



# Bethlehem Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center



Season After Pentecost

Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## OPENING LITANY

L: God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ, calls us by grace.

**C: To be renewed in the image of our Creator, that we may be one in divine love for the world.**

L: Today is the day God cares for the integrity of creation, wills the healing and wholeness of all life, weeps at the abuse of earth's goodness.

**C: And so shall we.**

L: Today is the day God embraces all hues of humanity, delights in diversity and difference, favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends

**C: And so shall we.**

L: Today is the day God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace, celebrates where justice and mercy embrace, exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.

**C: And so shall we. Today is the day God brings good news to the poor, proclaims release to the captives, gives sight to the blind, and sets the oppressed free. And so shall we. Amen.**



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



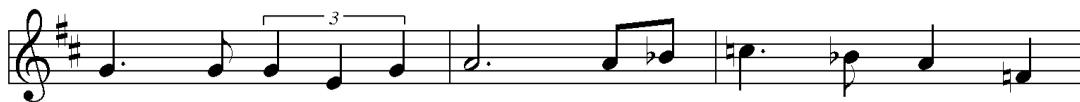
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re- ceive our prayer.



☒ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth,



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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray ...

C: Amen.

## CHILDREN'S TIME

# WORD

## SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

R: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia – ELW 174



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a Celtic Alleluia. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a treble clef. The first staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The second staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The melody continues with various rhythmic patterns and rests, ending with a double bar line.

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

R: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Laura Ziehl

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Say Yes, Lord – GC 597

Verses

(Invocation) *Cantor:* I say "Yes," my Lord. I say  
*All:* Di-go "Sí," Se - ñor. Di-go

Refrain

"Yes," my Lord. I say "Yes," my Lord, in  
 "Sí," Se - ñor. Di - go "Sí," Se - ñor, en

all the good times, through all the bad times, I say  
 tiem - pos mal - os, en tiem - pos fue - nos, Di - go

"Yes," my Lord to ev - 'ry word you speak.  
 "Sí," Se - ñor a to - do lo que ha - blas.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always,

C: **And also with you!**

## OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

### Growing Up

By Siena Porcelli

You wake up in the morning and your hair is in your face,  
You look at yourself in the mirror and you look like a disgrace,  
You brush up your hair real nice, and brush your teeth too,  
You look in the mirror and say, I look great, so how about you?

You walk to meet your friends at the bus stop,  
And they stop and stare at you and they say,  
“Girl did you just wake up like that today?”

But that’s just part of growing up, kids are going to be real-rough,  
but you’ve just got to brush it off your shoulders,  
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but you’ve just got to brush it off your shoulders,

You walk up to a different group of kids at school.  
They say that you look really cool,  
but they’re just lying to you,

They say you better get a straight A on your test today,  
or we are not going to hang-out with you for the rest of the year.

You walk into class and get your paper back,  
it's a B- and they start to point and laugh.

But that's just part of growing up,  
kids are going to be real-rough,  
but you've just got to brush it off your shoulders,

They're going to judge you by the wrong things,  
Like your grades and diamond rings,  
But you've just got to let that go to waste,

Walking home from school, your head hung low,  
because you got a B- and not an A.

Then a girl from the bus-stop stops you and says, "hey can you come play  
with me today?"

"It's okay if you can't, I was just looking for a friend today."

And I say, it is okay.

Cause that's just part of growing up,  
we're all going to be real-rough, and its ok,  
But that's just part of growing up,  
we're all going to be real-rough, and its ok,  
All this little kid's stuff, it is all going to be real-rough,  
but it's okay, because that's just part of growing up.

# MEAL

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you,

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts,

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 112

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation – ELW 679



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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We live in a diverse world. We are hurting, broken and heavy hearted. We are loving, celebrating, and above all — we are welcoming. Regardless of the color of your skin or the color of your hair, regardless of your gender identity, sexual orientation, relationship status, or political affiliation — you are welcome here.

If you are a believer, a doubter or a seeker after Christ — you have a place here.

If you own, rent, or have nothing at all — you are welcome here.

If you are fully abled, disabled, or a person of differing abilities, if you have regrets, fears, addictions, or afflictions — you have a place here.

All who are wise and all who are confused, all who have found love and all who have lost it, all who celebrate this welcome statement and all who fear it — are welcome here.

For these are all of the things that make you who you are: the person God loves. Come as you are and be celebrated for who you are. The time is now. Your place is here. Bethlehem Lutheran Church is an all-inclusive church.



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