



Bethlehem Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center



VBS Sunday

June 29, 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.



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GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION OF GIFTEDNESS

L: We come together before God today, acknowledging that we are made in God's image. We are each a unique expression of the divine love, and we are part of God's plan for the healing of the world.

Let us confess our giftedness before God.

C: I confess that God created me beautiful and amazing. I confess that I have gifts that God would use in the service of all humanity. I confess that even though there are parts of me that make mistakes, I am still a work of art. I confess that I am created exactly as God intended me to be, and the gifts I have are precisely the ones needed for the healing of the world.

L: Dear people of God, you are made in the image of God, and you carry within you everything you need to bless and light this world. Do not shrink from the fullness of who God made you to be, rather be boldly and fully who you are, for the sake of the world. In Jesus name.

C: Amen

**ALL MY PEOPLE COME TOGETHER
SINGING AND DANCING, CLAPPING HANDS.
AND I KNOW THAT THEY'RE MY PEOPLE
CAUSE THEY LOVE ME FOR WHO I AM.**

**AND WE ALL NEED SOMEONE TO LEAN ON.
AND WE ALL NEED A HELPING HAND.
AND WE ALL NEED TO WORK TOGETHER
TO SHARE ALL THE LOVE WE CAN. CAUSE**

**ALL MY PEOPLE COME TOGETHER
SINGING AND DANCING, CLAPPING HANDS.
AND I KNOW THAT THEY'RE MY PEOPLE
CAUSE THEY LOVE ME FOR WHO I AM.**

**WE ALL NEED SOMEONE TO LEAN ON.
WE ALL NEED A HELPING HAND.
WE ALL NEED TO WORK TOGETHER
TO SHARE ALL THE LOVE WE CAN.**

**ALL MY PEOPLE COME TOGETHER
SINGING AND DANCING, CLAPPING HANDS.
AND I KNOW THAT THEY'RE MY PEOPLE
CAUSE THEY LOVE ME FOR WHO I AM.**

**ALL MY PEOPLE, THEY LOVE ME.
THEY LOVE ME FOR WHO I AM.**

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.

KYRIE

Haitian Kyrie – ACS 1073

Ky - rie e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Ky - rie e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Sau - vez - moi la vie, O Jé - sus je vous prie, Ky - ri - e.

Sau - vez - nous la vie, O Jé - sus je vous prie. Ky - rie e - le - i - son,

Chris - te e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray ...

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW pg. 179

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

a - le - lu - ya! A - le - lu - ya!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL READING

John 6:1-14

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

VBS Students

**I HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE, IT MAY SEEM SMALL,
BUT IN GOD’S HANDS IT CAN TOUCH US ALL.
WITH LOVE AND KINDNESS, WE’LL MAKE A WAY
TO BRING OUR JOY TO EACH NEW DAY.**

**I CAN’T WRITE A SYMPHONY, BUT I KNOW THAT
THERE’S A SONG INSIDE OF ME.
I’LL SHARE IT FOR THE WORLD TO SEE, MY GENEROSITY.**

**NO MATTER HOW LITTLE, NO MATTER HOW MUCH,
I KNOW THE GIFT I BRING WILL ALWAYS BE ENOUGH.**

**I HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE, IT MAY SEEM SMALL,
BUT IN GOD’S HANDS IT CAN TOUCH US ALL.
WITH LOVE AND KINDNESS, WE’LL MAKE A WAY
TO BRING OUR JOY TO EACH NEW DAY.**

**WE ALL HAVE A SONG TO SING.
WE ALL HAVE A GIFT THAT WE CAN BRING.
TO SHARE WITH OUR COMMUNITY, OUR GENEROSITY,**

**NO MATTER HOW LITTLE, NO MATTER HOW MUCH,
I KNOW THE GIFT I BRING WILL ALWAYS BE ENOUGH.**

**I HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE, IT MAY SEEM SMALL,
BUT IN GOD’S HANDS IT CAN TOUCH US ALL.
WITH LOVE AND KINDNESS, WE’LL MAKE A WAY
TO BRING OUR JOY TO EACH NEW DAY. (REPEAT)**

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

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Take My Life, That I May Be – ELW 583

Refrain/Estribillo

Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;
To stanzas let them flow in cease - less praise. *Last time* less praise.
1 Take my hands and let them move
at the im - pulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and
Refrain/Estribillo
beau - ti - ful for thee.

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.

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. 182 – 183



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
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O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

THE SUNLIGHT, THE MOONBEAM.
THE AIR THAT'S AROUND ME.
A BIG WORLD, AND I'M SMALL.
I'M SEARCHING FOR MY PLACE INSIDE IT ALL.

SO LET ME WONDER, SO LET ME DREAM.
SO LET ME LIVE A LIFE WHERE I AM FREE
TO ASK THE QUESTIONS, TO UNDERSTAND,
TO FIND OUT WHO YOU ARE AND WHO I AM.

YOUR LOVE AND YOUR MERCY,
THE GRACE THAT SURROUNDS ME.
YOU'RE SO BIG, AND I'M SMALL
YOU HELP ME FIND MY PLACE INSIDE IT ALL.

SO LET ME WONDER, SO LET ME DREAM.
SO LET ME LIVE A LIFE WHERE I AM FREE
TO ASK THE QUESTIONS, TO UNDERSTAND,
TO FIND OUT WHO YOU ARE AND WHO I AM.

SO LET ME WONDER, SO LET ME DREAM.
SO LET ME LIVE A LIFE WHERE I AM FREE
TO ASK THE QUESTIONS, TO UNDERSTAND,
TO FIND OUT WHO YOU ARE AND WHO I AM.

SENDING

**SHOUT, SHOUT, SHOUT, SHOUT IT OUT!
SHOUT, SHOUT, SHOUT, SHOUT IT OUT!
WHEN I FEEL INSIDE I GOTTA LET IT OUT.
SHOUT, SHOUT, SHOUT, SHOUT IT OUT!**

**I HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOUT OUT ABOUT LOUD AND CLEAR.
NO NEED FOR SILENCE, I'VE GOT NO FEAR.
I TRUST IN THE LORD WHO SHOWS THE WAY.
I'LL STAND UP AND SPEAK COME WHAT MAY.**

**I'M GONNA SHOUT(SHOUT) SHOUT (SHOUT)
SHOUT, SHOUT IT OUT!
I'M GONNA SHOUT(SHOUT) SHOUT (SHOUT)
SHOUT, SHOUT IT OUT!**

**WHEN I FEEL IT INSIDE I GOTTA LET IT OUT.
SHOUT(SHOUT) SHOUT(SHOUT)
SHOUT, SHOUT IT OUT!**

**WHEN I'M FEELING AFRAID. WHEN I DON'T UNDERSTAND
(SHOUT, SHOUT, SHOUT, SHOUT IT OUT!)
WHEN I NEED A FRIEND
(SHOUT, SHOUT, SHOUT, SHOUT IT OUT!)
WHEN I NEED A HELPING HAND
(SHOUT, SHOUT, SHOUT, SHOUT IT OUT!)**

**SHOUT (SHOUT) SHOUT (SHOUT) SHOUT, SHOUT IT OUT!
WHEN I FEEL IT INSIDE I GOTTA LET IT OUT.**

**1.SHOUT(SHOUT) SHOUT(SHOUT)
SHOUT, SHOUT IT OUT! SHOUT!**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, live by the Spirit!

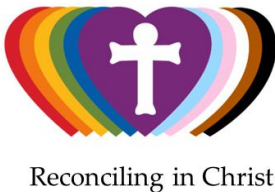
C: Thanks be to God!

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.



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