

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, August 24, 2025 ~ 8:30 AM

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People - Setting by Paul Manz

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.

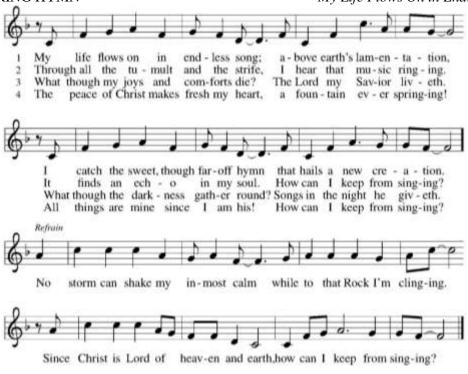
Most merciful God.

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.**



My Life Flows On in Endless Song



Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899 Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

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 Glory to God

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

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S GOOD NEWS TIME

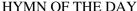
SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

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

SCRIPTURE Philippians 4:4-8 Red Pew Bible (page 955)

SERMON



Have No Fear, Little Flock



Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4 Music: LTTTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930 Text and music © 1973 Concordia Publishing House.

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

Congregation Response: Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

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.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

What a Friend We Have in Jesus - Setting by J. Bert Carlson

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

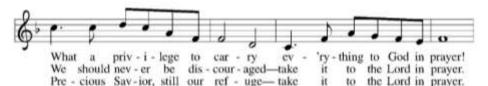
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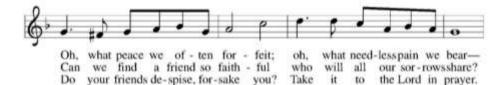
SENDING HYMN

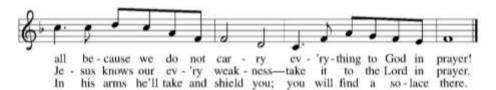
What a Friend We Have in Jesus



3 Are we weak and heav-y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?







Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886 Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918

SENDING WORDS

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

O For a Closer Walk with God - Setting by David N. Johnson

Today's Ministers

Preaching	Jamie Milbrand
	Pastor Matt Spoder
	Bob Seversor
•	Darlyne Johnson & Jaela Schultz
	Kennadee Wagner
	Dan Richard
Sound Techs	Hugh Dahme & Gabe Harme

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**.

The Globe Offering will go to Danny Steger. On the 3rd of July, Danny suffered from a firework incident. It blew up after he lit it and it was still in his hand. He was flown to Sioux Falls that night and had his right hand amputated along with part of a left finger. He has lots of bruises and wounds from this event. We are praying for no infections and a speedy recovery. The globe offering will help with his expenses.

Give To Bethlehem!

- 1. Hover your camera app over the QR code on the side and tap the link to our simple, online giving portal.
- 2. From there, you can login to your account or simply give to a ministry you're passionate about directly from the portal.
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- 3. Please consider enrolling for recurring giving by selecting a weekly, biweekly or monthly frequency.

It's the easiest and most convenient way to consistently support the ministries of Bethlehem. As always, thank you for your generosity. We couldn't do it without you!

Questions about your giving?
Contact Jeannie, Director of Administration at jhaaland@bethlehemaberdeen.org

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

GRIFFSHARE

A new session of **Griefshare** will begin on **Tuesday, September 9**th at **5:30PM** in **The Hub**. If you or someone you know has recently gone through the loss of a loved one, **GriefShare** offers a safe and confidential place to connect. If you are interested in attending an afternoon class, please contact the church office or email **arasmussen@bethlehemaberdeen.org**.

COLLECTING SCHOOL KITS & PERSONAL KITS

Piecemakers Quilters want to say *Thank You* for all of the donations made thus far. We are still in need of the following to finish partially assembled kits...

SCHOOL KITS

Black or blue pens

70 sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled 8" x 10 ½" paper (NO loose-leaf paper)

PERSONAL CARE KITS

20" x 40" or 27" or 52" lightweight dark color bath towels Wide tooth combs Large toe nail clippers

FOR QUILTS:

Blankets or Mattress Pads for quilt middles/

Please drop donations at the church office.

SPARK JOY: A Century of Fashion

You are warmly invited to **Spark Joy: A Century of Fashion**, a delightful celebration of style and history on **Friday**, **September 5th**, from **12:10 to 12:50 p.m.** in the **East Fellowship Hall at Bethlehem Lutheran Church**.

Join us as we journey through 100 years of fashion, highlighting the decades from **1890 to 1990**. This unique presentation will showcase a captivating collection of men's and women's clothing, accessories, and timeless pieces that tell the story of each era. A special feature of the event will be the magnificent jewelry and handbag collection of **Mrs. Esther Decker**, offering an elegant glimpse into the finer details of fashion.

We are honored to welcome **Patricia Kendall**, Director of the **Dacotah Prairie Museum**, as our presenter. With her engaging storytelling and historical insights, Patricia will bring each decade to life in a way that is both educational and inspiring.

Do you have a middle or high school student who likes working with kids?

We'd love to have their assistance with Sunday and Wednesday School. Assistants can help kids with projects, get involved with music, calm anxious children, and help teach lessons if they are interested. If you have a youth in grades 6-12 who would like to help, have them chat with Cyndi to get on the list!

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IN TEACHING
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Contact Cyndi at 225-9740 TODAY, for more information.