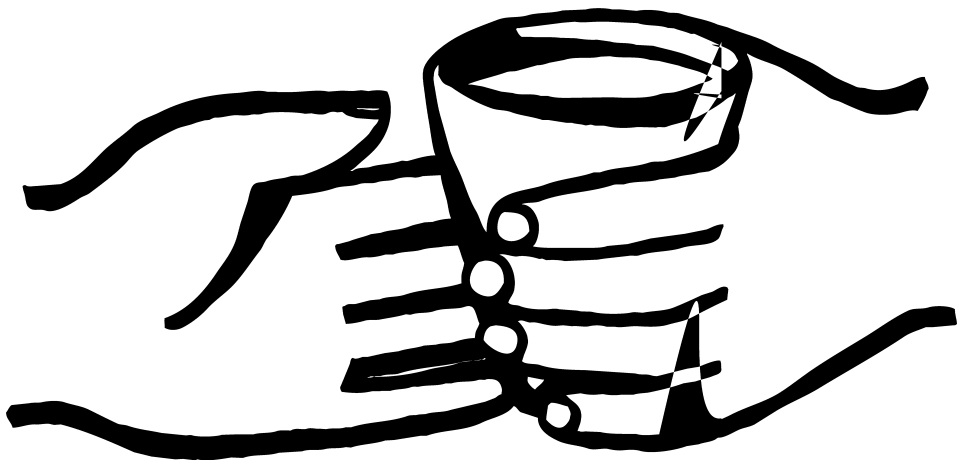


June 28, 2026 and Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church
220 Cedar Street
PO Box 344
Pemberville, Ohio 43450
9 am: In Person Worship
9 am: Facebook Live Worship
11:30 am: Radio Worship on 99.1 FM**



**OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Thursday, 9 am – 2 pm
Friday- Closed
419-287-4182**

ANNOUNCEMENT

+GATHER+

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity,+ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: All Are Welcome ELW#641

APOSTOLIC 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.



Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, 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.



Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 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.



Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

+WORD+

CHILDREN MESSAGE

MEMORY VERSE: (1 John 4:19)

“We love because God first loved us.”

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah’s rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.**

Psalm 89

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Refrain



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord ev - er - more.

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PSALM: 89:1-4, 15-18

- ¹Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- ²**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**
- ³“I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- ⁴**“I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.” R**
- ¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.
- ¹⁶**They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**
- ¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.
- ¹⁸**Truly, our shield belongs to the Lord;
our king to the Holy One of Israel. R**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

¹²Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia No. 2

Joseph Stribrny

Al - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! Lord, to whom shall we go?

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You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al le - lu - - ia!

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON- SAM Eric Corns

HYMN OF THE DAY: Oh, Praise the Gracious Power **ELW #651**

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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

PRAYERS

Each petition ends: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

+MEAL+

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**
We gather our tithes and offerings. Following the collection, we pray.

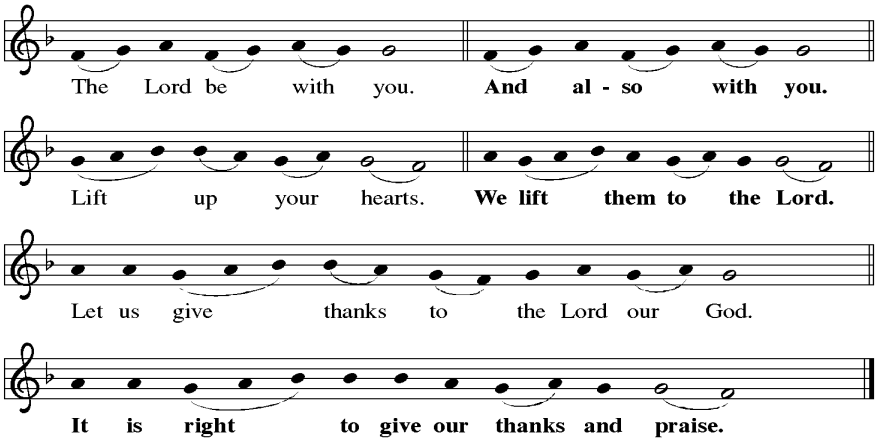
OFFERING HYMN: Come to the Table ELW#481

Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread. All who are hungry and thirsty, come, and your souls will be fed. Come at the Lord's invitation; receive from his nail scarred hand. Eat of the bread of salvation; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

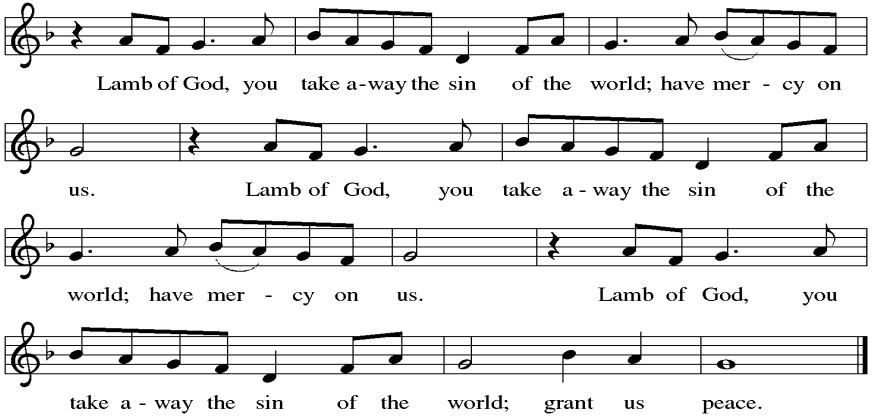
Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNE

Heaven has come near.
 Come, share in the feast!



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.

COMMUNION HYMN: Just As I Am, without One Plea ELW#592

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God,
 through the gifts of bread and wine
 our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
 Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
 may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus,
 through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.

+SENDING+

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
 + one God,
 bless, heal, and hold you
 today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak ELW #676

DISMISSAL

What is our mission?
Transformed by the crucified and risen Jesus we are a loving community of disciples making disciples.
 Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

LAST WEEKS
Attendance: In Person-98 Online-44
Offering: \$2,685.00 ELCA Benevolence:\$105.00
Special Envelope Honduras: \$706.00

IN OUR PRAYERS

For healing: Randi Parton (friend of Lois Hansen), Tom Dierksheide, Leann Dierksheide, Nancy Rife, Joni (Abke) Moncrief, Donna Schuerman, De Witker

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Craig Snyder on his 71st birthday from Luann Snyder & family.

Radio Broadcast is given to the glory of God and Vic & Eileen Schuerman's wedding anniversary June 26, 2005 from Steven & Marlene Kreais & family.

Online Streaming is given to the glory of God and in honor of Pastor Tim & all of Bethlehem's church and preschool staff from Roger and Teri Hansen!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

6/28, Sun	10:20 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
6/29, Mon	6:45 p.m.	Yoga
6/30, Tues	9a.m.-12p.m.	Knotting
	11a.m.-2p.m.	Food Pantry Open
7/1, Fri.	All Day	Office Closed
7/5, Sun	11 a.m.	Community Worship
7/6, Mon	All Day	Office Closed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mission Action project for July is School Kits—Lutheran World Relief

- 4—70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" x 10.5" (No loose-leaf paper)
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure with a rubber band
- One eraser approximately 2-1/2" long
- 5 ballpoint pens (no gel ink), secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps, provided by the BLCW.

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Remove any excess packaging, pack all items in the bag provided and close. Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

Food Pantry items for July are children cereals, crackers, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, toothpaste and laundry detergent.

*When making out checks for the food pantry please make them out to Pemberville Food Pantry. This is a community food pantry not just Bethlehem's.

Senior Center is looking for a meal delivery volunteers for every Tuesday to delivery meals. This is 5 days a week about an hour of your time. Please reach out to the church office if interested.

Prayer for New Pastor- 220 Prayer

220 - that's our address, the place where the Bethlehem community gathers for worship. You are invited to join this Bethlehem community each day at 2:20pm (or am if you are up) for a time of prayer centered on God's calling of a new pastor. You are welcome to use your own words, or use these: Most Holy God, we thank you for the gifts and ministry of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. We pray that you inspire and guide the pastor you will be calling to serve with us. We know you hold us in your hands of grace, so we give you thanks! Amen.

Anyone is welcome to make a one time or reoccurring donation by using the QR code that links to Tithe.ly, Bethlehem's online giving portal. When you scan the QR code, you will be required to set up an account, which only takes a few minutes. There is a small transaction fee for the use of the app. The app will prompt you to indicate your choice to pay the transaction fee or have it deducted from your donation. Thank you for supporting the ministries at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.



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