

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

We are called by God to follow Christ in
love and service to all.



August 9, 2026

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

Claudius Cazan

Welcome and Announcements

(please stand)

Confessions and Forgiveness

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

"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

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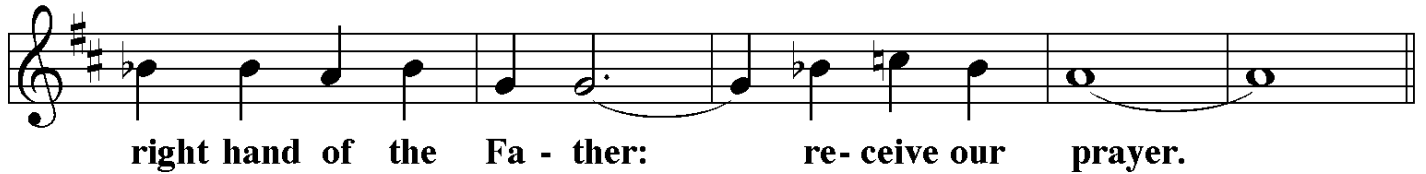
Greeting

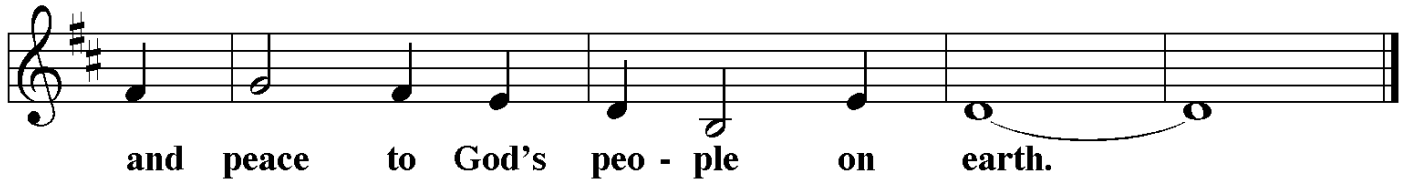
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise







Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray,

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(be seated)

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹ He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus;

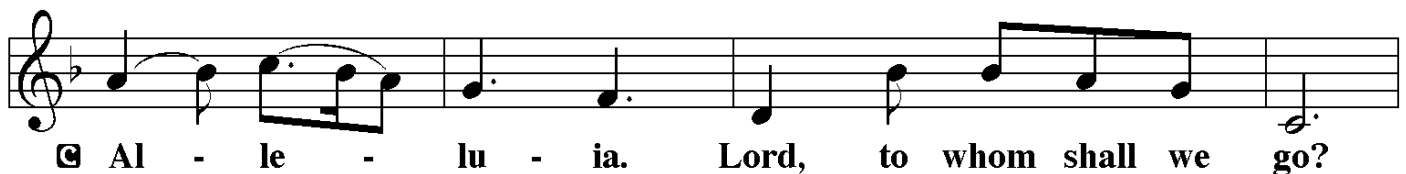
“The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
(please stand)

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

(be seated)

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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(please stand)

The Apostle's 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.**

(please stand)

The Prayers

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each portion of the prayers:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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,

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

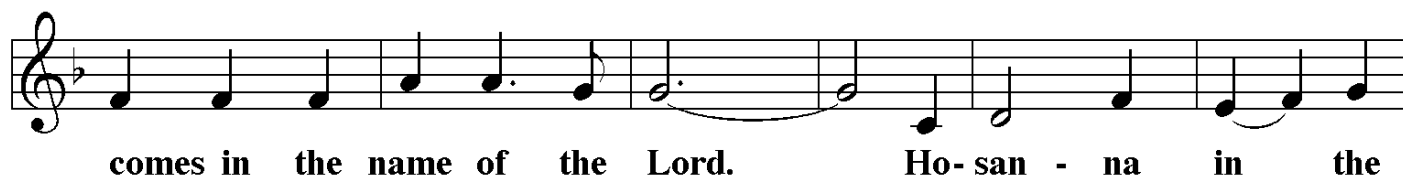
Lift up your hearts.

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

“When Peace Like a River”

ELW# 785

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

ELW# 755

(please stand)

Communion Blessing

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

Amen.

The Benediction

Almighty God , Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

“What a Fellowship, What a Divine Joy”

ELW# 774

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Claudius Cazan

New Directories Available!

The new 2026 directories are complete! You can pick up your copy in The Commons. One copy is named for everyone who participated. The directories cost \$11.50 each to print and have been paid for by the church. If you'd like to donate to help defray the cost (not required, but appreciated), you can do so in the offering basket here or with a designated offering.



Church at Eidsvold

August 16th

On August 16th, we'll gather with our partners at Eidsvold Lutheran Church for **church together** - worshipping, sharing, and having lots of fun! **No services at Bethlehem** that day, but drive on down the road a little further and let's all celebrate together **starting at 11AM. What a wonderful opportunity** for us to spend time getting to know our church partners. Mark the date on your calendars and plan to join in the fun!



Potluck Dishes

Next Sunday, August 16th, we will be heading to Eidsvold to share in worship. There will be a potluck following the service to which all are invited. Pastor Lucy would like to encourage all who would like to bring a dish to share to feel welcome to do so. We are looking forward to sharing this time with our friends in worship and fellowship and can't wait to see you there!



Potluck!

Flathead Valley Community Orchestra Concert

August 30th 3:00pm

Join us for an afternoon of beautiful music in The Sanctuary provided by the Flathead Valley Community Orchestra. The concert begins at 3pm. Bring your friends and neighbors. All are welcome!



FLBC is Hiring! Retreat Director

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp is seeking a **Retreat Director** to help create meaningful, Christ-centered experiences for the guests who visit camp throughout the year. This full-time position leads our retreat and conference ministry through hospitality, relationship-building, and event coordination. If you or someone you know has a heart for ministry and a gift for welcoming others, we'd love to connect. Contact the camp office or the Executive Director for a full job description and application information. (406) 752-6602 or jason@flbc.net



Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to help with cooking, serving, cleaning up, and baking for Feeding the Flathead on August 17. No previous experience is necessary! During the summer months, we serve approximately 70 hot meals to our guests, so we welcome as many helping hands as possible. You can sign up in the Commons or contact Julie Miller at (703) 862-3490 for more information.



Jesus Walks on the Water

During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. Matthew 14:25 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)



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EVENING
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HAND
 AFRAID
 WALKING
 COME

DOUBT
 SAVE
 BOAT
 WATER

WAVES
 SINK
 WIND
 ALONE

Prayer Concerns: Illness/surgery:

Erika Hauser, Char Kaber, Carol Eckholt, Kathy Adams, and Jana Thompson.

A Special Thank You To Our Assisting Ministers:

<u>Worship Leader:</u>	Julie Miller
<u>Assisting Mnstr:</u>	Bev Taylor
<u>Reader:</u>	Gary Aasheim
<u>Cantor:</u>	Frances Erler
<u>Greeters:</u>	Cheryl & Jack Keith
<u>Communion Setup:</u>	Sherry Korthase
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Julie Miller, Bev Taylor, Lynette Lorenzen, Daren Scot Wilson
<u>Usher:</u>	Bill & Jana Pursell, Jon & Linda Erfle
<u>Power Point:</u>	Gwen Jones
<u>Acolytes:</u>	

This Week at Bethlehem

SUNDAY

9:00am
10:30am

08/09

Worship
Bell Choir Practice

MONDAY

10:00am
6:00pm

08/10

Respite, FH
Feeding the Flathead, FH

TUESDAY

5:30pm

08/11

Council, FH

WEDNESDAY

6:45am
10:00am

08/12

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, FH
Respite, FH

THURSDAY

5:30pm

08/13

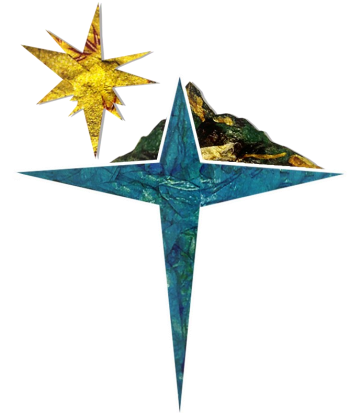
Flathead Valley Community Orchestra, FH

SUNDAY

11:00am

08/16 No Services at BLC!

Worship at Eidsvold



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