

# Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, July 6, 2025 ~ 8:30 AM

#### **Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

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#### **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

**PRELUDE** 

Beautiful Savior - Settings by David Cherwien, John Ferguson

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.** 

The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul he leadeth And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me, And on his shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so, through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise Within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

#### 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.

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

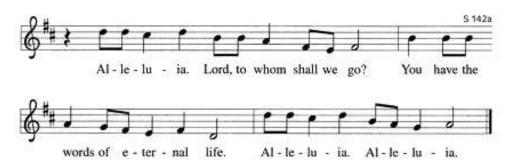
#### WORD

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

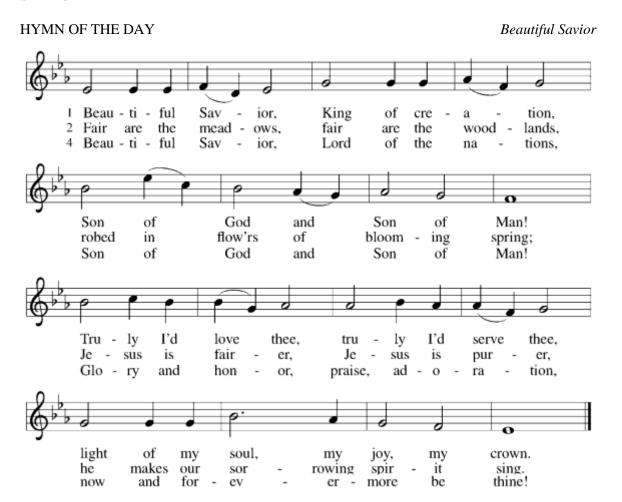
#### CHILDREN'S GOOD NEWS TIME

#### SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION

Alleluia



#### **SERMON**



Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

**OFFERING** 

OFFERING MUSIC

The King of Love My Shepherd Is - Setting by Stephen J. Caracciolo Jesus Loves Me - Setting by Wilbur Held

**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 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.

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

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 WORDS

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

**POSTLUDE** 

Toccata (Homage to Widor) - Gordon Young

#### Today's Ministers

Preaching	
Assisting Minister	
Musicians	
Visual Communications Tech	
Livestream Camera Tech	Wayne Hansen
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 a.m. on KGIM 1420 AM**.

# Supporting the ministries of Bethlehem has never been easier!

- 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.





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 <a href="mailto:jhaaland@bethlehemaberdeen.org">jhaaland@bethlehemaberdeen.org</a>

The Globe Offering will go to the Aspire Foundation, Inc. Aspire, Inc. is a non-profit agency that provides services to people with developmental abilities. Aspire, Inc. provides an array of services and supports from job development to residential. Their mission is to create opportunities for people with disabilities to live their lives to their fullest.

**NOW HIRING:** Afternoon Pre-K Assistant for 2025-2026 School Year. Work in the classroom under the direction of the Pre-K Teacher with children ages 4 & 5. Monday – Thursday from 12:15 – 3:45 p.m. For more information, email Cyndi at **cbishop@bethlehemaberdeen.org** 

# LUTHERANS AT THE POOL - Middle & High School

Wednesday, July 16 from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Aberdeen Aquatic Center
Picnic Shelter
Free Food and drinks

Please bring \$5 for entry fee and we'll pay the rest! (If you have a family pass, please bring it with you!)

# 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!

# WORSHIP ON THE GREEN Join us on Sunday, July 13 at 10:10AM for Worship On The Green on the West Lown, Please be wetching for any change in plans or

Worship On The Green on the **West Lawn**. Please be watching for any change in plans or location depending on the parking lot construction.

# BURNING OF THE MORTGAGE CEREMONY

Join us out by the **firepit on the Remembrance Walkway** on **July 20**<sup>th</sup> at **9:30AM** as we burn the mortgage in celebration of paying it off.



# **Bethlehem Calendar**

#### Sunday, July 6

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/ Communion – Sanctuary 10:10 a.m. Contemporary Worship w/ Communion – Sanctuary

#### Monday, July 7

10:30 a.m. Pickleball – Re-Creation Center 12:00 p.m. ELT Meeting – Conference Room 1 4:00 p.m. Small Group – Conference Room 1

#### Tuesday, July 8

9:00 a.m. Piecemakers Quilters – E15-E18 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Fireside Room 12:00 p.m. Tuesday Men – Conference Room 1 12:00 p.m. Women's Small Group – Fireside Room 12:30 p.m. Pickleball - Re-Creation Center

#### Wednesday, July 9

5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper – Fellowship Hall 6:15 p.m. Contemporary Worship w/Communion – Sanctuary 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group – Youth Center

#### Thursday, July 10

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. Be Still & Know – Chapel 10:00 a.m. Tot Gym – Re-Creation Center 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Be Still & Know – Chapel 12:30 p.m. Pickleball – Re-Creation Center

#### Saturday, July 12

5:15 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion - Chapel

#### Sunday, July 13

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship – Sanctuary 10:10 a.m. Contemporary Worship "On the Green" – West Lawn 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 ext. 114 (Janis Heier) and leave a message for the pastoral care team.





9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

# WILD WATER WEST TRIP FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLERS

WHAT: Wild Water West Day Trip

WHEN: Friday, August 8th

WHO: All Middle & High School

students

\$25 PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Contact Stan for more information