



Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, July 13, 2025 ~ 8:30 AM

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

Abide with Me - Settings by Eric H. Thiman, Donald Busarow

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

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove,
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee,
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.

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

Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

SCRIPTURE

John 15:1-11

Red Pew Bible (page 878)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light, I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God, I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ, I want to



fol - low Je - sus, God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus, Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus, When we have run . . . with



light to the world, The star of my life is Je - sus,
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther,
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus,

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all, The night and the



day are both a - like, The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God, Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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

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

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

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

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing to God ev-er-liv-ing,
the peo-ple of our God from this dwell-ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face—
The sup-per is end-ed, Oh, now be ex-tend-ed
our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er car-ing,
the fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
em-brac-ing God's chil-dren, the whole hu-man race,
The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now
reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all,
lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we share.
Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing
to work for your king-dom and an-swer your call,
give hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

SENDING WORDS

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Hymn to Joy - Donald Busarow

Today's Ministers

Preaching.....	Pastor Jeff Whillock
Presiding	Pastor Matt Spoden
Assisting Minister	Sheree Hogan
Musicians	Handbell Choir, Darlyne Johnson & Bob Severson
Visual Communications Tech	Sue Helling
Livestream Camera Tech	Mark Rathbun
Sound Techs.....	Al Suedmeier & 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**.

Childcare - The nursery is for children ages 3 and younger has a new location down the second right hallway in the Education Wing (E5). **The nursery is staffed during the Sunday 8:30 and 10:10 and Wednesday 6:15 services.**

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 jhaaland@bethlehemaberdeen.org.

The Globe Offering will go to the Lutheran World Relief. The needs of our neighbors in Texas are growing as floods destroy homes, communities and families. Our partners at Lutheran World Relief are already responding. Thankfully, LWR Quilts & Kits were already prepositioned in Texas. Within 12 hours of the flash flooding, they were in the hands of those that needed them most. But so much additional help is needed. Families in the flood zone — and beyond — need food, water, shelter and essential supplies. Together we can help ensure no one goes without the care and support they need. Right now, the number one need is financial gifts so that the team at Lutheran World Relief can reach our neighbors as quickly as possible.

If you have a prayer request or would like to add someone to the prayer list, please email: office@bethlehemaberdeen.org or call the church office at **605-225-9740**.

You can find the updated prayer list and calendar for the week at the Welcome Desk or scan the QR Code below:



Bethlehem
Calendar



Bethlehem
Prayer List

SCHOOL KITS & PERSONAL KITS NEEDED

Bethlehem Piecemakers Quilters are collecting
School Kits & Personal Kits through the end of September.

SCHOOL KITS

Box of 24 count crayons	Pencil sharpener
12" Rulers	2 ½" erasers
Blunt scissors	#2 Pencils
70 sheet wide or college ruled 8" x 10 ½" paper	

PERSONAL KITS

20" x 40" or 52" or 57" lightweight dark color bath towel
4-5 oz. soap (any brand in wrapper)
Large sturdy comb
Large toe nail clippers

Please drop donations at the church office.