

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
“Sharing Christ’s Love”

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July 31, 2010 Holy Communion 5:00 PM
Ordinary Time– Lectionary 18

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Greet's You!

Church Staff: Pastor Bryon Hansen; Bryan Whiteside, Director of Youth Ministry; Joy Johnson, Church Office Manager; Denise Nelson, Worship Coordinator; Randi Olson, Faith Community Nurse; Kathye Hamm, Director of Children's Ministry.

Welcome to worship today, especially those visiting for the first time. We believe that the Spirit of God had a hand in bringing you to us and we trust you will experience the presence of God as we worship.

Hearing Devices—If you have a hard time hearing please see the user for a hearing device.

Attention children! You are invited to pick up an **ACTIVITY BAG** off of the stand at the entrance to each Sanctuary door. Take the activities home and return the bag, pencils, and clip board to the basket behind the sound booth. Children are welcome in all worship services! If you prefer, the **Nursery** is located across the patio area through the double doors for children age 0-6. We have pagers for your convenience.

***We thank those who share their gifts of service in worship this weekend:** Owen Myers, Jane Roach, Jeff Riswold, Joe Ciola,, Richard & Joe Reid, Moe Stevens, Bud Beadles, Helen Crim, Elaine Reese, June Hampton, Noah Daly, Grace Ewald, Frank Hampton, Sonja Lane, Rose & Terry Mornin, Katie Desplancke, Parker Houston, Diane Allison, Tia Desplancke, Joy Johnson, Jaron Latona*

Please join us for a potluck that evening at 6:00 PM and to hear about this exciting ministry. Bring extra food because we will be feeding their team also.



Please remember in prayer

We pray for—Bernie Tupper, Suzi Buse, Steve & Charlotte Anderson, Dale Buse, David Iezzi, Jane Hodgson, Larry Dugan, Joy Hauser, Pearl Schmidt, Dora Sather, Irvin Sather, Art Otto, Cheri Rinn, Caroline Davis, and Mary Robbins. **We continue to pray for**—Dennis Greenlee, Inez Larson, Agnes Bensley, Sandra Weller, Martha Powers, Jolene Kirk, Cleo Hummel, Carolyn Baird, JoAnn Anderson, Dori Dralle, Dee Rusnak and Liz Anderson **We pray for these ministries**—Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson, Bishop Mark Holmerud, Sierra Pacific Synod, Dr. Richard Young (our missionary in Guyana), BLC's Church Council, Children's Ministry, Stephen Ministry, Pastor Gerard Mahirane at our sister Church in Kibungo Rwanda and Curtis Lee.



FAIR TRADE COFFEE Our next Fair Trade Coffee Sale will be Sunday, August 8th. If you need any coffee before then please stop by the church office.

KIDS NIGHT OUT Kids, wouldn't you love an evening out with no parents? Have we got a deal for you! Come to Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Friday, August 20th from 5:30 to 9:00 pm. Bring your friends and we will have pizza, movies and games with Mrs Kathy Hamm. Cost is \$5.00 to cover the cost of dinner. RSVP to Mrs Kathy Hamm by Sunday, August 15 at BethlehemKids@yahoo.com or call the church at 530-885-4515.

BLESSINGS OF THE BACKPACKS We are excited to add a new tradition to back to school time– Blessing of the Backpacks! On Sunday, August 15 at the 8:30 and 10:30 am service, all students and teachers (anyone getting ready to go back to school) are invited to bring their backpacks, briefcases, satchels, book bags to worship for a special blessing as they get ready to start the new school year.

BIKE AND BUILD On Tuesday, August 17th a group of college students who are pedaling across the United States to raise funds for affordable housing will be at our church to share their stories. This group not only donates money to housing projects as they go, but they also stop and do hands on projects. They will be donating money to our local Gathering Inn.



Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

Gathering

Gathering Music

Opening Hymn

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

679 ELW

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,
Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Word

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–23

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A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 49

Cantor: My mouth shall speak of wisdom.

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¹Hear this, | all you peoples;
 give ear, all you who dwell | in the world,
²you of high de- | gree and low,
 rich and | poor together.
³My mouth shall | speak of wisdom,
 and my heart shall meditate on | understanding.
⁴I will incline my ear | to a proverb

C: My mouth shall speak of wisdom.

 and set forth my riddle up- | on the harp.
⁵Why should I be afraid in | evil days,
 when the wickedness of those at my | heels surrounds me,
⁶the wickedness of those who trust in | their own prowess,
 and boast of | their great riches?
⁷One can never re- | deem another,
 or give to God the ransom for an- | other's life;
⁸for the ransom of a life | is so great
 that there would never be e- | nough to pay it,
⁹in order to live forev- | er and ever
 and never | see the grave.

C: My mouth shall speak of wisdom.

¹⁰For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu- | pid they perish
 and leave their wealth to those who come | after them.
¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from
generation to | generation,
 though they had named lands af- | ter themselves.
¹²Even though honored, they cannot | live forever;
 they are like the | beasts that perish.

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SUNDAY, August 1

8:30 AM Worship
9:45 AM Poetry Class-Garden Room
10:30 AM Worship

TUESDAY, August 3

5:30 PM Happy Souls Walking Group
6:30 PM Church Council

WEDNESDAY, August 4

10:30 AM Lectionary and Lunch
7:00 PM Life Together Study

SATURDAY, August 7

5:00 PM Worship

SUNDAY, August 8

8:30 AM Worship
9:45 AM Poetry Class-Garden Room
10:30 AM Worship



While Pastor Bryon is on vacation.....

SUMMER STUDY Please join us for a Summer Study every Wednesday night at 7:00 PM through August 11th. The study is based on the book “Life Together” by Dietrich Boenhoeffer. The class is facilitated by Brian Johnson.

LECTIONARY AND LUNCH Please join us for a discussion of the Sunday Scripture readings “**ahead of time.**” These are the lessons we hear in church on Sunday mornings. We meet at 10:30 AM on Wednesday’s in the Fellowship Hall. This is followed by lunch at Noon. All are welcome!

SUNDAY MORNING POETRY CLASS Please join us in the Garden Room at 9:45 AM on Sunday mornings for a poetry discussion. Bring your coffee. All are welcome.

P: Holy, mighty and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night....

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Pour out upon us and this meal the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**



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.

Sharing Bread and Cup

Communion Song

Solo Music

Prayer after Communion

Sending

Blessing

Sending Hymn

“Take My Life, That I May Be” # 685 ELW

Dismissal

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1–11

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A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

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Gospel

Luke 12:13–21

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The Gospel is announced

P: The holy gospel.....

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel is proclaimed, concluding:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon *(Silence for Reflection)*

Hymn of the Day

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

Insert

Prayers of the People

A: In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

(Brief silence)

For all people in their daily life and work;

C: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

A: For this community, the nation, and the world;

C: **For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.**

A: For the just and proper use of your creation;

C: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

A: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

C: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

A: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;



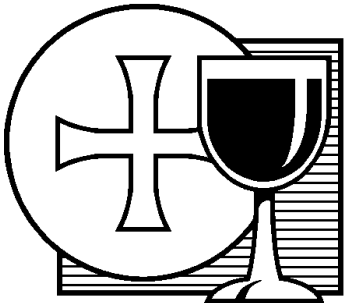
C: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.
A: For Mark our Presiding Bishop, and Mark our Bishop; and all other ministers and leaders in your church;
C: For all who serve God in the church.
A: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
The leader of the prayers and others are invited to add their petitions.
A: Hear us Lord; **C: For your mercy is great.**
A: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
The leader and others may add their own thanksgivings.
A: Hear us, Lord; **C: For your mercy is great.**
A: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence*
C: Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Presider concludes with the assurance of forgiveness

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Announcements

Meal

Preparation of the Table and Offering



Offertory

During this time we sing:

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” # 686 ELW

Offertory Song

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye
heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your heart.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
P: It is indeed right...unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.