

God
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Fathers



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 20, 2021

8 am and 11 am Worship Service

As We Gather

In today's Gospel, Jesus commands the wind and the sea to become calm, which understandably stuns the disciples. "Who is this?" they wonder. The other Readings today reaffirm that we know that Jesus is one person of the Holy Trinity. The Creator puts creature Job in his place. We also ought to remember with whom we are dealing when we request or complain. Paul encourages his readers, then and now, to put their circumstances into the context of the whole Church. Our situations do not define us! Sure of God's care and emboldened by the strength He provides, we are called to live out our faith confidently. We know who this is: He is Jesus, our Savior.

Welcome and Announcements

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB 790 (vs. 1-4)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.

Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.

What need or grief
Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.

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Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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LSB 790 (vs.5)

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

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Service of the Word

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, daily You forgive the sins of all who call out to You for mercy and blessing.

Now, on this day of salvation, assure us again that nothing in all creation can separate us from You and Your gracious promises; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of
Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius
Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
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And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \ddagger of the
world to come. Amen.

“I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus” (8 am) *LSB 729 (vs. 1,4&6)*

1 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
 Trusting only Thee;
 Trusting Thee for full salvation,
 Great and free.

4 I am trusting Thee to guide me;
 Thou alone shalt lead,
 Ev’ry day and hour supplying
 All my need.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
 Never let me fall.
 I am trusting Thee forever
 And for all.

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Choir (11 am)

Message

Pastor Dana Allen Brones

Prayers of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

LSB 195

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna. hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He
That cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Our Lord

The Peace

The peace of the ☩ Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

LSB 739

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,

Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call;
Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near
And the day is almost gone,
At the river I stand;
Guide my feet, hold my hand,
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Dismissal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

O God the Father, who sent Your only-begotten Son into this created world as one of us, we thank You for the pardon and peace You have graciously provided in this Sacrament. Strengthened thereby, we ask that You enable us to open our hearts that the people we meet may understand this favorable time, this day of salvation You make available in Your endless grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing of God's People (Benediction)

Fight the Good Fight

LSB 664

Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Your joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace;
Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
His boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove
Christ is your life and Christ your love.

Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;
He changes not who holds you dear;
Only believe, and you will see
That Christ is all eternally.

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
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Family Contemporary

9:30 am Worship Service

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Holy Communion

Distribution Song(s)

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Blessing of God's People (Benediction)

Closing Song of Praise

Altar Flowers

Given to the glory of God by the congregation.

Birthdays this week

Anastasia Simpson, Nina Gregor, Jennifer McEwen, Margaret Parnaby, Peter Bennett, Mark McGiveron, Beatrice Pearson, David Bavle, Chris Johnson, Norman Mattmuller, Annette Singleton, Jason Knapp, Jan Sifferath

Anniversary

Jeffrey and Elizabeth Swatkowski

Dan and Jan Runko

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Don Adkison, Renee Boone, Ingrid Boettger, Gary Brett, Deborah A. Brewer, Ben Bryant, Charlotte Cobb, Mary Dorsett, Sue Eischen, Jamie Heimback, Kim M. Johnston, Jeanne Mackert, Joan & Norm Mattmuller, Marc & Karen Matteson, Bo Richards, Dennis Rickert, Jeannie & Roger Roman, Bernie Siebenaler, Sylvia Spiering, Mary Spreier, Mariah Thies, Lyle Wiechmann
*Please fill out a prayer card and put it in the altar plate or call the office.
We would love to put you in our prayers.*

BLC Events

Sunday, June 20 – Father’s Day

- 8 am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:30 am Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:30 am Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Led by Pastor Bicknase
- 9:30 am Adult Bible Study (Upper Room)
- 9:30 am Children’s Sunday School
- 11 am Live Stream of worship

Tuesday, June 22

- 6:15 pm Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 7 pm Executive Council

Wednesday, June 23

- 9:30 am Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 11 am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
- 7 pm Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Led by Alex Limbaugh

Thursday, June 24

- 6 pm Men’s Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:45 pm AA Meeting (Upper Room)

Saturday, June 26

- 8 am Gideon’s Prayer Meeting
- 8:45 am AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, June 27

- High School Camp at Linnhaven through July 3rd
- 8 am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
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- 2-6 pm Farewell Party for Simpson at Gruhn Acres
500 Ranch Road, Ponte Vedra Beach

Announcements

Baby Bottle Campaign

Please return by Father's Day, June 20th.

June 27th – 2-6 pm

Farewell "Beach Theme" party for the Simpson family at Gruhn Acres, 500 Ranch Road, 32081. Sign up sheet to come to bring a dessert, all other food will be provided.

Mission Trip

A mission trip to Ntshongweni, South Africa is being planned for August 13-23, 2021. Please contact Valerie Gruhn for more information. valeriegruhn@gmail.com or (904) 536-2912.

Nursery Care

If you should need a quiet place to calm your children or tend to their needs, nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers during worship. The nursery is located across the courtyard.

Shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7061413 and Amazon donates to Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Thank you for your support!

BLC Guest Password: MartinLuther

Calendar Events

Please be sure to check with the church office before scheduling events at Bethlehem. We must make sure that we don't have conflicts with others of the church.

Summer Giving

This summer, if you can't make it to church due to travel or other commitments, we encourage you to automate your regular donations. Bethlehem relies on the consistent financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Simply visit www.blcjaxbeach.org and locate the electronic giving link under the members tab. We thank you for your continued support!



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photos and fun!*

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.

Acknowledgments

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