



# Bethlehem Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

### Worship Services

9:00 am | 10:30 am

# Welcome to Bethlehem!

We hope you feel a warm welcome at Bethlehem. Please visit our website at [www.blcenc.org](http://www.blcenc.org) for more information about the congregation. If you're 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 worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (BLC). There is a comfort room at the back of the sanctuary. Busy bags are available in the narthex. During our 10:30 AM service, after Children's Time, children ages 3 years – 6<sup>th</sup> grade may either attend our Learning Circle program or remain with you. Nursery care is available for young children during the 10:30 AM service. Ask the host for more information.

## COMMUNION

We practice **open communion** meaning all are welcome to participate. We commune by intinction. The pastor will dip the bread (or gluten-free wafer) into a divided chalice that has white wine or red grape juice. We are happy to bring communion to individuals with limited mobility.

## ACCESSIBILITY

Hearing assistance devices are located at the back of the sanctuary.

## PARTICIPATION

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.

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# GATHERING

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**C: In mercy and might you have freed us from death, and raised us with Jesus. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.**

L: We give thanks to you, O God, for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. You are the river of life; you are the everlasting wellspring.

**C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

L: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who reigns with you and the Spirit forever.

**C: Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

“10,000 Reasons” – Redmon

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning.  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing.  
The end draws near and my time has come.  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

I'll worship Your holy name (repeat and fade)

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray ...

C: Amen.

## CHILDREN'S TIME (10:30 AM)

# WORD

## SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Shepherd Me, O God – ELW 780

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from  
death in - to life. life.  
2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you  
lead me by path - ways of righ - teous - ness and truth, my  
spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 11:1-6

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“I Am The Resurrection” – Repp

I am the resurrection and the life.  
He who believes in me will never die  
I am the resurrection and the life.  
He who believes in me will live (will live) a new life.

I have come to bring the truth.  
I have come to bring you life.  
If you believe, then you shall live.

I am the resurrection and the life.  
He who believes in me will never die.  
I am the resurrection and the life.  
He who believes in me will live (will live) a new life.

In My word all men will come to know.  
It is love which makes the spirit grow.  
If you believe, then you shall live.

I am the resurrection and the life.  
He who believes in me will never die.  
I am the resurrection and the life.  
He who believes in me will live (will live) a new life.

Keep in mind the things that I have said.  
Remember Me in the breaking of the bread.  
If you believe, then you shall live.

I am the resurrection and the life.  
He who believes in me will never die.  
I am the resurrection and the life.  
He who believes in me will live (will live) a new life.

## 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

“Come As You Are” – Crowder

# 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.**

Hear the good news: you’ve been invited. No matter what Others may say,  
Your darkest sins will be forgiven. You will always have a place.

**At the table of grace, the cup’s never empty, the plate’s always full,  
and it’s never too late to come and be filled with love never ending.  
You’re always welcome at the table of grace.**

So come you weak, and heavy hearted, Don’t try to hide your earthly scars  
For in his eyes, we all are equal. Don’t be afraid, come as you are.

**At the table of grace, the cup’s never empty, the plate’s always full,  
and it’s never too late to come and be filled with love never ending.  
You’re always welcome at the table of grace.**

So let the first become the last. Let the poor put kings to shame.  
Their willing hearts will be their treasure by the power of Jesus name.

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You’re always welcome at the table of grace.**

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and it’s never too late to come and be filled with love never ending.  
You’re always welcome at the table of grace.  
Everyone’s welcome at the table of grace.**

## **SENDING**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING



Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?  
The King of Glory the King above all kings  
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
The King of Glory the King above all kings.

**Refrain:** This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love.  
That You would take my place.  
That You would bear my cross.  
You laid down Your life, that I would be set free.  
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order?  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?  
The King of Glory the King of Glory  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice?  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?  
The King of Glory the King above all kings.

**Refrain.**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Worthy, worthy.

**Refrain.**

**DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Follow the risen 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.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church is an all-inclusive church.



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