



# Bethlehem Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center



Season After Pentecost

Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

# Welcome to Bethlehem!

Greetings and welcome to Bethlehem! Below are a few guidelines to keep in mind as we gather for in-person worship on the lawn. If you are joining us virtually, please feel free to skip ahead two pages; unless you are curious about our new protocol! This list is not meant to be exhaustive, but is supposed to give you an idea of what to expect when you come to worship.

- Please sign up for worship on Sign Up Genius.
- Please watch the orientation video!
- If you have a fever, or any of the following symptoms – cough, breathing problems, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of taste or smell – please enjoy our virtual worship service from your home.
- If you have traveled outside of the great state of California, or flown on a plane, or been exposed to someone with the symptoms listed above, please enjoy our virtual worship service from your home for 14 days.
- Masks will be required at all times, except for children 2 years and under.
- Please maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet from people not in your household.
- Bring any supplies you might need to survive a 45 min outdoor worship service!
  - **Chairs or blankets** (limited handicap seating will be available)
  - Water, hats, sunscreen, umbrellas, and hand sanitizer (some will be available but we'd love for you to bring your own)
  - What you need for communion (prizes for highest quality may be awarded)

- Please print the bulletin at home or bring it on your phone or tablet.
  - A scannable QR code will be available when you arrive if you forget.
  
- There will be one entrance point near the olive trees and benches. Exits will be located near the MU building and Dot's Garden.
  
- Ushers will guide you to your seating area. Once you are seated, please refrain from leaving your seating area. Children must remain with their household at all times. Ushers will come and dismiss you when worship has concluded.
  
- Please refrain from using the bathroom if at all possible (even if the sermon is boring). The bathroom in the MU building will be available for one person to use at a time.
  - Please enter through the door closest to the parking lot.
  - And exit through the door that opens onto the grass.
  
- Come with an open mind and a gracious heart as we live into this new way of worshipping together. We can't wait to see you!

# 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;



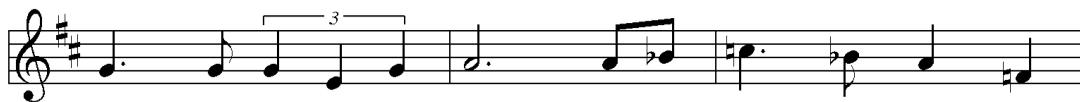
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ 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.



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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray ...

C: Amen.

## CHILDREN'S TIME

# WORD

## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 67:1-7

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

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.

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## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."

He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly. to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

R: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Laura Ziehl

HYMN OF THE DAY

In Christ There Is No East or West – ELW 650



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;  
3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.  
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.  
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.  
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

## 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

### OFFERTORY RESPONSE

As the Grains of Wheat – ELW 465 vs. 2



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in-to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,

2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

*Refrain*

# 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.**

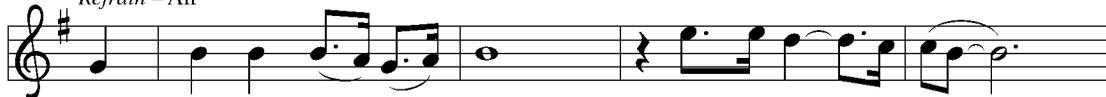
**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

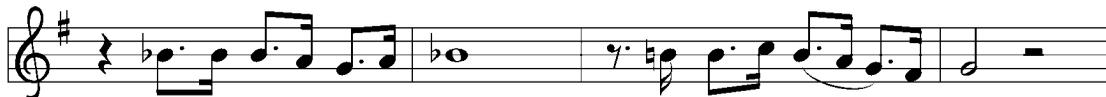
**forever and ever. Amen.**



*Refrain – All*



We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord;



trust-ing in his ho-ly word, he's nev-er failed us yet.

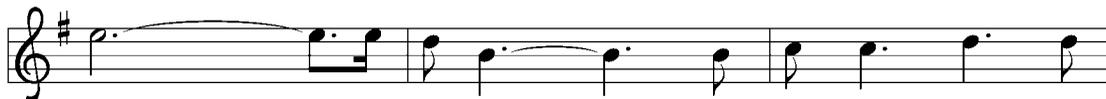


Oh, can't turn a-round, we've come this far by



faith. We've come this far by faith.

*Leader*



1 Just re-mem-ber the good things God has  
2 Don't be dis-cour-aged with trou-ble in your



done, things that seemed im-pos-si-ble; oh,  
life; he'll bear your . . . bur-dens, and

*Refrain*



praise him for the vic-t'ries he has won. Oh!  
move . . . all the dis-cord and strife. Oh!

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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**The Mission of Bethlehem Lutheran Church is  
to announce boldly the love of God through Christ.**

# All Are Welcome!

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.



Reconciling in Christ



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