



Bethlehem Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center



Season After Pentecost

July 25, 2021

Worship Services

9:00 am Indoor | 10:30 am Outdoor

GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: God, our provider ...

C: Help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

L: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray ...

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Everlasting God” – Brenton Brown

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.

Our God You reign forever.
Our Hope our strong deliv'rer.

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God,
You do not faint,
You won't grow weary.
You're the defender of the weak,
You comfort those in need,
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

R: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
Your perfect love is casting out fear,
And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life.
I won't turn back I know You are near.
And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me.
And if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?

Oh no You never let go.
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no You never let go.
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Oh no You never let go.
Lord You never let go of me.

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on,
A glorious light beyond all compare,
And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth.

Oh no You never let go.
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no You never let go.
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Oh no You never let go.
Lord You never let go of me
You keep on runnin' and You never let go.
Singin'

Yes I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes
Still I will praise You. Still I will praise You.

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

During the offertory response you are invited to prepare your communion elements.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Trading My Sorrows” – Darrell Evans

I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame,
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.
I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain,
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord.
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord.
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

If you have prepared communion elements, you are invited to commune during the hymn saying: "The body of Christ, given for you." & "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Reckless Love – Caleb Culver

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

“I Saw the Light/I’ll Fly Away”
– Hank Williams/Albert Brumley

I saw the light I saw the light, no more in darkness no more in night.
Now I’m so happy no sorrow in sight. Praise the Lord I saw the light.

I wondered so aimless a life filled with sin. I wouldn’t let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came in like a stranger in the night. Praise the Lord I saw the light

Just like that blind man I wandered alone,
Worries and fears I claimed for my own.
And just like the blind man that God gave back his sight,
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

Some glad morning when this life is over, I’ll fly away.
To a home on God’s celestial shore, I’ll fly away.

I’ll fly away o’ glory, I’ll fly away.
When I die hallelujah by and by, I’ll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then, I’ll fly away.
To a land where joys will never end, I’ll fly away.

When I die hallelujah by and by, I’ll fly away.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ! C: **Thanks be to God!**

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.

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