



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Know Jesus – Grow in the Bible – Excel in Loving God and Others!

Sunday, July 15 at 8:00 & 10:45; Monday, July 16 at 7 PM

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Seventh after Trinity – 2018



Today's service is **Divine Service, Setting Three** (Adapted from Lutheran Service Book, 184-202).

WELCOME:

1. **Bell:** Please take a service folder and be seated. For the folder on your smartphone: www.BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com/ServiceFolder
2. **Phone:** Please silence at this time.
3. **Welcome:** See the white pew card; visitors.
4. **Lord's Supper:** See the white pew card.
5. **Prayer Request:** See the yellow pew card.

PRELUDE:

We listen and prepare in silence.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

↑ GOD'S WORK of SORROW and ASSURANCE:

- L: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**

- L: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, begging Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- L: To whom do you confess your sins?
C: **To the almighty God, my merciful Father.**
L: How do you look upon yourself?
C: **I am a poor miserable sinner.**
L: What sins do you confess?
C: **I confess all my sins and iniquities.**
L: What have you justly deserved?
C: **I have justly deserved temporal death and eternal punishment.**
L: What is your attitude toward your sins?
C: **I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them.**

L: What is the basis of your request?
C: **The boundless mercy of my Heavenly Father and the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of His beloved Son, Jesus Christ.**

L: What do we request from our merciful Father?

A: **Dear Father, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

L: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of **the Word**, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead *[in the place of]* and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen** (*Face the entrance and focus on Jesus*).

SERVICE OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE HYMN: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

See the words below / LSB 809

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

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KYRIE (Mark 10:46-52): *Let Us Pray*

L: O Lord, C: **have mercy upon us.**

L: O Christ, C: **have mercy upon us.**

L: O Lord, C: **have mercy upon us.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

See the words below / LSB 809

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

SALUTATION and COLLECT:

L: The LORD be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: *Let us pray.* O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance.

A: **Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death;**

L: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.** ↓

Children – Please come forward!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

God Is Faithful – Providing Our Needs, Our Seasons, and His Forgiveness!!!



OLD TESTAMENT: Amos 7:7-15 ESV
See Below / Pew Bible Page 1428 / Own Bible

⁷ This is what he showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸ And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; ⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰ Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said, "'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴ Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵ But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 85:8-13 ESV
See Below / Front of LSB / Own Bible

L: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,

C: for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

L: Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,

C: that glory may dwell in our land.

L: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
C: righteousness and peace kiss each other.
L: Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
C: and righteousness looks down from the sky.
L: Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
C: and our land will yield its increase.
L: Righteousness will go before him
C: and make his footsteps a way.
A: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.

EPISTLE: Ephesians 1:3-14 ESV
See Sermon / Pew Bible Page 1817/ Own Bible
It will be read along with today's sermon!

↑ ALLELUIA and VERSE:
See the words below / LSB 156

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e-ter-nal life.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29 ESV
See Below / Pew Bible Page 1561/ Own Bible

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O LORD.

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷ For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your

brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²² For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests.

And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³ And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom."

²⁴ And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist."

²⁵ And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

²⁶ And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷ And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸ and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ. ↓

HYMN OF THE DAY:

All Depends on Our Possessing

See the words below or LSB 732

- 1 All depends on our possessing
God's abundant grace and blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart.

They who trust with faith unshaken
By their God are not forsaken
And will keep a dauntless heart.

- 2 He who to this day has fed me
And to many joys has led me
Is and ever shall be mine.
He who ever gently schools me,
He who daily guides and rules me
Will remain my help divine.
- 3 Many spend their lives in fretting
Over trifles and in getting
Things that have no solid ground.
I shall strive to win a treasure
That will bring me lasting pleasure
And that now is seldom found.

SERMON: God Did What???

Ephesians 1:3-14 ESV

1. **GOD Chose Us:** ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ ...as he [God the Father] chose us in him [His Son] before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.
2. **GOD Adopted Us:** In love ⁵ he [God the Father] predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose [good pleasure] of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed [highly favored] us in the Beloved.

3. **GOD Bought Us Back:** ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose [good pleasure], which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

4. **Through Jesus We Have an Inheritance:** ¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

5. **The Holy Spirit Is the Guarantee of Our Inheritance:** ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

All Depends on Our Possessing

See the words below or LSB 732

- 4 When with sorrow I am stricken,
Hope anew my heart will quicken;
All my longing shall be stilled.
To His loving-kindness tender
Soul and body I surrender,
For on God alone I build.
- 5 Well He knows what best to grant me;
All the longing hopes that haunt me,
Joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt His wisdom never;
As God wills, so be it ever;
I commit to Him my way.
- 6 If my days on earth He lengthen,
God my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in Him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding,
Like a stream away is gliding;
Safe I anchor in His grace.

↑ NICENE CREED

Go to the back of either hymnal.

I believe!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: *Let Us Pray*

After Each Petition: L: LORD, in Your mercy.
C: Hear our prayer.

Conclusion:

L: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen. ↓

OFFERING: *Let us honor the Lord!*

OFFERTORY:

BEFORE COMMUNING PRAYER: Front of LSB

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

↑ PREFACE and PROPER PREFACE:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

L: It is truly good, right and beneficial that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

See the words below / LSB 195

Holy, holy, holy LORD, God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the

LORD. Hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER:

L: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

A: Our Father who art in heaven...

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD: *On Good Friday*

PAX DOMINI: *The Peace of the Lord*

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI: *Lamb of God*

See the words below / LSB 550

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. ↓

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION:

Amazing Grace

See the words below or LSB 744

- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!
- 2 The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.
- 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

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↑ **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:** *Let Us Pray*

L: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN:

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

See the words below / LSB 643

Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,

Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

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BENEDICTION: *Receive and Be Blessed*

L: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen. ↓

POSTLUDE and CANDLE EXTINGUISHING:

SPECIAL BLESSINGS FOR YOU:

- ♦ **Receive Prayer:** Meet up front with: Alan (8:00); Jerry/Brian (10:45).
- ♦ **Sermon Copies:** Available in the Narthex.
- ♦ **Be Refreshed** (9:10-9:30): Join us down the hall for coffee, juice, bakery, and more!
- ♦ **Grow Up in God's Word** (9:30-10:30): Attend Bible Class / Sunday School!
- ♦ **Participation Guide:** See today's insert!

THANKS FOR SERVING ON 7/15

Organist: Gayle Powers
Altar Guild: Tricia W, Ray K
Financial Team: Natalia F, Jerry H

8:00 Service

Ushers: Rand S, Diane M, Jeanette D
Pastor Team: Matthias M
Prayers: Alan C

9:30 Refreshments: Miriam E and Doris C

10:45 Service

Ushers: Jerry H, Ray D, Bart P, Lillie R
Pastor Team: Brian Z
Prayers: Jerry/Brian

THANKS FOR SERVING ON 7/22

Organist: Gayle Powers
Altar Guild: Kathy G, Stacey J
Financial Team: Jerry H, Paul M

8:00 Service

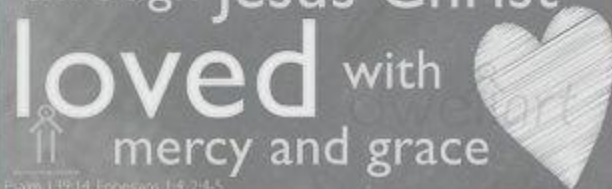
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10:45 Service

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Prayers: Jerry/Brian

I am fearfully &
wonderfully
made
chosen before the
foundation of the world
adopted
through Jesus Christ
loved with
mercy and grace



Psalm 139:14; Ephesians 1:4-5

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