



Bethlehem Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center



Season After Pentecost

Sunday September 13th, 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

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Renewing God, in the waters of baptism you claim us and call us to be your beloved children.

C: May water be an ever-present sign that you make all things new.

L: We thank you for the waters of baptism that bring us closer to your grace, hope, and unending love.

C: Lord, send us your grace.

L: Just as Jesus stretched his hand over the storming sea and said "Peace. Be Still," we ask for God's calming Spirit to still the waters of anxiety that stir inside each of us during these difficult and uncertain times.

C: Lord, send us your peace.

L: We pray for the people and places that do not have clean water or whose source of water is threatened. We give you thanks for the water that stems wildfires and ends destruction.

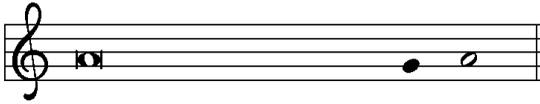
C: Lord, send us your healing.

L: For water that renews us, for the Pacific Ocean near us, for all water that helps us to see beauty and creation we give you thanks.

C: Lord, lift our spirits.

L: Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Refresh us with the good news of Christ's love and anoint us with your Holy Spirit, that we might know the fullness of the new life that you prepare for us in your kingdom. In the name of Christ, we pray.

C: Amen



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



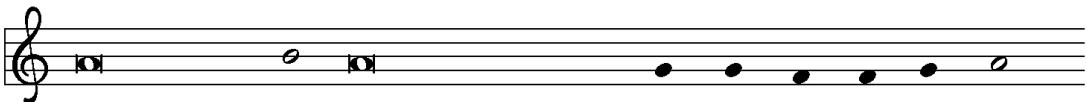
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast – ELW pg. 149 - 150

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray ...

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

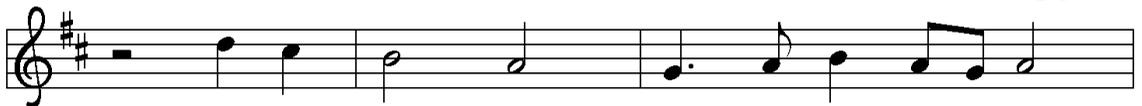
Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW pg. 151



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

R: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Laura Ziehl

HYMN OF THE DAY

In Christ Called to Baptize – ELW 575 vs. 1, 3, & 4



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

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

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful – ELW 184



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

God's Work, Our Hands, Our Voices

The ELCA National Day of Service is Sunday, Sept. 13th. In addition to the ways we honored Bethlehem Serves Day on Sunday, August 23rd, we are pleased to join the whole of the ELCA in finding unique ways to serve in this unique year. Service has always been central the mission of Bethlehem. We may not be able to stand shoulder to shoulder in service projects this summer, but together we can reach far and wide to a world in need of the gifts we have to offer. Below, is a beginning list of the many ways we can support and serve our neighbor. Pick one of these, or chose one of your own, as together we do God's work with our hands and voices. Thank you for all that you do in Jesus name.

- Lutheran World Relief – LWR does amazing work around the globe to combat poverty.
 - <https://lwr.org/>
- Luther Disaster Response – Provides immediate help in times of crisis, like wildfires.
 - <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/>
- Luther Glen Farm – The camp has been evacuated twice in the past month due to wildfires.
 - <https://lrcchome.com/giving>
- Wounded Warrior Project – Providing support and services for wounded servicemen/veterans.
 - <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>
- T.A.C.O. – Third Avenue Charitable Organization: A feeding ministry in downtown San Diego.
 - <https://www.tacosd.org/donate>
- St. Andrew's Feeding/Showers of Blessing Ministry – A feeding ministry in our neighborhood.
 - <https://app.easytithe.com/App/Giving/sa> Scroll to "Funds" - Community Breakfast
- Ocean Knoll – Supporting children and immigrant families in our neighborhood.
 - Donations can be made through BLC
- Bethlehem Cares Fund – Offering emergency help to congregation members in a time of crisis.
- Lutheran Office of Public Policy California – Advocacy for peace and justice within the ELCA
 - <http://lutheranpublicpolicyca.org/>
- Community Resource Center – Helping low income and homeless families in Encinitas.
 - <https://crcncc.org/>
- Support local businesses and restaurants either by making purchases or buying gift cards
- Personal Beach clean-up with you and quarantine crew.
- Insert your idea here . . .

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

Refrain— sung twice each time

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
 Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
 hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
 prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

End

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
 2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain

I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
 strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

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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