



Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, June 14, 2026 ~ 8:30 AM

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art - Setting by David N. Johnson

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.**

**Take my life that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne.**

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, 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

John 21:15-19

Red: page 884, **Brown:** page 1200-1201; **Gray:** page 1178

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,



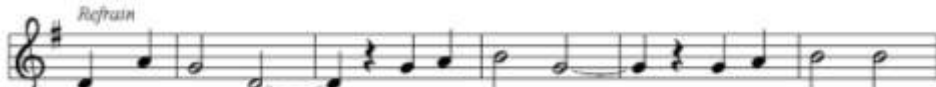
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone,
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied,



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946
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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

(Use QR code to access prayer list.)



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.

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.

CARING FOR GOD'S HOUSE: ILLUMINATING MINISTRY SPACES

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

Here I Am, Lord - Setting by David Howard Pettit

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

Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)

**"Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?"**

**"Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me?"**

**"Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?"**

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

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SENDING WORDS

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven - Setting by Timothy Flynn

Today's Ministers

Preaching.....	Pastor Amber Wichmann
Presiding	Pastor Matt Spoden
Assisting Minister	Vicci Stange
Musicians	Darlyne Johnson & Pam Fauth
Visual Communications Tech.....	Teri Johnson
Livestream Camera Tech	Brian Johnson
Sounds Techs	Al Suedmeier & Sophia Christensen

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 The Aberdeen Area Veterans, Inc. (AAVI). AAVI is a non-profit governing board organized with equal representation (5 members at large) of each of the three partner Veterans organizations: VFW, American Legion, and 40 and 8. This facility is not associated with the VA. The globe offering will assist with the funding of the remodel of the Milwaukee Depot as a new community center.

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.



SCAN ME

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

The bulletin is sponsored in honor of *Robert (Bob) Luce*, who celebrated his 80th birthday on Saturday, June 13th by his wife Wilma and their family.



First Communion Class
Wednesday, June 17
5:15 - 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Register with the church office
by June 10th

*First Communion will be received
on Sunday, June 21 at 8:30 a.m.
and 10:10 a.m. OR on
Wednesday, June 24 at 6:15 p.m.*

2026-2027
Bethlehem Pre-K
Registration is Open



For more information or to register visit
www.bethlehemaberdeen.org/teach/pre-k

Prayer Partners for Mission Trip Participants



We are looking for individuals that are interested in being Prayer Partners for our summer mission trip participants. No experience necessary; if you have said a prayer sometime in your life, you qualify! You will be provided with a packet that includes our daily activities, scripture verses and helpful ideas. **We have 33 people journeying to Niagara Falls, NY from June 6-14 and 14 people journeying to Duluth, MN from June 21-26.**

Please connect with Stan for more information or to volunteer.