



**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 20, 2017**

*\*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** “Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult ” ELW 696

**\*Apostolic Greeting** pg 138

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

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** pg 139

Leader: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**All: Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you,**

**we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,**

**only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

Leader: Let us pray.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

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**Psalm 67**

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Leader: <sup>1</sup>May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

**All: <sup>2</sup>that your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.**

Leader: <sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**All: <sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.**

Leader: <sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**All: <sup>6</sup>The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, has blessed us.**

Leader: <sup>7</sup>May God continue to bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

**Second Reading:** Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

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**Children's Sermon**

**\*Gospel Acclamation** "Change My Heart, O God" ELW 801

**Change my heart, O God;**

**Make it ever true.**

**Change my heart, O God;**

**May I be like you.**

**You are the potter;**

**I am the clay.**

**Mold me and make me;**

**This is what I pray.**

**Change my heart, O God;**

**Make it ever true.**

**Change my heart, O God;**

**May I be like you.**

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Leader: The Gospel according to Matthew, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter

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

**\*Gospel:** Matthew 15:10-20

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Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Mark

**Hymn of the Day** "We All Are One In Mission"

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**\*Apostles' Creed**

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**\*Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**Offering** “Jesus Was Sent”

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Jesus was sent to bring health to the ailing,  
Jesus was sent with good news for the poor.  
Jesus releases us all from our failing,  
Jesus increases our will to restore.

Chorus: Jesus was sent that our eyes may be open,  
So we might witness the day of the Lord.  
He will make sense of our loving and hoping;  
He will break fences and open the door.

Jesus was sent to bring wholeness and healing,  
Jesus was sent to up-set and annoy.  
Jesus releases from negative feeling,  
Jesus increases our wonder and joy. Chorus

Jesus was sent to bring life everlasting,  
Jesus was sent by the Spirit of God.  
Jesus releases us just for our asking,  
Jesus will free us and cover the Law. Chorus

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**\*Offertory Prayer**

Leader: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**All: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, 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** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” ELW 504

**\*Dismissal**

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM**

Today:	9:30	Worship
	10:30	Fellowship/Eleanor Nielsen’s 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Coffee
	11:00	Choir practice
Thursday:		Deadline for Cross Current articles
Sunday:	9:30	Worship/Blessing of Back Packs
	10:30	Fellowship
	11:00	Choir practice

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**August 13<sup>th</sup>:** Attendance: 86      Offering: \$2,071.00  
**Organist:** Sue Brugman  
**Greeters:** Jim & Marge Barglof, Shirley Fredericks & Jan Johnson  
**Reader:** Lee Pierce

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-Ethan Batschelet, Missionary--Siloam Girls' School in India-Paulette Tuton  
-JoAnn Treinen--Ann Myers--Darla Larson (friend of Mindy Means)

-Roger Struve--Dean Souders (nephew of Loueen Huberg)  
-family of Anna Marie Hamrick (daughter of Josh & Krista Hamrick and her grandparents, Todd & Mel Hamrick)--Rita Bassett (sister of Paulette Tuton)--Joyce Sabel (daughter of Roger & Betty Kruse)--Betty Kruse--Megan Peters (niece of Kristi Kracht)--family of Melvin Taylor (Pam Santage's father)  
*(Please call the church office to add someone to the prayer list. Requests stay on the list for one month unless you instruct us to do otherwise.)*

**Eleanor Nielsen is going to be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday** at fellowship TODAY. Make sure to wish her a Happy Birthday!

**Prayer Chain:** During Betty Kruse's absence if you would like to put a prayer concern on the prayer chain please call either Arlene Wimmer at 933-2626 or Cindy Buren at the church 933-2229 or Cindy's cell 712-363-4491.

**St. Luke Homes & Services is celebrating 50 years TODAY** with noon Rededication Ceremony, Praise & Thanksgiving Service with meal to follow. Please RSVP 712-262-5931 or [stlukelh@stlukelh.com](mailto:stlukelh@stlukelh.com) by August 16<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend!

***Blessing of the Backpacks*** will be held ***Sunday, August 27 at 9:30***. Start the school year right! Students (of all ages), Teachers, and Staff - bring your backpack and bring your friends to church for a special morning!

### **Ingham Chapel Dedication**

Ingham Lake Bible Camp will be dedicating their new Chapel on August 27<sup>th</sup> during their annual Hog Roast. The schedule follows:  
4:00 pm Swen and Dean Concert, along with Dan Antoine  
4:00-6:00 Hog Roast Served by the Ingham Auxiliary and Dan Yonker family  
5:30pm Dedication of the new Chapel  
6:00pm Pie Auction at the new Chapel  
Everyone is welcome!

**Ferne Toft will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.** Make sure and celebrate with her during fellowship time on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.



**A special fund has been established for a new colored digital sign for Bethlehem.** The current sign has deteriorated over the years and it is time to brighten the appearance of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The new sign will be incorporated in the current bell tower. The approximate cost of this sign is \$10,000. This sign is a digital sign that the Church staff will be able to customize to our needs and change with special events, etc. If you would like to donate to this special fund please write "bell tower sign" on the memo line of your check. Thank you for your help in updating the appearance of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

**\*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.**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

***Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult (ELW 696)***

1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice sounding,  
saying, "Christian, follow me":

2 As of old Saint Andrew heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for Jesus' sake.

3 Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."

5 Jesus calls us! By your mercy,  
Savior, may we hear your call,  
give our hearts to your obedience,  
serve and love you best of all.

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**“We All Are One in Mission” – ELW 576**

1. We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission  
compels us from above  
to plan and work together  
that all may know Christ's love.

2. We all are called to service,  
to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different;  
our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others  
with God's surprising grace,  
so every folk and nation  
may feel God's warm embrace.

3. Now let us be united,  
and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel  
for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.

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**\*Sending Hymn “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” ELW #504**

1. A mighty fortress is our God,  
a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might  
he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.

2. No strength of ours can match his might!  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.

3. Though hordes of devils fill the land  
all threatening to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
they cannot overpower us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage;  
in battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.

4. God's Word forever shall abide,  
no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God himself fights by our side  
with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
through life be wrenched away,  
they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!

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**Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

56 Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.

<sup>6</sup>And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,  
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,  
and hold fast my covenant—

<sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,  
I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

**Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. <sup>29</sup>for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

**Matthew 15:10-20**

<sup>10</sup>Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup>it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” <sup>12</sup>Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” <sup>13</sup>He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup>Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” <sup>15</sup>But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” <sup>16</sup>Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup>Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup>But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup>These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”