

# **July 13, 2025 and Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

**220 Cedar Street**

**PO Box 344**

**Pemberville, Ohio 43450**

**9 am: In Person Worship**

**9 am: Facebook Live Worship**

**11:30 am: Radio Worship on 99.1 FM**



## **OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday – Thursday, 9 am – 2 pm**

**Friday- Closed**

**419-287-4182**

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### +GATHER+

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life.  
Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of + Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: As We Gather at Your Table ELW#522**

#### 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.**

**GLORIA**— The music for this is located in the back of the hymnal

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **+WORD+**

### **CHILDREN MESSAGE**

#### **MEMORY VERSE: (Isaiah 55:3a)**

God says, “Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so you may live...”

#### **FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14**

*Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God’s commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people’s hearts.*

<sup>9</sup> The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup> when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

<sup>11</sup> Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup> It is not in heaven, that you should say, “Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” <sup>13</sup> Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, “Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” <sup>14</sup> No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 82

Hal H. Hopson

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**Refrain**

Rise up, O God, and rule the earth.

Rise up, O God, your reign make known.

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## PSALM: 82

- <sup>1</sup> God stands to charge the divine council assembled,  
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:
- <sup>2</sup> **“How long will you judge unjustly,  
and show favor to the wicked?**
- <sup>3</sup> Save the weak and the orphan;  
defend the humble and needy;
- <sup>4</sup> **rescue the weak and the poor;  
deliver them from the power of the wicked. R**
- <sup>5</sup> They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- <sup>6</sup> **Now I say to you, ‘You are gods,  
and all of you children of the Most High;**
- <sup>7</sup> nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,  
and fall like any prince.’”
- <sup>8</sup> **Arise, O God, and rule the earth,  
for you shall take all nations for your own. R**

## SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14

*The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.*

- <sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,  
<sup>2</sup> To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.
- <sup>3</sup> In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup> for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup> because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup> that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it

has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup> This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup> and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup> For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup> so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Alleluia No. 2

Joseph Stribrny

Al - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! Lord, to whom shall we go?

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You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al le - lu - - ia!

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

*Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.*

<sup>25</sup> Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup> He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup> But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho,

and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Gospel of the Lord.      **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON- Pastor Tim Philabaum**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love **ELW #708**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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**

*Each petition ends:* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**+MEAL+**

### **PEACE**

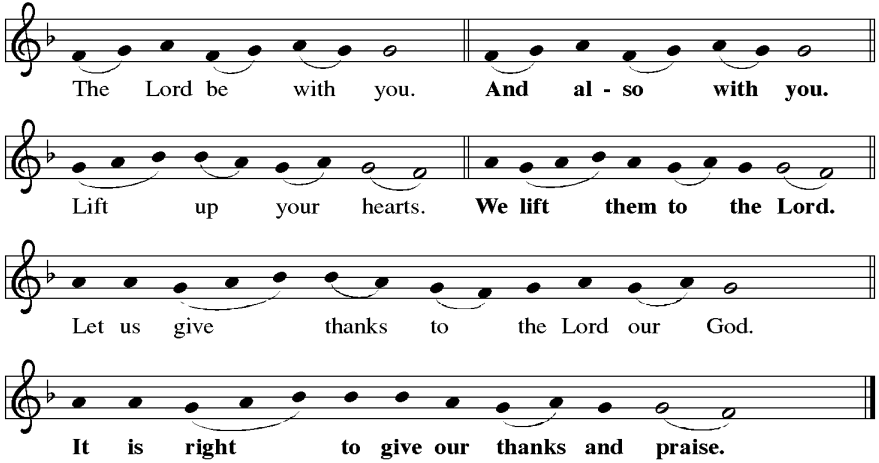
The peace of the Lord be with you always.      **And also with you.**  
*We gather our tithes and offerings. Following the collection, we pray.*

**OFFERING HYMN:** Wash O God, Our Sons and Daughters **ELW#445 V3**  
Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways! To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise! We your people stand before you, waterwashed and Spirit-born. By your grace, our lives we offer,  
Recreate us, God transform.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God,  
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor,  
that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second and third staves also have double bar lines after their respective phrases. The fourth staff ends with a final double bar line.

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# Holy, Holy, Holy

Toussaint Creek Mass

Joseph Stribny

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of

12 hosts. Hea-ven and Earth are full of your glo-ry\_\_\_\_\_ Ho - sa - na. Ho - sa -

21 na. Ho - sa - na in the high-est.\_\_\_\_\_ Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the

30 Lord.\_\_\_\_\_ Ho - sa - na, Ho - sa - na, Ho - sa - na

37 in the high - est!\_\_\_\_\_ Ho - sa - na in the high - est!\_\_\_\_\_

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us 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 in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNE

The kingdom of God is set before you.

Eat and rejoice.

# Lamb of God

Toussaint Creek Mass

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*mp* Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the world.

*mf* 1.2. *ff* 3.

Have mer - cy on us. Have mer - cy on us.

*mf* *ff*

Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

**COMMUNION HYMN: Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart ELW#800**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mothering God,  
you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

**+SENDING+**

## BLESSING

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
+ bless you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult ELW #696**

## DISMISSAL

What is our mission?  
**Transformed by the crucified and risen Jesus we are a loving community of disciples making disciples.**  
Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**LAST WEEKS**  
**6/29 Attendance: In Person-69 Online-60**  
**6/29 Offering:\$2,053.00 Benevolence: \$294.00**

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

**For healing:** Darla Rahe (Hospice @ Otterbein)

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and happy anniversary Matt and Krystal Nabors from the Karns family.

**Radio Broadcast** is given to the glory of God.

**Online Streaming** is given to the glory of God and thanking God for his many blessings from Roger and Teri Hansen.

### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

7/13, Sun	10:20 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
7/14, Mon	6:45 p.m.	Yoga
7/15, Tues	11 a.m.-2p.m.	Food Pantry Open
7/17, Thru	7p.m.	Council Meeting
7/20, Sun	9 a.m.	Worship

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Noisy Offering for all of July goes to the Cocoon.**

**The Mission Action project for July** The Cocoon exists to provide safety, healing, and justice across the lifespan for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, their children, and all of those affected by abuse. Services are available to anyone in Wood County at no cost. Due to the changing needs and limited storage of this facility, money will be collected during a “noisy offering” at all church services in July and donated for shelter operations. St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Bowling Green manages a car donation and furniture bank for women in this shelter. Call St. Mark’s (419-353-6675) if you have items to share.

**Food Pantry items for July** are crackers, macaroni, blueberry or corn muffin mix, wipes, paper towels and canned fruit

**No bible study the next two weeks.** Will resume on July 29th.

**We are looking for a new full-time bell choir member** this upcoming year, and we are also open to more substitutes. Anyone interested should speak with Joe at their earliest convenience. All are welcome!

## **Prayers for New Pastor**

### **220 Prayer**

220 - that's our address, the place where the Bethlehem community gathers for worship. You are invited to join this Bethlehem community each day at 2:20pm (or am if you are up) for a time of prayer centered on God's calling of a new pastor. You are welcome to use your own words, or use these: Most Holy God, we thank you for the gifts and ministry of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. We pray that you inspire and guide the pastor you will be calling to serve with us. We know you hold us in your hands of grace, so we give you thanks! Amen.

**Please take a look at the table in the lounge** to see if any of the funeral dishes are yours.

**If you have misplaced your Pandora bracelet** it is in the church office. It was found in the kitchen on top of the stove.

**Anyone is welcome to make a one time or reoccurring** donation by using the QR code that links to Tithe.ly,

Bethlehem's online giving portal. When you scan the QR code, you will be required to set up an account, which only takes a few minutes. There is a small transaction fee for the use of the app. The app will prompt you to indicate your choice to pay the transaction fee or have it deducted from your donation. Thank you for supporting the ministries at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.



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