

AS WE GATHER: God created the Sabbath to be a time of rest and reflection for His people. Both genuine rest and thoughtful reflection are often in short supply in our fast-paced world. Again, we hear the call of Jesus: “Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give You rest” (St. Matthew 11:28). As we experience the Sabbath in the way God intended, we find refreshment for our souls as He has promised. In our worship, we remember the gracious acts of God and respond to them with grateful hearts.

✠ CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION ✠

Greeting

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

Hymn of Invocation “Blessed Jesus, At Your Word” #904 (OT)

Invocation, Confession of Sins and Absolution Page 184-185

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit^① Psalm 62:5–8; antiphon: Ps. 62:1



P For God alone my soul waits in | silence;*
from him comes my sal- | vation.

C For God alone, O my soul, wait in | silence,*
for my hope is | from him.

P He only is my rock and my salvation, my | fortress;*
I shall not be | shaken.

C On God rests my salvation and my | glory;*
my mighty rock, my refuge | is God.

P Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart be- | fore him;*
God is a refuge | for us.

C For God alone my soul waits in | silence;*
from him comes my sal- | vation.

Gloria Patri^② and Kyrie^③Page 186

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*

Gloria in Excelsis^① ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*.....Pages 187-189
The first phrase is chanted by the Pastor as indicated in the hymnal.

Salutation and Collect of the Day^②Page 189

P [♪] Eternal God, Your Son Jesus Christ is our true Sabbath rest. Help us to keep each day holy by receiving His Word of comfort that we may find our rest in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C [♪] Amen.

Old Testament Reading.....**Deuteronomy 5:12–15**
[The Sabbath Day observance]

“Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

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

Gradual^③ *Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b*

P Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

C **and his greatness is unsearchable.**

P On your wondrous works, I will meditate,

C **and I will declare your greatness.**

Epistle.....**2 Corinthians 4:5–12**
[Treasure in jars of clay]

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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

Triple Alleluia and Verse (*St. Mark 2:27*)Page 190

P [♪] The Sabbath was | made for man,* not man for the | Sabbath.

Gospel Acclamations.....Pages 190-191

①“**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.

②The “**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.

③“**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.

[Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath.]

One Sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. And the Pharisees were saying to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?” And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?” And he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **G** (♪) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day “O Day of Rest and Gladness” #906 (OT)

Sermon “O Day of Rest and Gladness” Deuteronomy 5:12–15

- 1. A _____ Day?
- 2. A _____ Day!

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

Your Preparation for the Sacrament

“Father, I believe that You sent Your Son, Jesus, as my Savior from sin. I repent of my sins and ask Your forgiveness. I believe the Risen Christ is really present in this Sacrament and that with the bread and wine I receive His True Body and Blood. In accordance with the pure doctrine taught at this altar, I dedicate myself anew to Your regular worship, study of Your Word, faithful witness and loving service. With the help of Your Holy Spirit, make this my conviction and intention. Amen.”

“Lord, it is true that I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. Yet I am in need and desire Your help and grace. So I come with no other plea except that I have heard the gracious invitation to come to Your altar. I am unworthy, but You have assured me I shall have forgiveness of all sins through Your body and blood which I eat and drink in this sacrament. Amen, dear Lord; Your word is true. I do not doubt it. Let Your will be done. Amen.”^②

Other prayers may be found on the inside front cover of the Hymnal, “Lutheran Service Book.”

^① 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.

^② “Luther’s Prayers,” ed. Herbert F. Brokering, Augsburg Publishing House, © 1994 Augsburg Books. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Offertory^① ~ *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^② ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*Pages 194-195

Lord's Prayer, the Words of Our Lord^③, and **Pax Domini**Pages 196-197

Agnus Dei^④ ~ *Lamb of God*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 Thee Face to Face” #631
“This is the Day the Lord Has Made” #903 (OT, G)

Nunc Dimittis^⑤ ~ *Song of Simeon*.....Pages 199-200

Thanksgiving and Post-Communion CollectPages 200-201

Salutation, Benedicamus and BenedictionPages 201-202

Hymn of Departure.....“O Worship The King” #804 (OT)

Silent Prayer

Announcements

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

⑤ “**Nunc Dimittis**” is Latin for ‘now depart’. Simeon first sang this hymn of thanksgiving as recorded in *St. Luke* 2:29-32.

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.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the Glory of God by Jim and Neva Broad and in celebration of their wedding anniversary on the 9TH!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our theme this summer is **Delivered: God's Gift of Grace.** These consist of all New Testament lessons. Please prayerfully consider leading a Sunday School class this summer. The sign-up sheet is located in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Jackson.

IN TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON students begin a new unit called Delivered: God's Gifts of Grace. In this first lesson, "Jesus Welcomes the Children," participants will learn that God wants us to be part of His family. Consider asking: "How was the welcome Jesus gave the children different from the disciples' reaction? How can the church today show its care for children and families?"

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY: "Job: Constancy 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.

PRAYER CHAIN: There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to participate in the prayer chain.

VOTER'S MEETING: There will be a special Voter's Meeting NEXT Sunday, June 10TH after Divine Service to discuss replacing one of the air conditioner units.

DID YOU FORGET? If you have not yet paid for your Lutheran Witness subscription, New Small Lutheran Catechism book or Easter lilies, please contact the church office. Thank you!

"RENT A YOUTH:" The youth are once again offering their services. This project provides an opportunity for middle and high school students, (grades 6 through 12), to assist older adults in completing routine light-duty household chores AND to foster fellowship between older adults and the youth in our church. If you have any questions, please see Yanneth Harris.

FROM THE YOUTH: We are collecting books to send to the prison so that the school there can have reading materials. Also, we are still collecting old, used phones to donate to victims of abuse. Questions? Please see Yanneth Harris.

DOROTHY JACKSON ADDRESS CHANGE: If you would like to visit or send a card, Dorothy's address is: Legacy at Town Creek, 2212 W. Reagan, Palestine, Tx 75801.

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: 2 Corinthians 4:7 – "But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us." The chief treasure we have is our faith – our connection to Jesus and all the blessings He bestows upon us: forgiveness of sins, the Holy Spirit, new desires to follow Him, spiritual growth into His image, etc. St. Paul says we have these treasures in jars of clay – that is, of ourselves we are still weak, stumbling, and powerless. The treasure is not us, but what the Lord has graciously given us. We are vessels for His blessings. But a treasure hoarded is a treasure wasted. How is the Lord calling you to share these and all the treasures He has given you?

LIFE QUOTES: "The fight for the right to life is not the cause of a special few, but the cause of every man, woman, and child who cares not only about his or her own family, but the whole family of man." *Dr. Mildred Fay Jefferson, MD* • www.lutheransforlife.org

ABOUT THE COVER: We often question why God allows some events to take place. If we stop to think about those events, we find that we usually have an agenda that leads us to doubt. But Jesus promises that His compassion is with us, day in and day out. His vast love and grace is not dependent upon us or any other factor. In heaven one day, we will fully experience the vastness of His heavenly love.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LAST WEEK			
OFFERINGS		ATTENDANCE	
General Offering	\$2397.10	Sunday School	24
[<u>Needed per week:</u>	\$2,668.00]	Divine Service	56
Building Fund	\$.00		
[<u>Needed per week:</u>	\$350.00]	Mid-Week (5/30)	23

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Genesis 3:8-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; St Mark 3:20-35.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY THIS WEEK

Sunday (06/03)	9:00 AM 10:15 AM Acolyte/Crucifer: Organist: Altar Guild: Duty Elder: After Church:	Pentecost 2 [Proper 4] Sunday School & Bible Classes Divine Service (Setting 3) / Holy Communion Christopher Harris Mary Bowden Donna Hughes & Lea Rosier Devin Jackson Evangelism Board
Saturday (06/09)		LWML Craft Day
Sunday (06/10)	9:00 AM 10:15 AM Acolyte: Organist: Altar Guild: Duty Elder: After Church:	Pentecost 3 [Proper 5] Sunday School & Bible Classes Divine Worship (Matins) Kristen Harris Aaron Jackson Donna Hughes & Lea Rosier Devin Jackson LWML Meeting

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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], and Jeremy Stafford [Marcy Hogan's nephew]

Health needs - Members: Albert Harris, George Nelson; Julie Schoppe; **Friends:** Jana Burns (5/27) [friend of Tammy Pike], **Steve Lund** (6/3), Hadleigh Pinkerton (5/20) [Alicia Hutton's great niece], Marlene Thompson (5/27) [Tammy Pike's mom], Teresa White (5/20) [Alicia Hutton's grandmother]

Homebound - Members: Dorothy Jackson, Martha Kaudelka, Johnnie Weaver

Celebrating this week: Birthdays: Melanie Jackson, Kyle Lawson, Burt Lightell ... **Baptismal Birthdays:** Cooper Sheridan ...

Wedding Anniversaries: Jim and Neva Broad

Comfort: Family and Friends of Luke Grumbles

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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Sunday School: 9:00 AM
Adult Bible Class: 9:00 AM
Divine Service: 10:15 AM

“To Give Light to Those who Sit in Darkness”

