



WELCOME

We're glad you're here!

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2020

8 am and 11 am Worship Service

As We Gather

The earthly ministry of Jesus was for the most part in a restricted geographical area. For the three years of His public work, He traveled in the area of Judea and Galilee with a singular sojourn through Samaria. But at least on one occasion, He went beyond familiar boundaries north to the district of Tyre and Sidon, in what today is Lebanon. There He brought healing for the daughter of a Canaanite woman, a person seen as a Gentile and an inferior by the Jews of His home area. The love of Jesus broke down barriers and reached across divides. As people who have been sought out by Jesus, we seek ways to extend His love as the Holy Spirit works in and through us.

Welcome and Announcements

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

LSB 650 (vs. 1-2)

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
O'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising
Those of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-impacting Spirit,
You we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever living
As the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
Through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
In the Church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship
For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.

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Invocation

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Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed, I have continually transgressed Your Law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all of my sins, and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

Amen.

As you believe, so let it be. 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.

Amen.

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LSB 650 (vs. 3)

Holy Spirit, ever working Through the Church's ministry;

Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving, Setting captive sinners free;

Holy Spirit, ever binding Age to age and soul to soul

In communion never ending, You we worship and extol.

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Service of the Word

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone

who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

⁸The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel?

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience,

³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

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Apostles' Creed

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.

In Christ There Is No East or West

LSB 653 (vs. 1)

In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

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Message

Pastor Nathan McCarty

Prayers of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

The Words of Our Lord

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

LSB 761

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessing of God's People (Benediction)

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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.

With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
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Family Contemporary

9:30 am Worship Service

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Holy Communion

Distribution Song(s): Solos

Prayers

Blessing of God's People (Benediction)

Music

Altar Flowers

Given in memory of her son John E Spreier II by Mary Spreier

Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Birthdays this week

Al Clawson, Judie Knudtson, Logan Skorusa, Cain Winter, Karen Wilhelm, Christopher Junk, Kathy Lawler, Stephen Reed, Elijah Bennett, Lois Klein, Darlene Maxwell

Please Keep In Your Prayers

David Bavle, Ben Bryant, Deborah A. Brewer, Ann Cirillo, Sue Eischen, Michael Hayes, Lisa Parnaby Isaacs, Kim M. Johnston, Jeanne Mackert, Joan & Norm Mattmuller, Jeff Moe, Kathleen Olive, Bea Pearson, Jeannie & Roger Roman, Sylvia Spiering

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 16

8, 9:30 & 11 am Worship with Holy Communion
11 am Live Stream on BLC Facebook

Tuesday, August 18

6am-7pm Voting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, August 19

10-11am Private communion
11 am Staff Meeting
7 pm Bible Study in Cottage (lead by Alex Limbaugh)

Friday, August 21

6 pm Mission House

Sunday, August 23

8, 9:30 & 11 am Worship with Holy Communion
11 am Live Stream on BLC Facebook

Panera Help

We only need one volunteer now for the 4th Sunday of the month to pick up Panera Bread @ the Ponte Vedra location and bring it to the fellowship hall. Occasionally we will need help with the 5th Sunday of the month. Please call Ben Bryant @ 318-1982 or a pastor.

2020-2021 Confirmation Classes

Classes will be starting for the 7th and 8th Grade in September. If you have a child or grandchild you would like to attend, please call the church office or talk with Pastor Brones or Pastor McCarty.

Sermons Online

Weekly sermons are available by visiting our church website at <http://www.blcjaxbeach.org>

SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED

Worshippers should not assemble in the Narthex.

- 8:00 Sunday service will be “wearing of masks is mandatory” (100% of the time – as congregation arrives, during service and while congregation exits)
- 9:30 & 11:00 Sunday service will have wearing of masks mandatory when within 6 feet of another person (non-family) and over 6 years old
- wearing of masks is voluntary when not within 6 feet of another person (non-family)

Welcome Guests!

We hope you feel loved and that you are challenged by the theme and message today.

If you desire a prayer, write it on the prayer card and drop it in the offering plate and we will pray for you throughout the week.

Please see an usher or elder should you have any questions or need more information. We are here to serve you and strive to make your worship experience the best it can be at Bethlehem.

Holy Communion

As Lutherans, we believe that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Lord’s Supper, together with bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. If this is your faith, you are welcome at our altar.

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