



Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, August 24, 2025 ~ 8:30 AM

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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.**

GATHERING HYMN

My Life Flows On in Endless Song



1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,
2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv-eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.
It finds an ech-o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

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.**

**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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Have No Fear, Little Flock

1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in

give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
 Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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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

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

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 Milbrandt
PresidingPastor Matt Spoden
Assisting MinisterBob Severson
MusiciansDarlyne Johnson & Jaela Schultz
Visual Communications Tech.....Kennadee Wagner
Livestream Camera TechDan Richardt
Sound Techs..... Hugh Dahme & Gabe Harmel

*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.
3. Please consider enrolling for recurring giving by selecting a weekly, biweekly or monthly frequency.



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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

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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

GRIEFSHARE

A new session of **Griefshare** will begin on **Tuesday, September 9th** 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.

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!

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.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL AT BETHLEHEM?

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