

✠ The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost ✠  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
September 27, 28 & October 1, 2025

**WELCOME IN JESUS' NAME**

WELCOME to our guests and members as we gather for worship today! **Please place your names in our red “Record of Fellowship” books.** Also, please give attention to the written “News and Notes”.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

Almighty God, all that we possess is from Your loving hand. Give us grace that we may honor You with all we own, always remembering the account we must one day give to Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**WORSHIP NOTES**

*“The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side,” and “the rich man also died and was buried” (Luke 16:22). The poor man Lazarus, who knew many bad things on earth, began to be comforted forever, whereas the rich man, after a lifetime of good things, began to be “in anguish” (Luke 16:25). Therefore, “woe to those who are at ease in Zion” (Amos 6:1), for “the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away” (Amos 6:7). The wealthy are urged “not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches,” but “to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share” (1 Tim. 6:17–18). Covetous desire for what God has not given is idolatry and “a root of all kinds of evils” (1 Tim. 6:10). Contentment belongs to faith, by which the Christian has “great gain” in godliness (1 Tim. 6:6).*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**797 Praise the Almighty**

- 1 Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!  
Yes, I will laud Him until death;  
With songs and anthems I come before Him  
As long as He allows me breath.  
From Him my life and all things came;  
Bless, O my soul, His holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal;  
Earthborn they are and soon decay.

Vain are their counsels at life's last portal,  
When the dark grave engulfs its prey.  
Since mortals can no help afford,  
Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

- 3    Blessed, oh, blessed are they forever  
     Whose help is from the Lord Most High,  
     Whom from salvation can nothing sever,  
     And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.  
     To all who trust in Him, our Lord  
     Will aid and counsel now afford.  
     Alleluia, alleluia!

- 4    Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,  
     Pardon and peace from Him obtain;  
     Ever the wants of the poor supplying,  
     Their faithful God He will remain.  
     He helps His children in distress,  
     The widows and the fatherless.  
     Alleluia, alleluia!

Stand

- 5    Praise, all you people, the name so holy  
     Of Him who does such wondrous things!  
     All that has being, to praise Him solely,  
     With happy heart its amen sings.  
     Children of God, with angel host  
     Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
     Alleluia, alleluia!

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*Remain standing*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their  
Baptism.*

P    In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy  
     Spirit.

**C    Amen.**

P    Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and  
     confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in  
     the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C who made heaven and earth.**  
 P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C Amen.**

### **✠ Service of the Word ✠**

#### **Introit**

*Psalm 119:73-75, 77; antiphon: v. 76*

- P Let your steadfast love comfort me  
 according to your promise to your servant.
- C Your hands have made and fashioned me;  
 give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.**
- P Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,  
 because I have hoped in your word.
- C I know, O LORD, that your just decrees are righteous,  
 and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.**
- P Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;  
 for your law is my delight.
- ALL Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
 and to the Holy Spirit;**

as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**ALL** Let your steadfast love comfort me  
according to your promise to your servant.

**Kyrie**

*LSB 186*

**C** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*LSB 187*

**P** Glory be to God on high:

**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great  
glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon  
us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our  
prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and  
without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help  
of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed;  
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

<sup>1</sup>“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,  
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,  
the notable men of the first of the nations,  
to whom the house of Israel comes!  
<sup>2</sup>Pass over to Calneh, and see,  
and from there go to Hamath the great;  
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.  
Are you better than these kingdoms?  
Or is their territory greater than your territory,  
<sup>3</sup>O you who put far away the day of disaster  
and bring near the seat of violence?  
<sup>4</sup>“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory  
and stretch themselves out on their couches,  
and eat lambs from the flock  
and calves from the midst of the stall,  
<sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp  
and like David invent for themselves instruments of  
music,  
<sup>6</sup>who drink wine in bowls  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
<sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into  
exile,  
and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall  
pass away.”

- A This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Timothy 3:1–13

<sup>1</sup>The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup>Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup>not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. <sup>4</sup>He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, <sup>5</sup>for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God’s church? <sup>6</sup>He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. <sup>7</sup>Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.  
<sup>8</sup>Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. <sup>9</sup>They

must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. <sup>10</sup>And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. <sup>11</sup>Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. <sup>12</sup>Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. <sup>13</sup>For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*

**C** **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel**

*Luke 16:19–31*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup>and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup>And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ <sup>30</sup>And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If

they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### **Nicene Creed**

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and  
invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of  
God, begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the  
Father, by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the  
virgin Mary and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the  
Scriptures and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the  
living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of  
life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission  
of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

### **Offering (10:30)**

#### **708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart**

**1** Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;  
I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,  
With tender mercy cheer me.  
Earth has no pleasure I would share.  
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare

If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.  
And should my heart for sorrow break,  
My trust in Thee can nothing shake.  
Thou art the portion I have sought;  
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave  
My body, soul, and all I have  
In this poor life of labor.  
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place  
May glorify Thy lavish grace  
And help and serve my neighbor.  
Let no false doctrine me beguile;  
Let Satan not my soul defile.  
Give strength and patience unto me  
To bear my cross and follow Thee.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
In death Thy comfort still afford.

3 Lord, let at last Thine angels come,  
To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,  
That I may die unfearing;  
And in its narrow chamber keep  
My body safe in peaceful sleep  
Until Thy reappearing.  
And then from death awaken me,  
That these mine eyes with joy may see,  
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,  
My Savior and my fount of grace.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend,  
And I will praise Thee without end.

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## Sermon

### Offering (5:30 and 8:00)

*Stand*

### Offertory

LSB 192

**C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold  
me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠**

#### **Preface**

*LSB 194*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### **Sanctus**

*LSB 195*

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 196*

**C** **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.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 197*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Agnus Dei**

*LSB 198*

**C** **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

*Sit*

### **Distribution**

*If you desire to commune, please speak to one of the pastors before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation.*

*Please note that "gluten free" communion wafers are available for those who need them. Please tell the Communion Assistant "gluten free" when he approaches you at the Communion Rail. Also, for those who desire, highly diluted wine is available in individual cups (one drop of wine in the cup of water). Please tell the Communion Assistant "clear" when he approaches you at the Communion Rail.*

**Distribution Hymns** (please refer to the hymnal)

**905 - Come, Thou Almighty King**

**629 - What Is This Bread**

**628 - Your Table I Approach**

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 199*

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace  
according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast  
prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy  
people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy  
Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

**Thanksgiving**

*LSB 200*

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have  
refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You  
that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the  
same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one  
another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who  
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**Benedicamus**

*LSB 202*

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

*LSB 202*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen, amen, amen.**

### **842 Son of God, Eternal Savior**

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
Hallows all our human race,  
You our Head, who, throned in glory,  
For Your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with Your love and pity,  
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others,  
So may we for others live.  
Freely have Your gifts been granted;  
Freely may Your servants give.  
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,  
Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of Your bounty  
Held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
King of love and Prince of Peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion,  
Bid its cruel discords cease.  
By Your patient years of toiling,  
By Your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
Stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
Hallows all our human race:  
By Your praying, by Your willing  
That Your people should be one,  
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:  
Here on earth Your will be done.

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## **ASSISTING AT WORSHIP**

<b>Guest Preacher</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Josh LaFeve</b>
<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Rev. Patrick Niles</b>
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	<b>Rev. Jeremy Hanson</b>

<b>Organists</b>	<b>Sandy Kasten</b>
	<b>Susan Wachter</b>

<b>Lay Readers</b>	<b>Jan Wegner (5:30)</b>
	<b>Dave Derus (8:00)</b>
	<b>Tricia Roeh (10:30)</b>
	<b>Randy Holler (6:00)</b>

<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<b>Richard Zimbal Sr. &amp; Phil Ditter (5:30)</b>
	<b>Doug Hasenstein (10:30)</b>
	<b>Randy Holler (6:00)</b>

<b>Student Assistants</b>	<b>(A) Logan Stelter &amp; Griffin Cyr (5:30)</b>
	<b>(U) Amaya Contreras &amp; Elias Robledo (5:30)</b>
	<b>(A) Luke Milatz &amp; Olivia Ostermann (8:00)</b>
	<b>(U) Caleb Tschudy &amp; Charlotte Wheelan (8:00)</b>
	<b>(A) Mitchel Siech &amp; Aubrey Schallock (10:30)</b>
	<b>(U) Robert Wildman &amp; Savannah Brown (10:30)</b>

**The faculty at Bethlehem Lutheran School faithfully prays for the students entrusted to their care, along with their families.**

**As Bethlehem congregation members, please add these students and their families to your prayer list.**

### **September Prayers**

Victor Albertin  
Gabe Zuniga  
Kaleb Allen

Amaya Contreras  
Mason Bell & Tyler Eddie  
Oliver Yurk

Rylie Anderson-Green  
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