



WELCOME

🍂 Thank You For Joining Us 🍂

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

8 am and 11 am Worship Service

As We Gather

God's grace is always abundant; it goes beyond the limits we might set. When seventy elders are supposed to report to Moses to help him, two remain in the camp. But the Spirit rests on them! In the Gospel, the disciples following Jesus on the way to Jerusalem complain. A non-disciple is able to cast out demons in His name! And Jesus tells them not to stop him. His grace even includes us despite our inability to do His will. Confident of our Lord's return, the Epistle urges us to serve one another, healing, praying, cheering up, confessing, and forgiving. Jesus says we are as valuable as salt for one another, preserving our relationship to Him. "Have salt in yourselves," He says, "and be at peace with one another."

Welcome and Announcements

O Worship the King

LSB 804 (vs. 1-3)

O worship the King, all-glorious above.

O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;

Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

This earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy pow'r hath founded of old,
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

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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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We confess our impatience, our lack of love for our brothers and sisters in Christ, and our words that do not always reflect the love You have for us. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Heavenly Father, our only hope is in Your grace and mercy. Forgive us for Jesus’ sake.

God has cured our sickness of sin by sending His Son to die in our place. He values us and calms our fears, saying, “Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in His works.
Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

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LSB 804 (vs. 4-5)

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

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Service of the Word

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our

Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

Amen.

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Holy Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth 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.

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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.

Hope of the World

LSB 690 (vs. 1-3)

Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great compassion;

Speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.

Save us, Thy people, from consuming passion,

Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,

Bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,

Still let Thy Spirit unto us be given

To heal earth's wounds and end our bitter strife.

Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,

Showing to wand'ring souls the path of light,

Walk Thou beside us lest the tempting byways

Lure us away from Thee to endless night.

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Message

Vicar Jonathan Sharp

Prayers of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

The Words of Our Lord

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace (8 am) LSB 937 (vs.1-3)
Choir (11 am)

Lord, bid Your servant go in peace,
Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,
This child so long foretold.

This is the Savior of the world,
The Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst,
The joy of Israel.

With saints of old, with saints to come,
To You we lift our voice;
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest
Be honor, love, and praise.

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Dismissal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

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. **Amen.**

Blessing of God's People (Benediction)

God of Grace and God of Glory

LSB 850

God of grace and God of glory,
On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Cure Your children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
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Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving You whom we adore,
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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
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Family Contemporary

9:30 am Worship Service

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song of Praise

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Praise Song

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Holy Communion

Distribution Song(s): Solos

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.

BLC Events this week

Sunday, September 26

- 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 Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Live Stream of worship
11 am Intergenerational Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Led by Pastor McCarty

Tuesday, September 28

- 6:15 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, September 29

- 9:30 am Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary)
11 am Staff Meeting
5:30 pm Confirmation Class and Sr High Youth Meeting
7 pm Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Led by Alex Limbaugh

Thursday, September 30

9:30 am Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
4:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
6 pm Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:45 pm AA Meeting (Upper Room)

Saturday, October 2

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

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BLC Guest Password: MartinLuther

Birthdays this week

Deborah Brewer, Kadence Perryman, Trevor Freeborn, Michael Headley
Debbie Corbitt, Avery Williams, Landon Williams, Pastor Nathan McCarty
Richard Smith, Diane Zellmer

Anniversaries this week

Bob and Linda Van Ness

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Renee Boone, Deborah A. Brewer, Ben Bryant, Marge Cirillo,
Mary Dorsett, Sue Eischen, Grace and Don Elvers, Marilyn Garrett,
Marianne Johnson, Kim M. Johnston, Joan & Norm Mattmuller,
Tim Pacheco, Helen Peterson, Dennis Rickert, Jeannie & Roger Roman,
Sylvia Spiering, Mary Spreier, Mariah Thies, Bob VanNess, Gene Wells
*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.*

Announcements

Intergenerational Sunday School

Starting in the Fellowship Hall at 11 am, taught by Erica and/or Pastor
Nate McCarty.

Women's Bible Study

October 6th at 9 am, we will meet in Disciple's Hall. We are going to begin a study of women of the Old Testament. All women are welcome to join. If you would like a study book before we meet please contact Becky at bicnbec2@gmail.com

Thursday Morning Vicar's Bible Study

Join us on Thursdays at 9:30 am in Disciple's Hall for a bible study led by Vicar Jonathan. Please come and enjoy a time of fellowship and growing in the faith.

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 by the restrooms.

New Member Classes

Join us as we review the teachings of the Lutheran Church as expressed in our confessions. Classes begin October 21, 27 and Nov. 3rd at 6:30-8 pm. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Pastor Appreciation Day

October 10th - Appreciate the people of Clergy that you know about in your life and give them a shout out on your social media accounts using the tag **#ClergyAppreciationDay**.

Men's Bible Class

Our next meeting will be at 6:00 pm on Thursday, October 21st. We will begin with a meal and fellowship followed by our next disciple. Hope to see you there!

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 30 - 6 to 8 pm. Start thinking of ways to decorate your trunks and be ready to pass out some treats. Volunteers are also needed to help run game stations and make sure everything is running smoothly. If you would like to help, please contact Kristine Perryman at 536-0826.

Church Cleanup Day

Saturday, November 13 at BLC, let's get our campus spruced up for Advent and Christmas. 8-12 noon, many opportunities for all ages, inside and outside. Please talk with Bruce Dellinger or Brenda Murray with questions, coffee and doughnuts will be served.

Sunday, November 28

First Sunday of Advent

Angel Tree Christmas Program

Bethlehem is participating in the Salvation Army Angel Tree program again this year. Please consider taking an angel, purchasing the item, and returning it under the tree. Holly Dellinger is our contact person.

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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