FH

WEDNESDAY

6:45am

10:00am

10:00am

08/27

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, FH

Staff Meeting

Respite Care, FH

THURSDAY

9:00am

9:00am

5:30pm

08/28

Quilters, FH

Knitters, FR

Flathead Valley Community Orchestra, FH

SUNDAY

9:00am

08/31

Worship



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 Pastor Scott Thompson
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JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Small group Bible “Conversations” starting this fall.



The church in Rome is in conflict regarding who belongs: Jews, Gentiles, or both. In his letter to them, Paul presents his understanding of the gospel with the hope that it will be meaningful in their present context. He seeks to bring the two groups together by insisting upon their common identity in Christ.

In these small group conversations, highlighting key points in Paul’s argument for New Life in Christ, we will seek to hear and see Christ in each other – drawing us together for the sake of the gospel.

ALSO...

Plan to attend the **Roman’s Bible Study on Sunday mornings** after church. Pastor Scott will help us dig into the heart of Paul’s message. The “Study” and the “Conversation” are intended to complement one another!

Sign up on final page of the bulletin...

BECOME A LEADER

No experience necessary. Leaders are provided with background information, instructions for discussion activities, and tips for encouraging everyone to participate.

To become a leader, or for more information about what is expected of a leader, give us your information below.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

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BECOME A PARTICIPANT

Participants, watch for sign-up boards in the Commons before and after Church, or give us your info and we'll contact you about a group day and time.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Place this form in the offering plate or return to the Church office.