



Bethlehem Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center



Season After Pentecost

August 10, 2025

Worship Services

9:00 am | 10:30 am

Welcome to Bethlehem!

We hope you feel a warm welcome here at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Please visit our website at www.blcenc.org for more information about the congregation. If you are visiting with us, please fill out an information card and place it in the offering basket so we can stay connected.

CHILDREN

All children are welcome in the sanctuary for worship at Bethlehem. If you prefer, there is a comfort room at the back of the sanctuary. Busy bags are available in the narthex. After Children's Time at our **10:30 AM** service children ages 3 years – 6th grade may either attend our Learning Circle program or remain with you.

COMMUNION

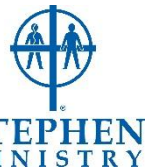
We practice **open communion**, meaning all are welcome to participate. We commune by intinction where the pastor dips the bread into a divided chalice with white wine or red grape juice. There is a gluten-free station on the left side of the sanctuary. We are happy to bring communion to individuals with limited mobility.

PARTICIPATION & ACCESSIBILITY

The different movements that happen during worship (sitting, standing, making the sign of the cross) are all optional; please engage as you are comfortable or able. Hearing assistance devices are located at the back of the sanctuary and large-print bulletins are available in the narthex. If you, or someone you know, identify as neurodivergent and have questions about how to participate in worship or in one of our church ministries, please feel free to ask either the pastors or the church office for help.

PRAYER

In addition to the pastors, our Stephen Ministers are always available to pray with you about whatever is on your heart this day. Please look for the folks wearing a blue name tag with the Stephen Ministry logo. Healing prayer stations are available during communion on the second Sunday of each month.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

From Holy Communion Setting Eight: "Kyrie Eleison" - Text and Tune: Larry Olson, © 1989, Dakota Road Music. "Alleluia" - Text and Tune: Robin Cain, ©1999 Augsburg Fortress Publishers. "Lamb of God" - Tune: Jay Beech, ©1995 Augsburg Fortress Publishers. "Sing of the Lord's Goodness" - Text and Tune: Ernest Sands, ©1981 Oregon Catholic Press. "All Are Welcome" Text and Tune TWIN OAKS: Marty Haugen, ©1994 GIA Publications, Inc. "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" - Text and Tune: Sigismund von Birken, 1626-1681, Tr. and hymn setting ©1978 Augsburg Fortress Publishers. "Have No Fear, Little Flock" - Text: Marjorie Jillson, ©1973 Concordia Publishing House; Tune: Heinz Werner Zimmermann, ©1973 Concordia Publishing House. "Lead Me, Guide Me" - Text and Tune: Doris Akers, ©1953 Alfred Publishing. For copyrighted selections, all rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.netLicenseNo.A-706214. Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from One License with license #A-706214.

Photo Credit: <https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/revised-common-lectionary/ordinary-19-3/commentary-on-luke-1232-40-2>

GATHERING

WELCOME

LITANY OF HEALING

L: As we gather together today, we acknowledge that we are all in need of healing, whether it be physical, spiritual, relational, or relating to something else. Let us take a moment to hold these hurts in grace and tenderness, as we entrust them into God's care ...

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Jesus surrounded himself not with those who were well and whole, but rather with those who were in need of relationship and healing.

C: Jesus is our wounded healer, suffering alongside us and making his presence known even when we feel alone.

L: Loving God, you call us into a community of mutual support and health. Bring your healing touch to all who are sick, send medical professionals to minister to those who suffer, encourage us to accompany those who are lonely, and bring hope to all who are in despair.

C: You send friends and family to reveal your healing power, and you strengthen us when we gather with one another.

L: Dear people of God, be strengthened and filled with God's grace. Be comforted and accompanied by Jesus ✝ our Great Physician. And be confident in the healing power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

All Are Welcome – ELW 641 vs. 1 & 2



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and

live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to

hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we

Refrain

Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:

All are wel - come,

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Kyrie – ELW pg. 184 – 185

Refrain



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passionate re - sponse to the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray ...

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME (10:30 AM)

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW pg. 188

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:32-40

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Laura Ziehl

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus – ELW 802 vs. 1 & 4



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always,

C: And also with you!

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Sing of the Lord's Goodness – GC 547 vs. 4



4. Praise him with your sing - ing, praise him with the trum - pet,



4. praise God with the lute and harp; praise him with the cym-bals,



4. praise him with your danc-ing, praise God till the end of days.



Refrain
Come, then, all you na-tions, sing of your Lord's good-ness, mel-o - dies



of praise and thanks to God. Ring out the Lord's glo-ry, praise him with



your mu - sic, wor-ship him and bless his name.

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

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God – ELW pg. 191

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, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

Have No Fear, Little Flock – ELW 764



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Lead Me, Guide Me – ELW 768 vs. 1 & 2



Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,
For if you lead me, I can - not stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
1. I am weak and I need thy strength and
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous -
3. I am lost if you take your hand from
pow'r To help me o - ver my weak - est
ness. Be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op -
me, I am blind with - out thy Light to
hour. Help me through the dark - ness thy face to
press. I am put - ting all my trust in
see. Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant
see. thee. be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, live by the Spirit!

C: Thanks be to God!

All Are Welcome!

We live in a diverse world. We are hurting, broken and heavy hearted. We are loving, joyous, and above all, we are welcoming. Regardless of the color of your skin, or the color of your hair; regardless of your gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, relationship status, or political affiliation, you are welcome here. We honor indigenous people and are committed to the work of anti-racism and the stewardship of the creation.

If you are Buddhist, Roman Catholic, agnostic, Muslim, Jewish, seeking, have never set foot in a church, or are a life long Lutheran; you have a place here. If you own, rent, or have nothing at all; you are welcome here. If you are neurodivergent, 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.

Come as you are and be celebrated for who you are. Your place is here. Bethlehem Lutheran is an All are Welcome church.



Reconciling in Christ



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

Electronic Giving at Bethlehem

Offering gifts can be made electronically on our website **www.blcenc.org** under the contribute tab, or by scanning this QR code. There are options for one-time donations, recurring gifts, and special offerings. **No account is needed to donate on our website.**



You can also use the **Vanco Mobile App**. Simply download it from your app store, and search "Bethlehem Lutheran Church Encinitas" by name (there is no invite code). If you already have an account from our website, the same login information will work. If not, please sign up with a new account. **Thank You for Supporting Bethlehem!**



Bethlehem_Lutheran_Encinitas



Facebook.com/BethlehemLutheranEncinitas/

Follow us on
social media!