

**As We Gather:** The major part of one's life is spent working to feed our stomachs. This work is important and God-blessed. Jesus today encourages us to check out our priorities. We are called to do the work of God—"to believe" and to grow in faith. We come to seek out the food that will last forever and so we say, "Sir, give us this food." Jesus offers Himself to us and says, "I am this food"--the bread of life.

**✠ CONFESSON and FORGIVENESS ✠**

**Greeting**

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

**Hymn of Invocation**..... "Glorious Things of You are Spoken" #648 (OT)

**Invocation, Confession of Sins and Absolution** .....Page 184-185

**✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠**

**Introit**<sup>①</sup> *Psalm 78:23-25; antiphon: Psalm v. 72*



**P** With upright heart he shep- | herded them\*  
and guided them with his | skillful hand.

**C** He commanded the | skies above\*  
and opened the doors of | heaven,

**P** and he rained down on them man- | na to eat\*  
and gave them the grain of | heaven.

**C** Man ate of the bread of the | angels;\*  
he sent them food in a- | bundance.

**P** With upright heart he shep- | herded them\*  
and guided them with his | skillful hand.

**Gloria Patri**<sup>②</sup> and **Kyrie**<sup>③</sup> ..... Page 186

**Gloria in Excelsis**<sup>④</sup> ..... Pages 187-189

① **"Introit"** is pronounced "in-troh-it" – it is Latin for "he enters." Here the Pastor enters the Chancel with the reading/chanting of these Psalm/Scripture verses.

② **"Gloria Patri"** is Latin for "Glory be to the Father" which is acclamation of praise at the conclusion of the Introit.

③ **"Kyrie"** is pronounced 'keer-ee-ay' – shortened from the Greek phrase *Kyrie Eleison* ("Lord, have mercy") and reminds us of pleas for mercy like the one recorded in *St. Matthew 15:22*

④ **"Gloria in Excelsis"** is Latin for "Glory To God In The Highest" is based on the song of the angels announcing the birth of Jesus.

**P** [♪] Merciful Father, You gave Your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of life. Grant us faith to feast on Him in Your Word and Sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** [♪] Amen.

Old Testament Reading ..... Exodus 16:2–15

*[Only one month out of Egypt and the children of Israel already complain that they are hungry--- only to be surprised by God's gift of manna to satisfy their hunger.]*

And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. And the LORD said to Moses, “I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

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

Gradual<sup>②</sup> ..... Romans 11:33, 36

**P** Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

**C** How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

**P** For from him and through him and to him are all things.

**C** To him be glory forever. Amen.

Epistle ..... Ephesians 4:1–16

*[Unity as the Body of Christ]*

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,  
and he gave gifts to men.”

(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all

① The “Salutation” (greeting) is reminiscent of an Old Testament greeting recorded in *Ruth 2:4*. The “Collect” is a short prayer which ‘collects’ or summarizes the thoughts of the day. The Collects for every Sunday come to us from the rich treasury of the church’s heritage.

② “Gradual” comes from the Latin “gradus” meaning ‘step.’ In the ancient church these Psalm & Scripture verses were chanted from the steps of the Altar. It is a response to the First Lesson and a bridge to the Second Lesson.

attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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

**Triple Alleluia and Verse**..... Page 190

**P** [♪] I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not | hunger,\*  
and whoever believes in me shall | never thirst.

**Holy + Gospel**<sup>①</sup> ..... **St. John 6:22–35**

*[The crowd sought to make Jesus a king who would give them bread for their bellies; but Jesus introduced them to another kind of bread which gives life to all who eat.]*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter. **C** [♪] **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** [♪] **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed**..... Page 191

**Children’s Message**

**Hymn of the Day**..... **“Oh, Lord, As Once Your Grace Did Feed Us”** [#590] (G)

<sup>1</sup> **“Oh, Lord, as once Your grace did feed us,  
Grant us this food for ev’ry day.  
That You may from our cares release us  
Our wants supply in ev’ry way.”  
Though long ago they once did pray  
It sounds like what we pray today.**

<sup>2</sup> **“Not grace you seek,” our Savior answered,  
“But bread your hungry mouths to fill.  
Yet this is not the food your souls need;  
This bread cannot fulfill God’s will.”  
Lord, help us to believe Your Word  
That we may do the works of God.**

<sup>3</sup> **“Believe on Him whom God has sent you.  
This is the work God does require.  
And eat the bread I now will give you;  
For only this food will endure.”  
As it is promised in Your Word  
We pray, “Lord, give us heaven’s bread.”**

<sup>4</sup> **“My Father gives true bread from heaven  
Come down, the world new life to give.  
I am the Bread of Life He’s given;  
Come unto Me and you shall live.”  
Oh, Lord, give us this bread always  
That we may eat and sing Your praise.**

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<sup>①</sup> In the “Gospel” we hear a reading from the New Testament accounts of Jesus’ life and message. In Lutheran Worship we believe that in the Reading of the Gospel Christ is in our midst, and so we stand to honor His presence. We also sing short verses before (to greet Christ) and after (to offer our joyful praise) the reading.

Sermon ..... “A Real Meal Deal in a Fast Food World” St. John 6:22-35

1. Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_

2. Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_

**A Matter of Importance:**

**Please Note:** *If you are visiting and have not already done so, please read Communion Information in the bulletin.*

**Offering and Attendance Registration**

**Offertory**<sup>①</sup> ~ *Create in Me a Clean Heart* ..... Pages 191-193

**Prayer of the Church**

**P** Let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mercy. or **P** Lord, in Your mercy, **C** Hear our prayer.

**✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠**

**Preface and Sanctus**<sup>②</sup> ..... Pages 194-195

**Lord’s Prayer, the Words of Our Lord**<sup>③</sup>, and **Pax Domini**<sup>④</sup> ..... Pages 196-197

**Agnus Dei**<sup>⑤</sup> ..... Page 198

**The Distribution**

*Communicants are ushered forward by rows. Please receive the host upon an open palm. The Chalice (or common cup) is available at every table. The Duty Elder will offer the individual cups and is followed by the Pastor who will offer the Chalice. Please tip the base of the chalice yourself to avoid spillage. The individual cups in the center ring contain de-alcoholized wine for those who have so requested.*

**Distribution Hymns**..... “Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face” #631” (G)  
“O God, My Faithful God” #696 (E)

**Nunc Dimittis**<sup>⑥</sup> ~ *Song of Simeon* ..... Pages 199-200

**Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Collect** ..... Pages 200-201

**Salutation, Benedicamus**<sup>⑦</sup> and **Benediction** ..... Pages 201-202

**Hymn of Departure** ..... “Onward, Christian Soldiers” #662 (E)

**Silent Prayer, Announcements and Sending:**

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God!

① The “**Offertory**” is a hymn from Psalm 51 which is sung as we prepare to bring our tithes and offerings to God. In doing so we are reminded that the offering of monetary offerings is a public testimony that we have first “*given [ourselves] to the Lord*” (2 Corinthians 8:5)

② “**Sanctus**” is Latin for “*Holy.*” This Hymn is based on *Isaiah 6:3* & *St. Matthew 21:9*

③ These are the very Words of Christ which make the elements of bread and wine a sacrament. Our Confessions state “When the Word is joined to the external element, it becomes a sacrament” (Large Catechism, v.10).

④ “*The Peace of the Lord*” – The purpose of the Pax is a confessional declaration that the peace that passes all understanding is here present in the body and blood of Christ. For this reason the Celebrant now lifts the Chalice and Host.

⑤ “**Agnus Dei**” (pronounced ‘ahn-yoos day-ee’) is Latin for “Lamb of God”

⑥ “**Nunc Dimittis**” is Latin for ‘now depart.’ Simeon first sang this hymn of thanksgiving as recorded in *St. Luke 2:29-32.*

⑦ “**Benedicamus**” is Latin for ‘*bless we.*’

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:** *Steadfast in the Word, Bethlehem Lutheran Church shares Christ and serves people with friendship in His love in all of God's world.*

**WELCOME TO BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH!** We extend a most joyous welcome to all who are worshipping today. We are confident the Lord will reveal Himself to you through this Divine Service so that you may know the joy of His presence in your life. To our guests: If you have any questions about the Christian faith or about Lutheran worship and practice, please ask the Pastor, one of our Elders, or any of our members. God bless you in Christ Jesus!



**COMMUNION INFORMATION:** Bethlehem is an orthodox, confessional Lutheran congregation. Following the teaching of God's Word, we believe that the Lord's Supper is more than a mere symbol, but that in the Lord's Supper we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ with the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. Through this eating and drinking, we receive the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. The Apostle Paul notes the importance of those who come to the Lord's Supper coming in a worthy manner (1 Corinthians 11:25-19), that is, coming in an attitude of repentance, recognizing the bread and wine as the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus, and firmly believing Christ and his words that this is given for the forgiveness of sins. We also recognize that the Lord's Supper is also an outward sign of doctrinal unity. The Apostle Paul notes the importance of unity within the body of believers who receive this sacrament (1 Corinthians 10:16-17). For these reasons and since Christian Churches vary widely in their teachings about the Lord's Supper, we ask that **all guests please speak to the Pastor prior to approaching the Altar**. All communicants are asked to sign the Registration sheet in the Narthex.

**WORSHIP NOTES:** The Chasuble is a Eucharistic Vestment which the Pastor puts on before preparing the Sacramental vessels. It is a visual mark indicating that in the transition from the Service of the Word to the Service of the Sacrament something extraordinary is about to take place. The use of such a vestment is in keeping with both Lutheran tradition and practice; as our Lutheran Confessions state (*Ap XXIV*).

**AS WE COME INTO THE SANCTUARY** - let us be sensitive to the needs of those who use the quiet and reverence of the Prelude as a time to prepare their hearts and minds for the Divine Service. **ALSO:** Out of respect for God's House and courtesy for other worshippers, please turn off all cell phones. Please also encourage one another to show respect to God, His Word, our fellow-worshippers, and our Pastor by limiting movement during Scripture Readings, Sermon & prayers. Thank you.

**TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON** is the biblical account "Jesus Gives the Lord's Supper". Participants will learn that Jesus gives His true body and blood in the Lord's Supper. Consider discussing the lesson further: "Why is it important that Jesus established the Lord's Supper? What benefits do we receive through the Lord's Supper?"

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** "**Job: Confident in Calamity**" -- Why do the just suffer? Where is God in the midst of loss, illness, ridicule and defeat? In this informative study we will also consider the purpose of adversity in the lives of the faithful and the role of Satan regarding our relationship with God.

**THE NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL** term will begin Sunday, August 26th with Rally Day. We are looking for volunteers to teach Sunday School and Wednesday midweek classes. Please prayerfully consider how you can participate in this eternally important ministry of Christian education. Contact Melanie Jackson to indicate how you will help.

**NEWSLETTER** –The **AUGUST** edition of *The Bethlehem Star* newsletter is in your mailbox in the narthex. Make sure you have picked up your copy.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** devotion booklets for July through September are on the shelf in the narthex. Make sure you have one and pick up an extra copy for a friend!

**FROM THE YOUTH:** We are collecting new or gently used towels for BARC, Anderson County's Humane Society. Questions? Please see Yanneth Harris.

**TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?** If you are traveling and you would rather not attend an LC-MS church where there is no historic liturgy and hymnody ... visit [lutheranliturgy.org](http://lutheranliturgy.org) to find an orthodox and liturgical congregation to visit.

**FROM DISCIPLES OF THE WAY:** We thank the Lord of the harvest for your faithful prayers and generous support to place the new Arabic Bible version in the hands of 35,000 unsaved Muslims in our community in Dallas. We will not rest until the Holy Spirit blesses us with as many Arabic Bibles as we can share. Your partnership in the Gospel for Muslims is a blessing to us and to our neighbors from all nations.

**A SCHOLARSHIP FUND** has been established for Aaron Jackson's college expenses. Aaron is attending Concordia University/Seward, NE to prepare for full-time Church Work as a Minister of Music. If you would like to contribute, please indicate on your check and place it in the offering plate. You can also send Aaron an encouraging note at: Concordia University, Aaron Jackson, 800 North Columbia Ave., Seward, NE 68434-1500.

**STEWARDSHIP VIEWPOINT:** Ephesians 4:1 – "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you were called." The callings we have from the Lord are our "vocations." Here Paul talks about our vocation as Christian. We are called to be His people and to reflect His love, generosity, and peace within the Church.

**LIFE QUOTES:** "We are not engaged in a battle for lives but souls. We fight for the souls that drift from the faith in their pursuit of abortion, and we battle for souls who do not yet know Christ as their Savior. It is our primary vocation because the evidence is clear. Society as a whole has no trouble ending human life it no longer values. We restore the value to human life when we venerate the place of its Creator." *Rev. Robert Fleischmann, national director of Christian Life Resources* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**ABOUT THE COVER:** As people who have been granted faith in the triune God through Holy Baptism, we are not divided or separated. We are therefore one body by virtue of our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus. He is our unifying force. He is the very reason that we have faith and hope for eternal life. He has called us to be His faithful people, and He serves us as our God and Lord, for He is One.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:** 1 Kings 19:1-8; Ephesians 4:17-5:2; St. John 6:35-51.

<b>OUR STEWARDSHIP LAST WEEK</b>			
<b>OFFERINGS</b>		<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
General Offering	\$2426.00	Sunday School	22
[ <u>Needed per week:</u>	\$2,668.00]	Divine Service	62
Building Fund	\$.00	Communion	59
[ <u>Needed per week:</u>	\$350.00]		

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday (08/05)</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>10:15 AM</b> Acolyte:/Crucifer Organist: Altar Guild: Duty Elder: After Church:	<b>Pentecost 11 [Proper 13]</b> <b>Sunday School &amp; Bible Classes</b> <b>Divine Service (Setting 3) / Holy Communion</b> Jessica Bowden Aaron Jackson Kelly Lawson & Bobbie Hartenberger James Taylor Evangelism Board
<b>Sunday (08/12)</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>10:15 AM</b> Acolyte: Organist: Altar Guild: Duty Elder: After Church:	<b>Pentecost 12 [Proper 14]</b> <b>Sunday School &amp; Bible Classes</b> <b>Divine Service (Matins)</b> Christopher Harris Aaron Jackson Kelly Lawson & Bobbie Hartenberger James Taylor LWML Meeting

**N THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

**National Leadership and Military:** including members Kyle Lawson and Kyle Shepherd, as well as Robert Garcia [Juanita’s son], James Reed [Devin Jackson’s co-worker] and Jeremy Stafford [Marcy Hogan’s nephew]

**Health needs - Members:** Mary Lou Daughtrey (7/29), **Dorothy Jackson** (7/29), Albert Harris, George Nelson; Julie Schoppe

**Homebound - Members:** Martha Kaudelka, Johnnie Weaver

**Celebrating this week: Birthdays:** Julie Schoppe ... **Baptismal Birthdays:** Chaplain Ristvedt, Bethany Worsham ...

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Rev & Peggy Adler

**All who commune**

**NOTE:** New prayers requests are in **BOLD**. Prayers submitted will stay on the prayer list for two weeks unless updated. Please inform the Pastor and the Church Office regarding the status of submitted prayers so we may be timely and up-to-date in petitions to our gracious God.

**TO ADD PETITIONS TO OUR PRAYER CHAIN CALL LEA ROSIER AT (903) 729-1879 or (903) 391-5678**

**Note:** The Letters in parentheses after the Hymn number indicate hymns selected because of direct connection to the Propers (i.e., Scripture Readings) for the day ... OT=Old Testament, FR=First Reading, SR= Second Reading , Ps=Psalm; V=Verse; E=Epistle, G=Gospel. Hymns with no such indication are hymns that, while having no direct connection to the Propers, still support the theme of the day.

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*“To Give Light to Those who Sit in Darkness”*

