

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2022

5:00pm -- Bethlehem Lutheran Church • Chesterton, IN

June 26, 2022

8:30am -- Bethlehem Lutheran Church • Chesterton, IN

10:30am -- St. Luke United Lutheran Church • Trail Creek, IN

✠ GATHERING ✠

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

have mercy on us. We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your spirit that we may live and serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW #798

*GREETING

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

And also with you.

*KYRIE

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

For your people here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Help, save, and defend us, O God.

Amen.

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



1. Sing your joy, pro - claim God's glo - ry!
2. All the earth is filled with re - joic - ing,
3. May we learn to be - come your King - dom.
4. Light our way, O God of the liv - ing,



Rise and sing, the morn - ing has come!
Light and life the won - der of God!
May we be your kind - ness and truth!
May we learn to see with new eyes!



Bless our God and praise all cre - a - tion;
Christ has tri - umphed! Ris - en for ev - er!
Love is our call - ing, gift of your pres - ence;
Je - sus the Lord, our pow - er and prom - ise;



Song of the earth, and light from heav - en:
Joy of our hearts, and hope of our dream - ing:
Chil - dren of God, and spir - it of Je - sus:
Light for the blind, and food for the hun - gry:



God is a - live! Al - le - lu - ia!
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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray,

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.

¹⁵Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen,

ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 16

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

²**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,**

upon those who are noble among the people.

³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,**

never take their names upon my lips.

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸**I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.

¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit,

you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #172



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -



***HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 9:51-62

Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to

him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

The Son of God, Our Christ

ELW #584

***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father
almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only
Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was
buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of
the Father,

and he will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

By the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to God our Father in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, making intercession for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need.

A brief silence

Dear Father, thank you for promising to keep a faithful remnant to do your will! Fill us with your Spirit, so that we may live fruitful lives. In all things, help us to glorify you and nourish those who are starving for your good Word. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your Church. Give it ears to hear your still small voice and give it the spirit of boldness, to proclaim your Word to a hostile world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people and mission of these congregations. Keep us focused on doing your will, and kindle your Spirit within us, so our hearts are warm with compassion and bright with faith. This week we pray for Betsy, Ruth, Sydney, and Judith. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your persecuted servants. Help us to defend them from those who hate the name of Jesus. Use us to provide for their needs. Strengthen us to give faithful witness to you, even when we are misunderstood or mocked. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our nation. Bless it with freedom, justice, peace, and opportunity. Give wisdom, integrity, and competence to our leaders in government and the private sector. Grant to them, and their counterparts in other countries, the desire to seek your will, and the strength to do it. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all whose need is great. Grant them health, wholeness, and hope. Give them the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit; and restore them to fellowship with all who love them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you promise that your holy ones shall not see the pit of death. You sealed that promise in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Therefore we commend into your safe keeping our beloved dead. Grant to us, especially those whose grief

runs deep, a sure and confident hope in your promises. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we entrust our prayers and petitions into your hands, gracious Father, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY & SETTING OF THE TABLE

***OFFERTORY**

Gather #425

Refrain

All that we have and all that we of - fer comes from a
heart both fright-ened and free. Take what we bring now and
give what we need, all done in your name.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray,
We offer with joy and thanksgiving, what you have first given us. Ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them now for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thank and praise.

***PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:

Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my
blood,

shed for you and for all people for the
forgiveness of sin.

As often as you drink of it,
do this for the remembrance of me.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Father as we pray.

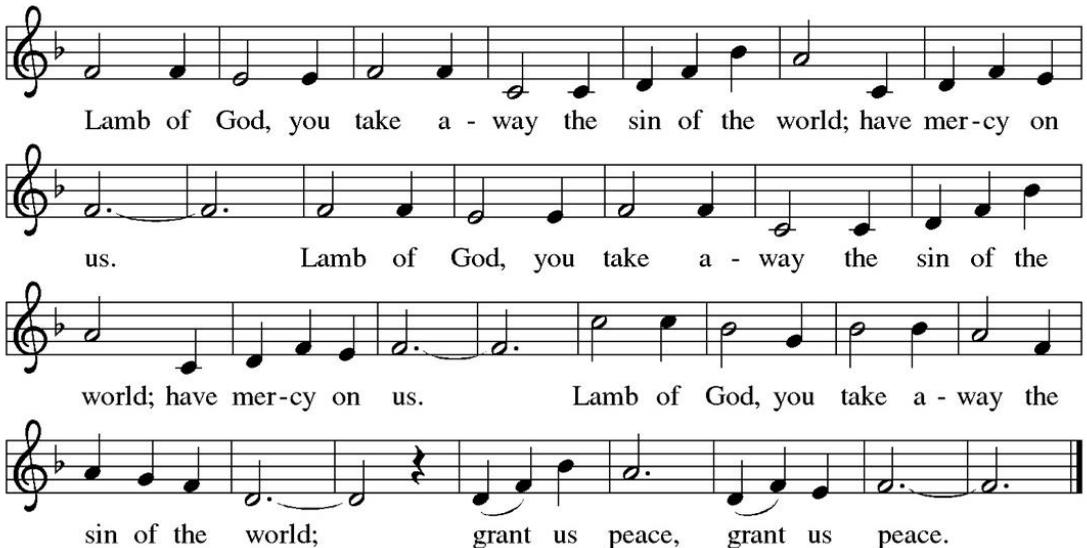
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**

*AGNUS DEI

ELW #195



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.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

COMMUNION HYMN I

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

ELW #697

COMMUNION HYMN II

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW #810

CLEANING THE TABLE

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

***POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray,

Generous God, we give thanks that again this day you have opened wide your hand and satisfied us with the food of life, the body and blood of Christ. Sharing your compassionate heart, may we be blessed and given to all who hunger and thirst; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

The God of peace,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.
Amen.

† SENDING †

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***SENDING HYMN**

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

ELW #767

***DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

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