**Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2020**

**pre service Peg Youngren** Special extendedpreservice begins at 9:50.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**Opening song** ***Thy Word***

***Thy word is a lamp unto my feet***

***and a light unto my path 2x***

1.When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way

Still you’re there right beside me

and nothing will I fear

as long as you are near

Please be near me to the end ***Chorus***

2 I will not forget your love for me and yet

my heart forever is wandering

Jesus, be my guide

and hold me to your side

and I will love you to the end ***Chorus***

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**READING**

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| A reading from 2 Samuel Chapter 7 | Una lectura de 2 Samuel capítulo 7 |
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| Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, 2the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” 3Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.”  4But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 5Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? 6I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. 7Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” 8Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; 9and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. 10And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly 11from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. 12When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. 15But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. 16Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever. 17In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David. | Una vez que el rey David se hubo establecido en su palacio, el Señor le dio descanso de todos los enemigos que lo rodeaban. 2Entonces el rey le dijo al profeta Natán: —Como puedes ver, yo habito en un palacio de cedro, mientras que el arca de Dios se encuentra bajo el toldo de una tienda de campaña. 3—Bien —respondió Natán—. Haga Su Majestad lo que su corazón le dicte, pues el Señor está con usted.  4Pero aquella misma noche la palabra del Señor vino a Natán y le dijo:  5«Ve y dile a mi siervo David que así dice el Señor: “¿Serás tú acaso quien me construya una casa para que yo la habite? 6Desde el día en que saqué a los israelitas de Egipto, y hasta el día de hoy, no he habitado en casa alguna, sino que he andado de acá para allá, en una tienda de campaña a manera de santuario. 7Todo el tiempo que anduve con los israelitas, cuando mandé a sus gobernantes que pastorearan a mi pueblo Israel, ¿acaso le reclamé a alguno de ellos el no haberme construido una casa de cedro?”  8»Pues bien, dile a mi siervo David que así dice el Señor Todopoderoso: “Yo te saqué del redil para que, en vez de cuidar ovejas, gobernaras a mi pueblo Israel. 9Yo he estado contigo por dondequiera que has ido, y he aniquilado a todos tus enemigos. Y ahora voy a hacerte tan famoso como los más grandes de la tierra. 10También voy a designar un lugar para mi pueblo Israel, y allí los plantaré para que puedan vivir sin sobresaltos. Sus malvados enemigos no volverán a humillarlos como lo han hecho desde el principio, 11desde el día en que nombré gobernantes sobre mi pueblo Israel. Y a ti te daré descanso de todos tus enemigos.  »”Pero ahora el Señor te hace saber que será él quien te construya una casa. 12Cuando tu vida llegue a su fin y vayas a descansar entre tus antepasados, yo pondré en el trono a uno de tus propios descendientes, y afirmaré su reino. 13Será él quien construya una casa en mi honor, y yo afirmaré su trono real para siempre. 14Yo seré su padre, y él será mi hijo. Así que, cuando haga lo malo, lo castigaré con varas y azotes, como lo haría un padre. 15Sin embargo, no le negaré mi amor, como se lo negué a Saúl, a quien abandoné para abrirte paso. 16Tu casa y tu reino durarán para siempre delante de mí;[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Samuel+7%3A1-17&version=NVI#fes-NVI-8184a)] tu trono quedará establecido para siempre”».  17Natán le comunicó todo esto a David, tal como lo había recibido por revelación. |
| Word of God, word of life.  **Thanks be to God.** | Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida. **Gracias a Dios.** |

**Reading**

A reading from Romans Chapter 3

19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20 For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. 21 But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, 23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; 26 it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. 27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia.* If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples,\* and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. *Alleluia. (John 8:31-32)***

**sermon Pastor Carol**

**Song of the day *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*  Hymn 789 v 1,2,4**

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
much we need your tender care.  
In your pleasant pastures feed us,  
for our use your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have bought us; we are yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have bought us; we are yours.  
  
2 We are yours; in love befriend us,  
be the guardian of our way;  
keep your flock, from sin defend us,  
seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear us children when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear us children when we pray.  
  
4 Early let us seek your favor,  
early let us do your will;  
blessed Lord and only Savior,  
with your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have loved us, love us still.

**Prayers of the people**

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**OFFERING**

**COMMUNION**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

*Those communion from home can have the elements sitting out on a small table for blessing as Pastor speaks the Words of Institution. Pastor Carol will then invite you to receive before distributing communion to the in person gathering. The body and blood of Christ given for you.*

**Announcements**

**Indoor Sanctuary Worship Plus Zoom. Registration is required every Sunday for Indoor Worship due to limited seating.** Please contact Cindy via email or phone, or by calling the church office to **register before 12 noon on Friday**.

**Communion Live on Zoom.** In these unprecedented times, those worshiping from home can participate in communionlive along with the in person folks. Contact Cindy to receive communion packets so that we can participate together.

**Tues Service of Meditation and Prayer with Organ music** will go to a monthly meeting, the first Tuesday of the month**. No meeting this week.**

**Thurs 7pm Grupo de Oración con Pr Jose (in Spanish)**

**Día de Muertos**, 1 de noviembre a la 1pm, afuera (outside). Habla con Pr. Jose

The Día de Muertos service at 1pm on Nov. 1st will not take place outside. See Pr. Jose for more details. We will have our usual 10 am worship Nov. 1st, All Saints Day worship.

**Thank you for your contributions to Crop Hunger Walk.** The rain stopped during the time we walked – well, except for Pastor Carol who was trailing. Thanks again for your support, and thanks to Gayle, Cindy for organizing and Eva and Amalia for joining us on the walk. Together we raised ( ).as team Bethlehem.

**Sunday** Service **10am**

**Dial 1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 947 2112 9583 Password: 058733**

**Monday Meetings**

**Dial 1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 817 3102 4901 Passcode: 069537**

**Tuesday Bible Study 10am Also works for any Tues meeting.**

**Dial 1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 852 4417 3785 Password: 387195**

**Wed Women’s Study 6pm Also works for any Wed meeting.**

**Dial 1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 894 7503 5205, Password: 088632**

**Thursday Meetings**

**Dial 1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 952 1009 4147 Passcode: 935958**

**Sending Song*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*  Hymn 504 v 1,2,4**

1 A mighty fortress is our God  
a sword and shield victorious  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
and wins salvation glorious  
The old satanic foe  
has sworn to work us woe  
With craft and dreadful might  
he arms himself to fight  
On earth he has no equal

2 No strength of ours can match his might  
We would be lost, rejected  
But now a champion comes to fight  
whom God himself elected  
You ask who this may be  
The Lord of hosts is he  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord  
God's only Son, adored  
He holds the field victorious  
  
4 God's Word forever shall abide  
no thanks to foes, who fear it  
for God himself fights by our side  
with weapons of the Spirit  
Were they to take our house  
goods, honor, child, or spouse  
through life be wrenched away  
they cannot win the day  
The kingdom's ours forever

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