



# Bethlehem Lutheran Church

## Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

### July, 21 2024

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*\*All who are able, please stand.*

### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### **All: Amen.**

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **All: Amen.**

Leader: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen**

### \*Opening Hymn

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

1. I lay my sins on Jesus,  
The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us  
From the accursed load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus  
To wash my crimson stains  
Clean in his blood most precious  
Till not a spot remains.

2. I lay my wants on Jesus,  
All fullness dwells in him;  
He heals all my diseases;  
My soul he does redeem,  
I lay my griefs on Jesus,  
My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases;  
He all my sorrows shares.

3. I lay my soul on Jesus,  
This weary soul of mine;

His right hand me embraces;  
I on his breast recline.  
I love the name of Jesus,  
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes  
His name abroad is poured.

### **\*Apostolic Greeting**

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

**All: And also with you.**

**\*Kyrie** pg 138

**\*Hymn of Praise** “Glory to God in the Highest” pg 139

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

Leader: O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**First Reading** Jeremiah 23:1-6 OT pg 684

**Psalms 23** OT pg 464

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> **He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;**

<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

**for his name's sake.**

<sup>4</sup> **Even though I walk through the darkest valley,**

**I fear no evil;**

**for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff—**

**they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**

**all the days of my life,**

**and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD**

**my whole life long.**

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 2:11-22

NT pg 170

**Children's Sermon**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

Thy Word

**Chorus:**

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path. (2 times)

**1.** When I feel afraid,

Think I've lost my way,

Still you are there right beside me;

Nothing will I fear

As long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end.

**Chorus:**

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path. (2 times)

## **Gospel**

\*Leader: The Gospel according to Mark the 6th Chapter

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

## **\*Gospel**

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

NT pg 35-36

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

Pastor Mark Wilms

## **Hymn of the Day**

He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought

1. He leadeth me: Oh, blessed thought!  
Oh, words with heav'nly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.  
He leadeth me, he leadeth me,  
By his own hand he leadeth me.  
His faithful foll'wer I would be,  
For by his hand he leadeth me.

2. Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,  
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,  
By waters calm o'er troubled sea,  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.  
He leadeth me, he leadeth me,  
By his own hand he leadeth me.  
His faithful foll'wer I would be,  
For by his hand he leadeth me.

3. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,  
Nor ever murmur nor repine;  
Content, whatever lot I see,  
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.  
He leadeth me, he leadeth me,  
By his own hand he leadeth me.  
His faithful foll'wer I would be,  
For by his hand he leadeth me.

4. And when my task on earth is done,  
When by thy grace the vict'ry's won,  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.  
He leadeth me, he leadeth me,  
By his own hand he leadeth me.  
His faithful foll'wer I would be,  
For by his hand he leadeth me.

### **\*Apostles' Creed**

pg 105

### **\*Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also, with you.**

### **Offering**

### **Offering Hymn**

Near to the Heart of God

1. There is a place of quiet rest  
Near to the heart of God,  
A place where sin cannot molest,  
Near to the heart of God.

Refrain: O Jesus, blest Redeemer  
Sent from the heart of God,  
Hold us who wait before Thee  
Near to the heart of God.

2. There is a place of comfort sweet  
Near to the heart of God,  
A place where we our Savior meet,  
Near to the heart of God.

Refrain: O Jesus, blest Redeemer  
Sent from the heart of God,  
Hold us who wait before Thee  
Near to the heart of God.

3. There is a place of full release  
Near to the heart of God,  
A place where all is joy and peace,  
Near to the heart of God.

Refrain: O Jesus, blest Redeemer  
Sent from the heart of God,  
Hold us who wait before Thee  
Near to the heart of God.

**\*Offertory Prayer**

Leader: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**All: 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**

**for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Prayers of the People**

Each petition ends: "Lord in your mercy"

**Response: "Hear our prayer"**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Hymn**

Great is the Faith You've Been Given

1. Eating crumbs from the table,  
Lord, I am able to receive a gift from you.  
Give me grain from the harvest, Don't let me starve,  
Just pour out your goodness, too.

**Chorus:**

Great is the faith you've been given.  
Live in the love of God.

2. Living far from the home-land,  
Lord, will I ever know the love you have for me.  
Give me strength for the journey, help me to learn,  
Be there with your majesty.

**Chorus:**

Great is the faith you've been given.  
Live in the love of God.

3. When the night closes over,  
There in the darkness won't you please be close to me?  
Give me light in the morning, new day aborning,

Hope for the refugee.

**Chorus:**

Great is the faith you've been given.  
Live in the love of God.

**\*Sending**

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

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**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM**

|            |       |                      |
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| Today:     | 9:30  | Worship              |
|            | 10:30 | Fellowship           |
| Monday:    | 6:30p | Bible Study          |
| Wednesday: | 9:30a | Bible Study          |
| Saturday   | 9:30a | Hoermann Baby Shower |
| Sunday:    | 9:30  | Worship              |
|            | 10:30 | Fellowship           |

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| <b><u>Offering Report</u></b> | July 21, 2024        |
| Attendance: 91                | Offering: \$1,541.75 |

**Giving Moment:** One of God's greatest gifts is the opportunities He lays before us. But they are not just for our benefit. They give us a chance to show His glory in the gifts we give through our efforts and resources. As Ruth was blessed with a protector in the person of Boaz, we are protected in His grace so we can serve.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Kay and Duane Kracht 60th Wedding Anniversary

Kay and Duane Kracht are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on July 19. Their family would like to have a card shower for them. Please send your cards and letters during the month of July to:

Duane & Kay Kracht  
Riverview Terrace  
1501 St. Luke Drive  
Spencer, Iowa 51301

### Retirement Open House for Barb Fletcher

There will be an open house, honoring Barb Fletcher for her 40 years as the Royal City Clerk. This will be held on Wednesday, July 31, 2024 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the Royal Community Building.

### Bethlehem St. Luke Auxiliary Representative

Bethlehem is in need of a St. Luke Auxiliary representative. The St. Luke Auxiliary meets 4 times a year at 2:00p.m., in the afternoons at St. Luke's. The Auxiliary buys items that are needed for the residents and discusses upcoming events and helps out with whatever needs need to be met. Our church helps with Bingo, monthly birthday parties once a year and hosts the Auxiliary meeting once a year. If anyone is interested in being Bethlehem's St. Luke representative, please let Alice Roghair 712-363-3957.

Come & Go Bridal Shower  
for Abby Dabson (bride to be of Sam  
Rayner)



There will be a come and go  
bridal shower for  
Abby Dabson, bride to be  
of Sam Rayner, on Saturday, August 3rd at the Great Hall  
in Royal from 9:30 – 11:00 am. The couple is registered at  
Crate & Barrel and Pottery Barn.

### **Baby Shower for Clint & Stephanie Hoermann**

Baby shower for Hoermann's will be  
Saturday, July 27 from  
9:30 AM to 11 AM; in the fellowship  
hall. Come and go as you please. Baby  
registry is at Broadway Market Place,  
Paullina IA and  
[https://www.babylist.com/list/stephani  
e-hoermann](https://www.babylist.com/list/stephani-e-hoermann). They are expecting a  
baby boy in August.



### **Bethlehem Disaster Relief Fund Established**

Bethlehem members and friends,  
This past week's flood events have left a huge burden on  
neighboring communities, their businesses, and their  
families. There has never been any time so many people  
so close to home will be needing support in some  
capacity. In response to the devastating damage, council  
is setting up a relief fund that both members and friends  
can generously contribute to in order to provide relief and  
support when it is most needed. Your kindness and  
generosity embody the spirit of community and  
compassion that defines our church family, and showing  
God's love through our actions is something we felt was  
important during this disaster. If you or anyone you know

is looking for an avenue to help, please consider this Flood Relief Fund at Bethlehem Lutheran. Together, we can make an impact and bring hope to those facing hardships.

Please make checks payable to **"BLC Flood Relief Fund"**  
Thank you.



- \*Heidi Steffen Mogush
- \*Mark Joenks, beginning treatment for multiple myeloma this week
- \*Wayne McMeekin, son-in-law of Arlene Wimmer
- \*Dennis Johnke, recovering at Accura Healthcare in Spirit Lake
- \*Sarah Burke, sister-in-law of Lanae Shiley
- \*Danica Weller, niece of Dorothy Brons, septic shock
- \*Flood victims throughout Northwest Iowa and beyond
- \*Kay Thompson
- \*Ann Myers, hospitalized in Florida with pneumonia
- \*Lori Drews (Dorothy Brons' cousin) waiting for a liver
- \*Lori Link (mother of Amanda Rutter)

*Please call Prayer Chain Coordinator Michelle Munden at 712-240-0189, E-mail: [michelleessing@gmail.com](mailto:michelleessing@gmail.com), or the church office at 933-2229, to add someone to the prayer list. Requests stay on the list for one month unless you instruct us to do otherwise.*