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Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class: 11:30 AM

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Showing care to a stranger.

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love.

Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you show kindness to a stranger?

Psalm 25 guides us in understanding how to live in a relationship with God, one that is filled with

promises. Faith practices we do in our homes strengthen our relationships with one another and with God. One faith practice is to read scripture daily. Read Psalm 25 and circle those words or phrases that guide you to a personal, trusted relationship with God. Write the words from Psalm 25:4, *“Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths”* on a paper. Place it beside your bed and recite the words each morning or night.



**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!

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 13, 2025

PRELUDE

✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

HYMN OF INVOCATION

803 JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

(Please rise)

△ 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

INVOCATION

[P] In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

EXHORTATION

LSB 151

[P] If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

[C] But 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

[P] Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

[C] Most 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 41

O LORD, Be Gracious to Me

[P] Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;

C the LORD protects him and keeps him alive;
he is called blessed in the land;
you do not give him up to the will of his
enemies.

P The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;
in his illness you restore him to full health.

C As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gracious to
me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you!”

P My enemies say of me in malice,
“When will he die and his name perish?”

C And when one comes to see me, he utters
empty words,
while his heart gathers iniquity;
when he goes out, he tells it abroad.

P All who hate me whisper together about me;
they imagine the worst for me.

C They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him;
he will not rise again from where he lies.”

P Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

C But you, O LORD, be gracious to me,
and raise me up, that I may repay them!

P By this I know that you delight in me:
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

C But you have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in your presence forever.

P Blessèd be the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!
Amen and Amen.

(Please rise)

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

**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.

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion
You rescue us from whatever may hurt us.
Teach us to love You above all things and to
love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live
and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leviticus 18:1–5; 19:9–18

Unlawful Sexual Relations

¹ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. ³You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not

do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. ⁴You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. ⁵You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD. . . .

Love Your Neighbor As Yourself

⁹“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest.

¹⁰And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

¹¹“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹²You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

¹³“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.

¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE **Greeting**

Colossians 1:1–14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to

share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

[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 10:25–37

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

[C] Glory to You, O Lord.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁵Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead.

³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and

took care of him. ³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’

³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON HYMN

919 ABIDE, O DEAREST JESUS

(Stanzas 1–4)

1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,
Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us
Nor we to sin give place.

- 2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,
Among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter
True peace and joy afford.
- 3 Abide with heav'nly brightness
Among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us
From error's gloomy night.
- 4 Abide with richest blessings
Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom
Grow daily through Your Word.

SERMON

"What Have You Done for Me Lately?"

. . . 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

852 O GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF MIGHT

(Stanzas 1–2, 5–6)

- 1 O God of mercy, God of might,
In love and pity infinite,
Teach us, as ever in Thy sight,
To live our lives in Thee.
- 2 And Thou, who cam'st on earth to die
That our lost world might live thereby,
O hear us; for to Thee we cry,
In hope, O Lord, to Thee.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
May we each other's burdens share;
May we, where help is needed, there
Give help as unto Thee!

6 And may Thy Holy Spirit move
All those who live to live in love
Till Thou shalt greet in heav'n above
All those who live in Thee.

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: Richard Gerlach & Greg Murray

Reader: Greg Murray



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



Altar Flowers-

Celebrating birthdays this week: 7/16: Gary Fernberg

Celebrating anniversaries this week: 7/15: Judy & Jack Young (65yrs)



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 Mickie and Klaus. 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 – 35

Adult Bible Class – 16

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CALENDAR

July 13, 2025 – July 20, 2025

TODAY: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
SUNDAY 11:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Pastor
July 13 11:30 a.m. Sunday School
12:30 p.m. Church Council will meet (right after Adult Bible Class)

MONDAY: 10:00 a.m. VBS Meeting
July 14

TUESDAY:
July 15

WEDNESDAY: 1:00 p.m. **Bob Jurs Funeral** (if you could bring a dish or
July 16 dessert to pass around please do)

THURSDAY:
July 17

FRIDAY:
July 18

SATURDAY:
July 19

NEXT 10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion

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

July 20 11:30 a.m. Sunday School
4:00pm-6:00p.m. VBS Kick-off



COME JOIN US

July 28- August 1
9:00a.m.- 12:00p.m.

This summer, we're going on an epic adventure through Australia, and you're invited! We'll encounter amazing animals, lush landscapes, stunning sea life, and wondrous wilderness. And most importantly, we'll be guided by our Savior, Jesus, who tells us, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" in our theme verse John 14:6.

Epic Australian Adventure VBS Lessons include:

Lesson One: God Calls Moses - Exodus 3

Lesson Two: God Leads His People to the Promised Land - Joshua 3–4

Lesson Three: The Parable of the Good Samaritan - Luke 10:25–37

Lesson Four: Peter and John Race to the Tomb - John 20:1–10, 19–20

Lesson Five: Jesus Ascends to the Father - Luke 24:44–53; Acts 1:1–11

- **Make a Difference at VBS! Contributions of the following items will help provide for the needs of VBS students and allow focus on sharing the love of God.**
 - Disposable cups
 - Disposable plates
 - Napkins
 - Bottled water
 - *Donations can be dropped off by July 20th*



Our Special Prayers and Intercessions

Lou – in Cedarbrook long-term care
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
Cammy – brain tumor stable
Cannon – cancer
Dorothy – in memory care
Haven – in remission
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
Peggy – after rehab can use cane and walker now
Sharon – need rest and stop worrying
Annette – ductal carcinoma in situ
Paul – strengthening of faith
Judy – cancer
Joe – stage 4 lung cancer
Bob – need shots in eyes
Nicole – broke lower leg
Pat – lot of health issues
Holly – needs pacemaker, hernia repaired, found a mass in her stomach area
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
Belland/Calcagino – family issues
Jenn – cancer
Yvonne – health issues
David – cancer, uncontrolled diabetes
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
Donna – health issues, in hospital
Stormie – motorhome and car burnt, lost it all
Mary – entered into the presence of Jesus, please pray for the Schoop Family
Joan – stroke
Ron – prostate cancer
Andy – doing great after heart procedure
Barbara – had to remove part of her colon
Linda – open heart surgery
Texas – catastrophic floods
Martha – hospitalized for high blood pressure
Kenny – low oxygen and heart problems
Kevin and family – leaving for Guatemala
Holly – going through a lot

***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.