

July 25, 2021 + Ninth Sunday of Pentecost
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pemberville, Ohio
9 am: In Person Worship (also on 98.3 FM in the parking lot)
9 am: Facebook Live Worship
11:30 am: Radio Worship on 99.1 FM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

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.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

HYMN

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult ELW # 696

1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding,
saying, "Christian, follow me":

2 As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.

3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,

from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

5 Jesus calls us! By your mercy,
Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

MEMORY VERSE: Through (Christ) you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. (1 Peter 1:21 - NRSV)

FIRST READING 2 Kings 4:42-44

A reading from 2 Kings:

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:10-18

We sing the refrain, then speak the Psalm responsively, singing the refrain where indicated.

Traditional

Hal H. Hopson

Refrain

Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the Lord!

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Refrain text: Traditional (PD)

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- ¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.
- ¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**
- ¹²that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- ¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.**
- You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works. *Refrain***
- ¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**
- ¹⁶You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- ¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**
- ¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully. *Refrain*

SECOND READING Ephesians 3:14-21

A reading from Ephesians:

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may

be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia No. 2

Composed by Joseph Stribrny

Soprano/Alto
Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Lord to whom shall we go?

Tenor/Bass

S/A
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

T/B

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL John 6:1-21

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve

baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN *The Church of Christ, in Every Age* ELW # 729

1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.

a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

2 Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.

4 For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.

3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be

5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.

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.***

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 PRAYER

Let us pray...Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

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

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,
through 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 Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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 COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN *I Love to Tell the Story* ELW # 661

1 I love to tell the story
 of unseen things above,
 of Jesus and his glory,
 of Jesus and his love.
 I love to tell the story,
 because I know it's true;
 it satisfies my longings
 as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story;
 'twill be my theme in glory
 to tell the old, old story
 of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story:
 how pleasant to repeat

what seems, each time I tell it,
 more wonderfully sweet!
 I love to tell the story,
 for some have never heard
 the message of salvation
 from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

3 I love to tell the story,
 for those who know it best
 seem hungering and thirsting
 to hear it like the rest.
 And when, in scenes of glory,
 I sing the new, new song,
 I'll sing the old, old story
 that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

HYMN *Jesus, Priceless Treasure* ELW # 775

1 Jesus, priceless treasure,
source of purest pleasure,
truest friend to me:
ah, how long I've panted,
and my heart has fainted,
thirsting, Lord, for thee!
Thine I am, O spotless Lamb;
nothing in this world can hide thee,
naught I ask beside thee.

2 In thine arm I rest me;
foes who would molest me
cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking,
every heart be quaking,

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

What is our mission?

**Transformed by the crucified and risen Jesus we are a loving community of disciples
making disciples.**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Last Week

Attendance: 83

Offerings: \$ 4,910.00

CONNECTION CARD

Please fill out a connection card in person (place them in the offering plates) or online at <http://tinyurl.com/bethlehemcard>. These are especially important if you are joining us in person, as they help with COVID-19 tracing if needed.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND RADIO BROADCAST

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

The radio broadcast is given to the glory of God.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING: Karen O'Brien, Lloyd Daman, Diane Swartz, Jim Brueggemeier, Louis Bremer, Barb Bushman, Cathy Rahe, Norma Kinker, Keira Buchman, Carolyn Borcharding, Sharon Moenter, Bob Mazur

PRAYERS FOR GRIEVING: For the friends and family of Robert Ladd

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday, 9 am – 2 pm

Friday, 9 am – 12 noon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Each of the four Sundays in July, the BLCW does a noisy offering to benefit the Cocoon Shelter in Bowling Green. The purpose of the shelter is to assist survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and their families. This is one of the organizations that the BLCW supports each year. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

We are helping again with a dinner for the Carnival workers during the Pemberville Fair on August 17th. Travis Ford and Marty Braucksieck will be chairing the event. They will be getting information out to us asking for food donations and helpers. If you are willing to help, contact the church office.

Pemberville Presbyterian Church is again hosting Priceless Pancakes on Saturday, July 31st from 8:00-11:00 am. They are looking for volunteers to help serve one of the two shifts, either 8:00-9:30 or 9:30-11:00. A prayer will begin at 7:45. They could also use help with clean up.

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