



Bethlehem Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center



Season After Pentecost

November 14, 2021

Worship Services

10:30 am Outdoor

GATHERING

WELCOME

PEACE

GATHERING SONG

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” – Rick Founds

Lord, I lift Your name on high. Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life. I'm so glad You came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift Your name on high.
Lord, I lift Your name on high. Lord, I lift Your name on high.
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray ...

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.”

But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Thy Word" – Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side. I will love You to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

And a light unto my path. You're the light unto my path.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 12:38-44

As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

[Jesus] sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

R: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

Pastor Sam Nelson

HYMN OF THE DAY

"This is Amazing Grace" – Riddle, Farro, & Wickham

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.

**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?

**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.**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave. (Repeat x2)
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Worthy, worthy.

**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.**

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.**

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

"Eye of the Storm" – Bryan Fowler

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

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

**I saw the light; I saw the light. No more darkness, no more night.
Now I’m so happy, no sorrow in sight, praise the Lord, I saw the light**

Just like a blind man I wandered alone. Worries and fear I claimed for my own.
Then like a blind man who God gave back his sight,
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

**I saw the light; I saw the light. No more darkness, no more night.
Now I’m so happy, no sorrow in sight, praise the Lord, I saw the light**

Some glad morning when this life is o’er, 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 shall never end, 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 (Repeat)
I’ll fly away I’ll fly away I’ll fly away**

DISMISSAL

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



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2022 Stewardship Emphasis Update

First, we'd like to say thank you for your faithfulness and generosity in supporting the ministries and work of this congregation. It's because of you that we have been able to continue being the body of Christ for the sake of the world. Our particular thanks to those of you who have filled out a pledge card for the coming year.

As we move towards finalizing a budget, we find ourselves facing a gap of close to \$57,000 between the pledges we have received, and the money that is required to do the ministry we hope to accomplish in the coming year.

We know that some difficult decisions and cuts will need to be made in order for us to have a balanced budget for 2022. But we are hoping that you might help bridge that gap.

If you have pledged already, and could increase that pledge, we would be grateful. If you have not pledged, we invite you to consider doing so. And if increasing your pledge at this time is not possible, we understand, and value all that you do.

Thank you for your consideration and for your faithful stewardship.

Thank You for Supporting Bethlehem!

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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