

**AS WE GATHER:** As we live out each day, we reflect on our faith in our words and actions. Each of us is an example of the Christian life as we struggle to live in forgiving love toward one another, and also as we continue to trust in the forgiveness Christ won for us. In today's Old Testament Reading, Elijah almost gives up, but he is strengthened with miraculous food. Then in the Epistle, Paul provides a list of what our life in Christ should look like because of our new birth in Baptism. In the Gospel, Jesus spells out the connection between receiving His body and blood in the Lord's Supper and living in hope each day. He is the bread of life from heaven, who enables each of us to discard our old ways, live in the new life of God's forgiving love, and adorn ourselves with gladness.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

**Greeting**

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

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✠ PSALMODY ✠

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Additional Psalm ..... Psalm 34:1-8 (antiphon: v. 3)



- P** Oh, magnify the | Lord with me,\*  
and let us exalt his name to- | gether!
- C** I will bless the Lord at | all times;\*  
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.
- P** My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;\*  
let the humble hear | and be glad.
- C** Oh, magnify the | LORD with me,\*  
and let us exalt his name to- | gether!
- P** I sought the LORD, and he | answered me\*  
and delivered me from | all my fears.
- C** Those who look to him are | radiant,\*  
and their faces shall never | be ashamed.
- P** This poor man cried, and the LORD | heard him\*  
and saved him out of all his | troubles.



**C** The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear him,\*  
and de- | livers them.

**P** Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!\*  
Blesséd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!

**All** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

**P** Oh, magnify the | LORD with me,\*  
and let us exalt his name to- | gether!

Office Hymn..... “Lord Jesus, Think on Me” #610 (OT)

## ✠ READINGS ✠

### 1 Kings 19:1–8

*[Elijah flees Jezebel.]*

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.” And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, “Arise and eat.” And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, “Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.” And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us. **C** Thanks be to God.

### Ephesians 4:17-5:2

*[Walking the new life of love.]*

Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. But that is not the way you learned Christ!— assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus,

Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

**St. John 6:35-51**

*[Jesus is the "bread of life."]*

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. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

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**Children’s Message**

**Hymn of the Day**.....“**Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor**” #534 (G)

**Sermon** ..... “**Bread for Life**” **St. John 6:35-51**

1. Bread for Worldly \_\_\_\_\_

2. Bread for Heavenly \_\_\_\_\_

**✠ CANTICLE ✠**

**Te Deum ~ We Praise You, O God**..... Pages 223-225

**Offering and Attendance Registration**

## ✝ PRAYER ✝

**Kyrie, Lord's Prayer, Collect of the Day, and Intercessions** ..... Pages 227-228  
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**Benedicamus and Benediction**..... Page 228

**Hymn of Departure** ..... “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” #918 (OT)

**Silent Prayer**

**Announcements**

**Sending:**

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

## WORSHIP THOUGHTS

Though it is fitting that we use the Narthex to greet one another and especially welcome visitors before the worship begins, it is also important that we take quiet time to prepare ourselves for worship once entering the Sanctuary. Plan, if possible, to arrive early enough to scan through the bulletin so you are acquainted with any changes for this Sunday.

As you come to worship, take some time to pray for the pastor and for others participating in the worship service today. Listen to the Prelude, which is not mere background music, but an invitation for all to give attention to God's Word and prayer.

Are you familiar with the hymns we are singing today? Please take a few moments to read through the words of each hymn, especially those that appear new to you.

If you make the sign of the cross (✝) during worship, it is done in remembrance of Baptism. When we were baptized, the sign of the cross was made on our heart and head to signify that we belonged to Christ. This is our present identity. The making the sign of the cross (✝) during worship is an act of devotion that dates back to the third century A.D. It is very much a Christian practice, not limited to any one particular denomination.

**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!

**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.

**IN TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON,** "The Emmaus Disciples See Jesus", two disciples have their eyes opened after meeting someone they thought was a stranger along the road. Students will continue their discussion of the Sacrament of the Altar as they learn that Jesus gives the forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper. Your discussion could include, "Why is it important that believers who are old enough take part in Holy Communion?"

**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. Items for the **SEPTEMBER** newsletter are due in the church office next week. Thank you!

**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 THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE:** In order to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, please pick up the Gospel of John books in the narthex to distribute to those in our community.

**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 4:28 – "Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need." God gives us honest work to do so that we can be a blessing to others. That's how so many of God's blessings go: He gives to us so that we in turn can be a blessing. He graciously calls us into the midst of His own work in the world.

**LIFE QUOTES:** "When the end of life is near, may we be willing to speak up for those who are the most vulnerable here as well. States across this nation are considering legalizing assisted suicide. We have a voice. We need to use it! Do not let the voice of the evil one be the most vocal. Be voices For Life!" *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life Regional Director of Minnesota* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**OUR WORSHIP STYLE:** We are a "liturgical" church. That means that the basic pattern of our worship is drawn from the services that have been used by Christians for many centuries all across the world. The components of the Liturgy come from the Bible and serve to focus our worship on God's Word and our response to His Word in faith. As Martin Luther once said, "We worship to hear God speak and to speak to the God who hears us." If you are new to our worship format let it serve as a witness of our response to God who reaches out to us. In time, we pray that you, too, will celebrate the rich spiritual rewards of our heritage in Worship.

**ABOUT THE COVER:** Jesus tells us, "I am the bread of life." Jesus provides everything we need to sustain our physical and spiritual need while in this life and on this earth. He provides His creation to nourish and clothe us, and He provides His Word to nourish our souls until that day when He calls us to leave this life to be with Him for all eternity.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:** Proverbs 9:1-10; Ephesians 5:6-21; St. John 6:51-69

<b>OUR STEWARDSHIP LAST WEEK</b>			
<b>OFFERINGS</b>		<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
General Offering	\$4945.78	Sunday School	35
[Needed per week:	\$2,668.00]	Divine Service	68
Building Fund	\$100.00	Communion	61
[Needed per week:	\$350.00]		

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday (08/12)</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Pentecost 12 [Proper 14]</b>
		<b>Sunday School &amp; Bible Classes</b>
	<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service (Matins)</b>
	Acolyte:	Christopher Harris
	Organist:	Aaron Jackson
	Altar Guild:	Kelly Lawson & Bobbie Hartenberger
	Duty Elder:	James Taylor
	After Church:	LWML Meeting
<b>Tuesday (8/14)</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Board of Elders</b>
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Church Council</b>
<b>Thursday (8/16)</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Circuit 14 Winkel – Our Redeemer/Longview</b>
<b>Sunday (08/19)</b>		<b>Pentecost 13 [Proper 15]</b>
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School &amp; Bible Classes</b>
	<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service (Setting 1) / Holy Communion</b>
	Acolyte/Crucifer:	Kristen Harris
	Organist:	Mary Bowden
	Altar Guild:	Kelly Lawson & Bobbie Hartenberger
	Duty Elder:	James Taylor
After Church:	Evangelism Board / Newsletter Items Due	

**IN 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); Albert Harris, Dorothy Jackson (7/29), George Nelson; Julie Schoppe

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

**Celebrating this week: Birthdays:** Kyle Shepherd ... **Wedding Anniversaries:** William & Meredith Johnson II

**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”*

