



Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, June 7, 2026 ~ 8:30 AM

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service

Settings by Michael Burkhardt, David E. Tryggestad, Gerhard Krapf

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.**

**There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment giv'n.**

**There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good;
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.**

**'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all:
Greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful; let us take you at your word,
And our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.**

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, 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.**

**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, 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

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,
give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,

Refrain
peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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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

(Use QR code to access prayer list.)



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

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: RENEWING THE OLD

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sheree Hogan & Joell Rachel

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

Let us pray: Gracious God, **thank you for all that you have blessed us with. Use what we offer today: our time, talents, and resources to bless our neighbors, both near and far, who are in need. Amen.**

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. 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.**

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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

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank the Lord

**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 HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

TEXT: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
 MUSIC: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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SENDING WORDS

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God - Setting by Paul Manz

Today's Ministers

Preaching.....Pastor Matt Spoden
PresidingPastor Amber Wichmann
Assisting Minister Crystal Swenson
Musicians Darlyne Johnson, Sheree Hogan & Joell Rachel
Visual Communications Tech..... Sue Helling
Livestream Camera TechDan Richardt
Sounds 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/98.5 FM.**

The Globe Offering will go to the Community Alliance Group in McLaughlin. The globe offering will help with purchasing items for their food pantry. The VBS Drive is collecting non-perishables for the Community Alliance Group. All VBS students and congregation are invited to participate in this food drive.

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.



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.*



Presenters will be
Ashley Geist-Cusick
& **Rebecca Christiansen**

SPARK JOY

Overcome Burnout & Reclaim Summer Fun

Friday, June 12th
12:10 - 12:50 PM
East Fellowship Hall

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.

STAFFING UPDATES at BETHLEHEM

Jodi Schwan

To the People of Bethlehem Lutheran Church,

As many of you know, Doug Eisenbeisz, our Director of Welcoming and Serving, is retiring at the end of August. A search team was put together to find our next Director of Welcoming and Serving with the hope and intention that the new director and Doug would overlap for a period of time so that Doug could train the new director.

The search team is delighted to share that Jodi Schwan has accepted the position as Bethlehem's next Director of Welcoming and Serving. Jodi served in this role prior to Doug, and we are grateful that she is returning to share her gifts with us. We are also

incredibly grateful to Doug for his 8 years of excellent work, and for his willingness to assist the new director during this transition. As Jodi prepares to begin her work as Bethlehem's Director of Welcoming and Serving, here is a message she'd like to share with the congregation,



My name is Jodi Schwan. I am married to Joe and a busy mom to two boys, Jayden and Jordan. Jayden will be a freshman at the University of Jamestown, and Jordan will be a sophomore at Groton Area High School. Whether I'm traveling to my boys' sports or music events, reading a good book, or working on a quilting project, I enjoy staying active and connected with family and community. I look forward to rejoining the BLC team in August as Director of Welcoming and Serving.

The search team asks that you hold Doug in prayer as he prepares for retirement, and to hold Jodi in prayer as she steps into the role of Director of Welcoming and Serving at Bethlehem.

Additional details about celebrating Doug's retirement and when Jodi will begin will be available later this summer.

God's Blessings,

Members of Director of Welcoming and Serving Search Team

Rev. Matthew Spoden (Point Pastor for Welcoming and Serving)

Jeannie Haaland (Director of Administration)

Bruce Pokarney (Human Resources)

Alison Kiesz (Serving Ministry Team)

Travis Struss (Welcome Ministry Team)