

September 14, 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.

*(Congregation speaks the **bold print** in this program and on the screen.)*

Prelude

Claudius Cazan

Welcome and Announcements

(please stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(silence is kept for reflection)

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

ELW#807

⊕ Coda

Help, save, and de - fend us, O

cy.

* *Ending for Kyrie*

God. A - men.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain

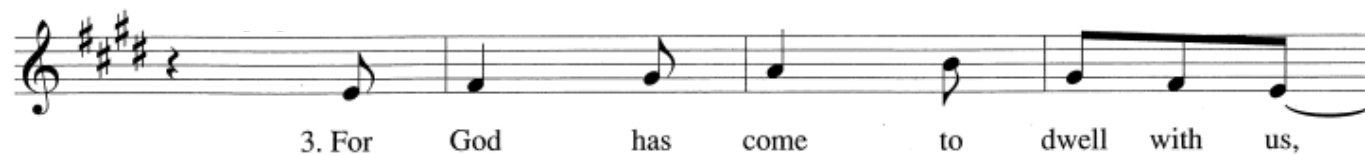
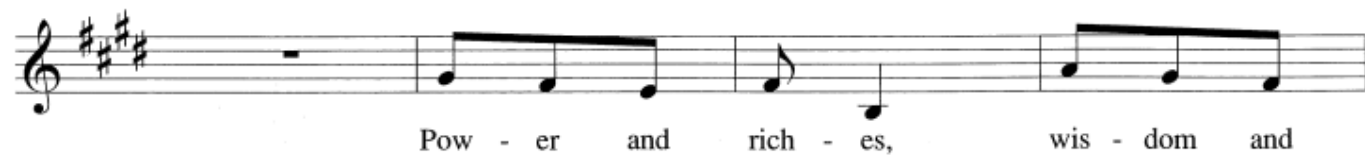
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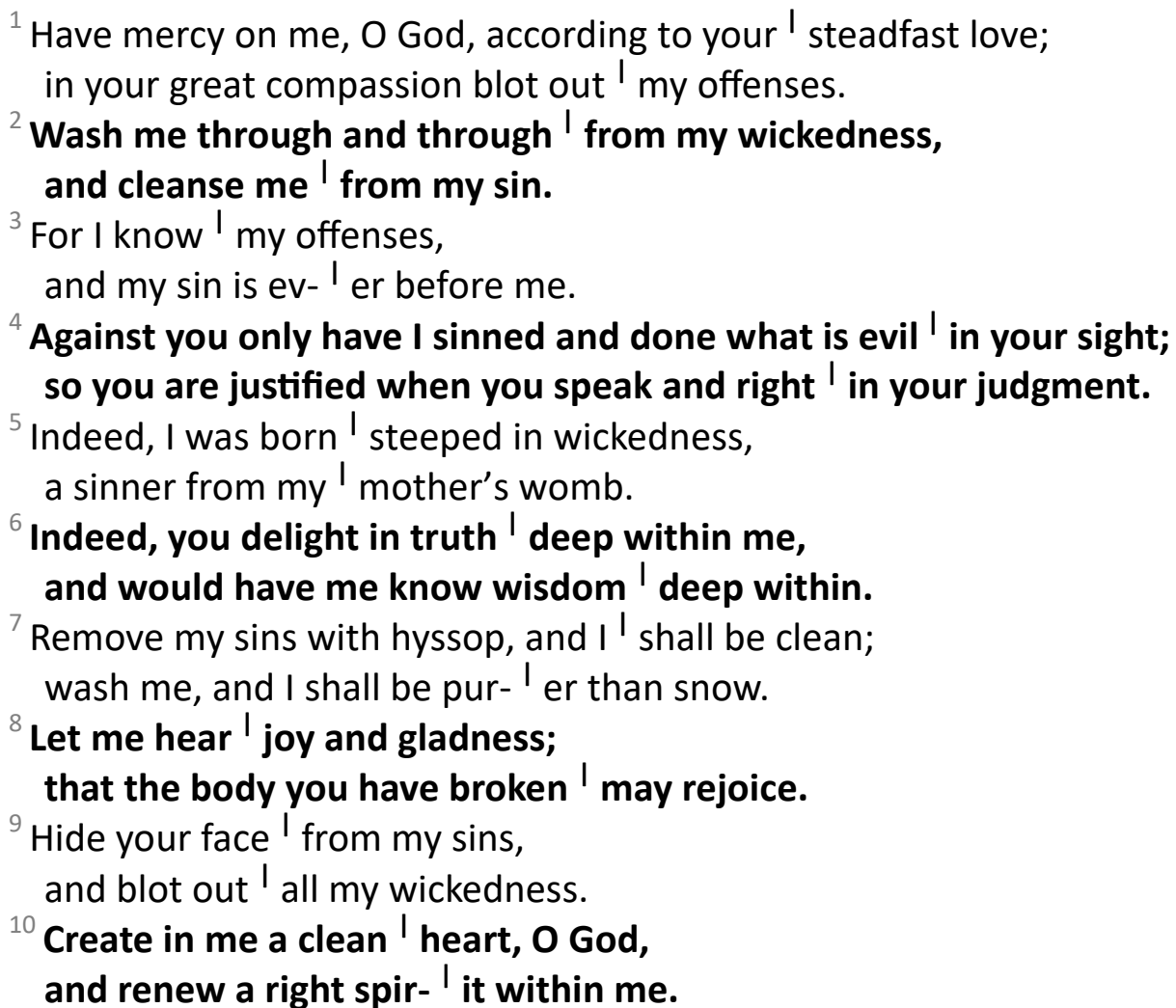
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy

to the God of life and love and

free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -

er - more!





Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-10

The Gospel according to Luke, the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"What is the World Like?"

ACS#1047



1 What is the world like when God's will is
 2 What is the world like when God's will is
 3 What is the world like when God's will is
 4 What is the world like when God's will is
 5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im -



done? Mus - tard seeds grow more than
 done? Wit - ness the wan - der - ing
 done? No more is neigh - bor - just
 done? Read - y for feast - ing, we
 parts, filled with the Spir - it who



we can con - ceive: roots thread the
 child com - ing home; watch as the
 al - ly or friend; peace thrives in
 watch through the night, tend - ing our
 joins us as one. Born through our



soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
 par - ent breaks in - to a run.
 plac - es where once there was none.
 lamps till the new day's be - gun.
 voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,



This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.
 This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
 This is how God read - ies us for the light.
 this is a new world where God's will is done.

(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

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

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)
The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 God thanks and praise.

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Sanctus

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the

One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the

high - est, 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:
 you break the chains of ha - tred and fear:
 you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
 you are the way of mer - cy and love:
 mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,
 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

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

ELW#587

“Amazing Grace”

ELW#779

(please stand)

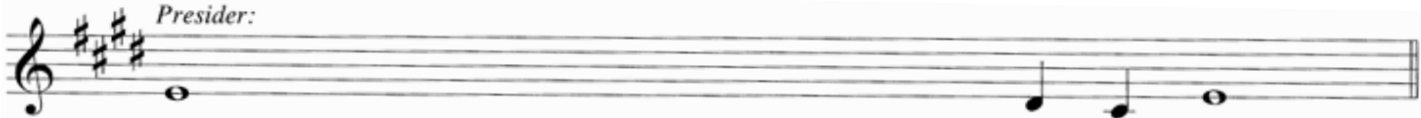
Communion Blessing

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

Amen.


The Benediction

Presider:



May God bless us and keep us.
May God's face shine on us and be gracious to us.
May God look on us with favor and + give us peace.

Congregation:



A - men.

Sending Hymn

"Lift High the Cross"

ELW#660

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Claudius Cazan

Today is Rally Day!!!!

Today is the first day back to Sunday School! Our yearly tradition of a marshmallow fight will be happening. New end time for Sunday School is 10:15am. Parents please enjoy a bit of fellowship time before coming to get your kids so they get an hour of fun!



Feeding the Flathead

We are looking for two to three additional volunteers to help with setting-up and serving for Feeding the Flathead on Monday, September 22. We are also looking for a volunteer to pick-up the food from Immanuel Living at 5:00pm. If you are able to help, please sign-up on the sheets in the Commons or contact Julie Miller at (703) 862-3490.



Bethlehem Lutheran Choir Party

Hello, Choir members (present, past and **New Soon-to-be**). Bev and Roe Hatlen are having a **Let's Get Started Choir Party** today, from 2-4:30 pm, at their new **Good Medicine Lodge** located on Flathead Lake's **Woods Bay Point**. Car Pooling is strongly encouraged; meet at the church at 1:15. **Per Roe**, you are ready to join our happy group as a **new choir member** if, **when you start to sing in church, you are not "elbowed" by the person next to you**. So, Bev and Roe are expecting a large turnout of **new choir members** where you will experience "good medicine" at 15467 Woods Bay Point Road, 5 miles south of Bigfork. **Please RSVP to bevhatlen@mac.com**. (Call Bev at 612-723-2456 for further directions!)



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). Sign ups in The Commons.



New Study this Fall: Romans - Nothing Can Separate Us, New Life for All

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 **today after worship** in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

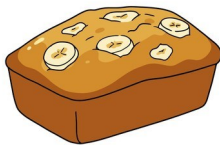
Bethlehem October Blood Drive

Our next blood drive at Bethlehem will be Sunday and Monday, 10/5&6. Sunday's drawing will be in the Bethlehem basement from 1:30 – 4:30, and Monday's drawing will be in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church across Main Street from Bethlehem at 540 S. Main Street and will be from 10:30 – 1:15. Your donation is needed. Please call either Glenda Skeim at 406-250-1890 or me, Gary Aasheim at 406-698-4138 for your appointment.



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!



FLBC's Fall Harvest Festival and Auction

Oct 11th

An event to help make camp financially accessible to all! Silent Auction, Happy Hour and Appetizers begin at 4:00pm. Individual tickets and table packages available. Kids 16 and under are free with activities and dinner for youth from 4-7pm. Go to flbc.net for tickets and more information.



Join the Trust Committee



The Council, after reviewing the Trust Committee Bylaws, recommended that the congregation select a Trust Committee from a slate of interested candidates at this year's annual meeting. The Committee can have up to five members, and so far, we have three interested parties and are recruiting for at least two more.

The Trust Committee has the important role of managing BLC's two main trust funds: our Mission Endowment Fund and the BLC Scholarship fund. In addition to the financial stewardship component, the Committee is also charged with communicating the status and vision of the Trust to the Congregation, and cultivating an active group of future donors through outreach, education, and sharing of this critical stewardship opportunity.

If you have a talent or passion in any of these areas and would like to run for the Committee, please contact Duane Anderson at duane.a.anderson@outlook.com or Julie Miller at mrsmarkr@gmail.com. They can discuss any questions you might have and add your name to the ballot.

Bethlehem/Eidsvold Church Picnic

September 21, 2025

Community Center at Village Greens-195 West Nicklaus, Kalispell

Starts 12:30 Eat around 1:00 Done around 3ish

Bethlehem Church will be providing fried chicken, and we ask that the congregations bring a salad or dessert to share. If you have yard games, please bring them to share as well. We will eat inside but if you want to enjoy outside activities, please bring lawn chairs.

There is a small kitchen and a refrigerator. BLC will bring a case of water. If you want something else to drink, please bring that also. We ask that you sign up in The Commons with how many are coming from your family and what you will be able to bring.

Any questions call Peggy 406-250-5217 or Linda 406-261-0530



Prayer Concerns: Illness/surgery:

Celeste Hauser, Erika Hauser, Scott Caruso, Devinian, and Elise.

Grief:

Jane and Prestbye Family including Don & Janan Beller. Lorna Hauser and Family.

A Special Thank You To Our Assisting Ministers:

<u>Assisting Mnstr/Reader:</u>	Charlene Singley
<u>Cantor:</u>	Jana Thompson
<u>Greeters:</u>	Gary & Margerette Dahlgren
<u>Communion Setup:</u>	Charlene Singley
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Rick & Jan Ulvin, Daren Scot Wilson
<u>Usher:</u>	Sherry Korthase, Sharon Bristow, Jana & Bill Pursell
<u>Power Point:</u>	Paul Miller

This Week at Bethlehem

SUNDAY

9:00am
10:30am
10:30am
2:00pm

09/14 Rally Day and Catch Up Sunday

Worship / Sunday School
Adult Bible Study, FH
Bell Choir Practice
BLC Choir Party, Good Medicine Lodge

MONDAY

10:00am
6:00pm

09/15

Respite Care, FH
Feeding the Flathead, FH

TUESDAY

10:00am

09/16

Cluster Meeting, FR

WEDNESDAY

6:45am
10:00am
10:00am
10:30am
7:00pm

09/17

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, FH
Staff Meeting
Respite Care, FH
Spinners & Weavers Guild, CM
Choir Practice

THURSDAY

9:00am
9:00am
5:30pm

09/18

Quilters, FH
Knitters, FR
Flathead Valley Community Orchestra, FH

SUNDAY

9:00am
10:30am
10:30am
1:00pm

09/21

Worship / Sunday School
Adult Bible Study, FH
Bell Choir Practice
Church Picnic at Village Greens



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