



Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, August 16, 2026~ 8:30 AM

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord - Service Music, ELW

WELCOME & INVITATIONS

CENTERING TIME

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

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. **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,

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.**

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. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Great is thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright



pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy



hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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APOSTOLIC 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, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
And honor, blessing and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God,

And join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S GOOD NEWS TIME

Alleluia.
Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:10-14 (NRSVue)

Red: pages 638-639

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

When Peace, like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888

Music: VILLA DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 THE PEOPLE

(Use QR code to access prayer list.)



Congregation Response: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please take a moment to echo Jesus as you share a greeting of peace with your neighbors:

Peace be with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name - Setting by Paul Manz

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence, and give us;
A foretaste of the feast to come.**

OFFERING PRAYER

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION MUSIC

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank the Lord

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

SENDING WORDS

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Today’s Ministers

Preaching.....	Pastor Amber Wichmann
Presiding	Pastor Jeff Whillock
Assisting Minister	Mandy Boe
Musicians	Darlyne Johnson & Barb Paepke
Visual Communications Tech.....	Teri Johnson
Livestream Camera Tech	Brian Johnson
Sounds Techs	Al Suedmeier & Sophia Christiansen

The Sanctuary & Chapel have a Hearing Loop to assist those with hearing loss. Activate the T-coil feature on your hearing aid or use a Loop Listening device (available from the usher). If you have questions, we'll be happy to connect you with another Hearing Loop user.

Radio Broadcast - Our Sunday 8:30 a.m. service is **broadcast** each Sunday morning at **10:45 on KGIM 1420 AM/98.5 FM.**

The Globe Offering will go to CASA. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate, a program that places volunteers to advocate for children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. CASA volunteers are appointed by judges and act as a voice for the children, helping to protect their rights and ensure their safety and permanency.

Giving to Bethlehem

Scan the QR code for our simple, online giving portal. It's the easiest and most convenient way to consistently support the ministries of Bethlehem.

As always, thank you for your generosity.

Questions about your giving?
Contact Jeannie,
Director of Administration at
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SCAN ME



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH
EAST FELLOWSHIP HALL

When is it Time for Memory Care?

**FOR ADULTS
50 YEARS
& OLDER**

2 PM - 3 PM

AGING
Gracefully

VAN SERVICE IS AVAILABLE. CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO SIGN UP



Spark Joy
A Story of Hope, Resilience & Purpose

Friday, September 11th
12:10 pm - 12:50 pm
West Fellowship Hall

WILLIAM DENG
Founder of the Brother Deng Foundation

SIGN UP TODAY

**OUT OF THE
DARKNESS
WALK**

ODDE ICE CENTER
Saturday, September 12th
Walk Begins at 10:00 AM

**WALK
WITH US**
TO PREVENT SUICIDE
REGISTER TODAY

QUESTIONS? WANT TO REGISTER?
Contact Janis Heier

SCHOOL KITS & PERSONAL KITS NEEDED

Bethlehem Piecemakers Quilters are once again asking for donations for school kits and personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief through the end of September. Drop off your donations at the church office.

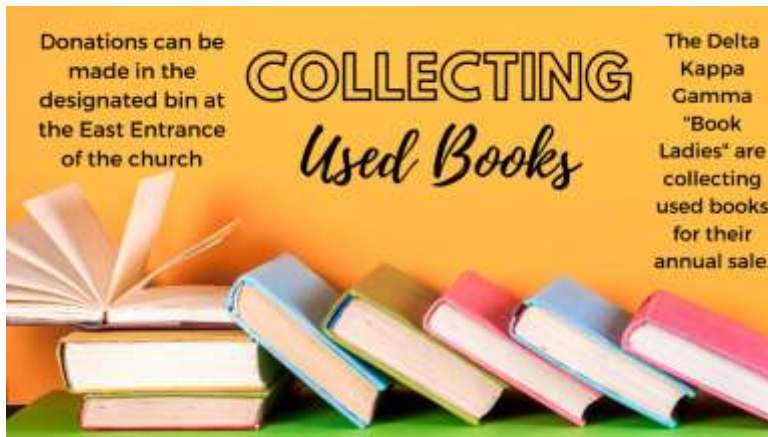
The following items are needed to fulfill the kits:

SCHOOL KITS

Blunt scissors Pencil sharpeners Rulers
70-80 sheet spiral notebooks wide or college ruled
(*NO loose-leaf paper*)

PERSONAL KITS

20" x 40" or 52" or 57" bath size towel (dark color only)
Large sturdy comb (NO Picks or fine teeth comb)
Large toe nail clippers



Registration for fall ministries is open on our website!

3 years old through 5th Grade

www.bethlehemaberdeen.org/teach/children-age-3-5th-grade

Route 67 (6th & 7th Grade) & Confirmation (8th, 9th & 10th Grade)

www.bethlehemaberdeen.org/teach/youth-6th-10th

