



# Bethlehem Lutheran Church

**Truth – Relevance – Inspiration**

**Saturday, 6/25 at 4 pm; Sunday, 6/26 at 9 am**

**Church Year: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity – 2022**



This Service Is **Divine Service, Setting Three** (Adapted from Lutheran Service Book, 184-202).

Thank you to Dr. Phil Giessler, *today's preacher and teacher*, and Mr. Harold Weseloh, *today's worship leader*, for substituting for Pastor Robert Green.

May God enable you to understand, believe, and eternally benefit!

**DIVINE SERVICE:** *Let us gladly receive God's gifts through Word and Sacrament!*

- ✦ **Visitors:** *Welcome! Please take a visitor basket (Narthex) and let us get to know you.*
- ✦ **Prayer Request:** *See a "yellow" card (Narthex) and the "Receive Prayer" section (end of folder).*
- ✦ **Young Children:** *Activity bags (by worship entrance); Little Lamb Room (off Narthex); Children's Message (please come forward).*
- ✦ **Phone:** *Please silence.*
- ✦ **Hearing Assistance:** *Available in Narthex.*
- ✦ **Service Folder:** *Get it on your smartphone: [www.BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com/ServiceFolder](http://www.BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com/ServiceFolder)*
- ✦ **Not Comfortable Inside:** *Receive at our main entrance; then listen from your car (FM 89.9).*

**WELCOME – THE SEASON OF PENTECOST:**

- L: We are powered by the Holy Spirit!
- C: **Let us live for Christ!**

**PRESERVICE CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION:**

- 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. Our help is in the name of the LORD.
- C: **Who made heaven and earth.**
- L: ☩ I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD.
- C: **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for self-examination.

L: O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**A: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

L: In the mercy of the almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the LORD, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**C: Amen.**

## PRELUDE

### SERVICE OF THE WORD

↑ **INVOCATION** – *We remember God's work to clothe us in the righteousness of Christ:*

L: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN:** *Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven*

**Sing to the tune of TLH 276**

See the words below / TLH 32

1. Redeemed, restored, forgiven,  
Through Jesus' precious blood,  
Heirs of His home in heaven,  
Oh, praise our pardoning God!  
Praise Him in tuneful measures  
Who gave His Son to die;  
Praise Him whose sevenfold treasures  
Enrich and sanctify.

2. Once on the dreary mountain  
We wandered far and wide,  
Far from the cleansing fountain,  
Far from the pierced side;  
But Jesus sought and found us  
And washed our guilt away;  
With cords of love He bound us  
To be His own for aye.

## KYRIE:

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## SALUTATION and COLLECT:

L: The LORD be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: *Let us pray.* Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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

## OLD TESTAMENT: Daniel 9:9

See Below / Pew Bible Page 1387 / Own Bible

*"The Lord our God is merciful and forgives although we have rebelled against Him."*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## PSALM: 130 ESV

See Below / Front of LSB / Own Bible

- 1 Out | of the depths\*  
I cry to you, | O LORD!
  - 2 O Lord, | hear my voice!\*  
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of  
my pleas for | mercy!
  - 3 If you, O LORD, should mark in- | iquities,\*  
O Lord, | who could stand?
  - 4 But with you there is for- | givenness,\*  
that you | may be feared.
  - 5 I wait for the LORD, my | soul waits,\*  
and in his | word I hope;
  - 6 my soul waits for the Lord more than  
watchmen for the | morning,\*  
more than watchmen for the | morning.
  - 7 O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD  
there is | steadfast love,\*  
and with him is plentiful re- | demption.
  - 8 And he will redeem | Israel\*  
from all his in- | iquities.
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

## EPISTLE: Colossians 1:13, 14

See Below / Pew Bible Page 1832 / Own Bible

*<sup>13</sup>"He rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of the Son whom He loves. <sup>14</sup>In His Son we have redemption, namely, the forgiveness of sins."*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 15:11-32

*It will be read during today's sermon!*

## SERMON HYMN:

*God Loved the World So That He Gave*

See the words below / TLH 245 / LSB 571

- 1 God loved the world so that He gave  
His only Son the lost to save,  
That all who would in Him believe  
Should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,  
Who was made flesh and suffered death;  
All then who trust in Him alone  
Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 God would not have the sinner die;  
His Son with saving grace is nigh;  
His Spirit in the Word declares  
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
Forgives all sins which you have done;  
And, justified by Jesus' blood,  
Your Baptism grants the highest good.

## SERMON: A Parable for All Times of Life

Luke 15:11-32

*See the sermon insert!*

## HYMN: *Return, O Wanderer, Return*

**Sing to the tune of TLH 200**

See the words below / TLH 280

1. Return, O wanderer, return  
And seek an injured Father's face.  
Those warm desires that in thee burn  
Were kindled by reclaiming grace.
3. Return, O wanderer, return;  
Thy Savior bids thy spirit live.  
Go to His bleeding feet and learn  
How freely Jesus can forgive.
4. Return, O wanderer, return  
And wipe away the falling tear;  
'Tis God who says, "No longer mourn";  
'Tis Mercy's voice invites thee near.

**POST SERMON PRAYER:** *Let Us Pray*

**A:** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

**APOSTLES' CREED:** *See back of either hymnal*

**Offering:** A plate is available in the center aisle.

**↑ PRAYER:** *Let Us Pray*

**L:** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L:** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, *let us pray to the Lord:*

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L:** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, *let us pray to the Lord:*

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L:** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, *let us pray to the Lord:*

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L:** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, *let us pray to the Lord:*

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L:** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, *let us pray to the Lord:*

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L:** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, *let us pray to the Lord:*

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L:** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, *let us pray to the Lord:*

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L:** For some requests in our Participation Guide, including the following . . . , *let us pray to the Lord:*

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L:** Finally, for those named and for all our needs of body and soul, *let us pray to the Lord:*

**C:** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**LORD'S PRAYER:** *See back of either hymnal*

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

**A:** **Our Father who art in heaven...**

**PRAYER FOR THE WORD:**

**L:** Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**Saturday → LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER:**

**L:** We pray together:

**A:** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me (Mt. 18:10), that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

**Sunday** ➔ **LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER:**

L: We pray together:

**A: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me (Mt. 18:10), that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION:** *Believe 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 look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen. ↓

**CLOSING HYMN:** *Jesus Lead Thou On*

See the words below TLH 410 / LSB 718

1. Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won;  
And although the way be cheerless,  
We will follow calm and fearless.  
Guide us by Thy hand To our fatherland.
2. If the way be drear, If the foe be near,  
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;  
Let not faith and hope forsake us;  
For through many a woe To our home we go.
3. When we seek relief From a long-felt grief;  
When temptations come alluring,  
Make us patient and enduring;  
Show us that bright shore  
Where we weep no more.
4. Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won.  
Heavenly Leader, still direct us,  
Still support, control, protect us,  
Till we safely stand In our fatherland.

**POSTLUDE and CANDLE EXTINGUISHING**

**This Week: 6/26 – 7/2**

**Sunday:** ➔ **9:00** Divine Service; ➔ **10:15** Prayer – see a Stephen Minister; Refreshments – Join Us  
➔ **10:30** Classes: Adults; Youth & Children:  
Answers Bible Curriculum – Unit 3 Review

**Thursday:** ➔ **10:00** Living the Lutheran  
Lectionary

**Friday:** ➔ **12:00** Pray – Gather at the altar or pray wherever you are

**Saturday:** ➔ **3:00** Bible Class; ➔ **4:00** Divine Service

**Pew Cushions**

Total Cost: \$16,098; Donations Received: \$795  
If you are led to give, please indicate “cushions” and the amount on your envelope. **Thanks!**

**Saturday Fire and Food**

If you are willing to make the next gathering happen, please contact Kathy G: 440-785-3802

**THANKS FOR SERVING ON 6/25 & 6/26**

**Altar Guild:** Kathy G

**Saturday:** Music: Kathy G; Usher: Matt K

**Sunday:** Organist: Gayle P  
Pastor Team: Harold W  
Ushers: Carl B, Jerry H, Lilli R  
Refreshments: Doris C, Miriam E  
Sunday School: Heather H, Cedrick H

**Financial Team:** Natalia F, Tricia W

**THANKS FOR SERVING ON 7/2 & 7/3**

**Altar Guild:** Kathy G

**Saturday:** Music: Kathy G; Usher: Jim & Shawn W

**Sunday:** Organist: Gayle P  
Pastor Team: Matthias M  
Ushers: Rand S, Neven S  
Refreshments: Doris C, Miriam E  
Sunday School: Stacey J, Harold W

**Financial Team:** Natalia F, Ken H

# PARTICIPATION GUIDE

## PRAYER REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS

**Request a Prayer:** Complete a PRAYER REQUEST card (*available in the Narthex*). Want a prayer sent through the prayer chain, call Nancy Huttner 440-886-2089).

**Basic Policy:** Names on our list with a (3) need to be renewed by Wednesday at 3:00. Contact your person to see how he/she is doing; then contact Kathy. For non-members, we have an important letter, *so please share the address with Kathy*.

## PRAY FOR OUR NATION and OTHERS

- ➔ **The End of Federal Abortion Rights:** Dear Father in heaven, as we are filled with sorrow over the more than 60 million preborn babies who have been legally put to death in our nation since 1973, *so we give You our hearty thanks for moving six of our supreme court justices to eliminate the federal abortion right and we beg for Your mercy for the past 49 ½ years of horror*. For all who have been involved in an abortion – *parents, doctors, nurses, and others*, convict them, make them sorry, forgive them, and comfort them. As states begin to consider legalizing abortion at the state level, show them it is wrong and discourage their efforts.
- ➔ **US Armed Forces:** Pray for all to serve with ♦trust – *in the Lord*, ♦willingness – *to do what is right*, and ♦courage – *to engage our enemies*: James Martin, Chris Sala, Warren Gellings, Nick Riviotta, Jacob Smith, Drew Tenney, Chris Weseloh
- ➔ **People of Ukraine:** Pray for God’s mercy and peace!

## PRAY FOR OUR DISTRICT

Each of the 35 districts of our church body, the LCMS, meet in convention once every three years; the past cycle was four years, due to covid. Each congregation has the right to send one pastoral delegate and one lay delegate; Pastor attended along with Kathy G – her first ever district convention.

Rev. Dr. Kevin Wilson was reelected as the district president. Our district has five regions, thus five regional vice presidents; our region is called North Central. Rev. James Haugen was elected to serve as our regional vice president. The members of the district board of directors were also elected.

Please pray for God’s guidance and blessing upon all who were elected, that they serve with wisdom and honor, ever staying true to God’s holy word.

## PRAY FOR OUR CONGREGATION

- ➔ **Giving:** *Thanks be to God for all who are faithfully and generously supporting God’s work in and through Bethlehem!*
- ➔ **Classes – BC & SS:** *Thanks be to God for all who teach, attend, and benefit! Everyone is welcome: Th at 10; Sat at 3; Sun at 10:30*
- ➔ **Care:** Pray for the following who are unable to attend: *Wallie A, Helga B, David C, Jeanette D, Carole G, Hedwig G, Nancy H, Edmund & Christl K, Fred K, Elsa M, Regina M, Bonnie M, Connie P, June R, Jean S, Susanna T*
- ➔ **Stephen Ministry:** *Norma, Bill, Jerry, Alan, Nancy, and their care receivers!*

- ➔ **Grief Share:** The next program begins 9/6/22; if you or someone you know is grieving, contact Norma (216-406-4871) to register; *space is limited*.
- ➔ **Childcare Center:** *Thanks be to God for the small increase in children!* Pray that the parents are aware of our Sunday School program and will be compelled to bring their children.
- ➔ **Health Concerns:**
  - **Tim Chilton** (1) (knee repl. surg. 6/8) – cont. pain relief, healing, rehab.
  - **Eleanor Lewis** (1) (skin cancer, recent fall) – peace, comfort, healing.
  - **Jerry Huttner** (2) (brain cancer; it has now spread to another part of his brain) – cont. peace in Jesus, treatment guidance, healing, strength.
  - **Connie Pysz** (2) (dialysis; eye pain) – peace, comfort, healing.
  - **Debbie Stender** (3) (upcoming hip repl. surg. 8/23) – peace, pain relief.
  - **Bill Sweeny** (2) (dialysis) – peace, encouragement, strength, rehab.
  - **Susanna Tischler** (2) (sciatica pain) – cont. peace, pain relief, healing.
  - **Vicki Trammell** (1) (kidney stones) – continued pain relief, recovery.
  - **Ed Wasseen** (2) – peace, strength, encouragement, guidance. **Note:** Ed is no longer allowed to drive. If you are willing to bring him to BLC at least once on a Sunday, *please call him to schedule the day: 216-346-1868*
  - **Harold Weseloh** (1) (cataract surg. 6/15) – cont. healing, patience.

- **Tricia Wise** – Thanks for your prayers! God has granted healing and much improved vision!
- ➔ **Church Library Help is Needed:** Organize our shelves and keep things looking good; contact Kathy G to schedule a time: 440-845-2230

## PRAY FOR OTHERS

- ➔ **Health Concerns:**
  - **Kimberly Borland** (2) (serious skin issues) – peace, healing, and comfort.
  - **Paul Csornak** (3) (bypass surgery 4/27) – continued peace, healing.
  - **Melanie Himmelberger** (2) (bone cancer; covid) – peace, healing.
  - **Michael Tischler** (3) (back pain, depression) – relief, encouragement.
  - **El Waked** (1) (severe diabetic issues) – peace, comfort, healing.
  - **Mark Woodward** (3) (throat and lung cancer; chemo and radiation each Wed. for several months, beg. 6/22) – peace, comfort, success, healing.

## CELEBRATE and GIVE THANKS

### Physical Birthdays:

**6/26** Dennis Trammell  
**7/2** Jerry Huttner

### Spiritual Birthdays:

**6/26** Phillip Giessler  
**6/26** Emma Rohman  
**6/27** Janice Martinez  
**6/27** Matthew May  
**6/30** Nash Peoples  
**6/30** Vinny Steinmetz  
**7/1** Larry Haslem  
**7/1** Gabe Montgomery  
**7/1** Paul Moyer Jr.

## REACH

- ➔ **Use a Card – Is Heaven Open for Me?**  
Available in the Narthex.
- ➔ **Share:** Sermons, brochures, magazines, books, etc. (by the Main Entrance; in the Narthex; and across from the church office).  
*Read first, then share!*
- ➔ **Weekly Church Emails:** When you receive yours, *forward it to others!*
- ➔ **YouTube:** Tell people about our channel – “Benefit from the Bible”
- ➔ **Facebook** (Bethlehem Lutheran Church Parma): Please 👍LIKE and 📢SHARE the sermon post each week!

➔ **Weekly Outreach Mailings** – Weekly/bi-weekly mailings are sent to our shut-ins and those members who miss 2 consecutive weeks (approx. 20-25 families). Our funds were recently depleted. If you would like to include a donation in your offering envelope, write “mailings” on the appropriate line.  
Thanks! *Kathy G*

## EMPLOYMENT

Bethlehem Family Childcare has an immediate opening for a Full-Time Toddler Teacher. Candidates must have a CDA or degree in ECED. Please send resume to Tricia at [childcaredirector@blc7500.com](mailto:childcaredirector@blc7500.com)

## NUMBERS FROM LAST WEEK

### Received God’s Gifts – Services:

- Saturday at 4:00 – Inside: **30**; car: **1**
- Sunday at 9:00 – Inside: **53**; car: **1**

### Studied God’s Word – Classes:

- Thursday at 10:00: **5**
- Saturday at 3:00: **5**
- Sunday at 10:30: **36**

### Supported God’s Work:

- **Needed** Each Week (budget): **4,684**
- **Received** Last Week (actual): **4,568**
- **Gross Surplus YTD** As of *last week*: **22,731 – Thanks!**
- **Net Surplus YTD** As of *last month*: **19,758 – Thanks!**

## Connect With Us

➔ <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.blc7500.com">www.blc7500.com</a>	➔ <b>YouTube:</b> Benefit from the Bible	➔ <b>Podcast:</b> Benefit from the Bible
<b>Facebook:</b> “Bethlehem Lutheran Church Parma”	<b>Address:</b> 7500 State Road, Parma, Ohio 44134	
<b>Church Office:</b> Wed. & Thu. – 9:30 to 4; Sat., 2 to 6	<b>Kathy Green:</b> <a href="mailto:Secretary@blc7500.com">Secretary@blc7500.com</a> ; 440-845-2230	
<b>Childcare Center:</b> Monday – Friday, 6:45-6:00	<b>Tricia Wise:</b> <a href="mailto:ChildcareDirector@blc7500.com">ChildcareDirector@blc7500.com</a> ; 440-884-0430	
<b>Pastor Green:</b> <a href="mailto:RevRLGreen@aol.com">RevRLGreen@aol.com</a> ; 440-292-5915	<b>Church Body:</b> <a href="http://lcms.org">lcms.org</a>	<b>District:</b> <a href="http://oh.lcms.org">oh.lcms.org</a>