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Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class: 11:30 AM

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***Jesus shepherds us so we can shepherd others.***

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love.

Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what unexpected act of kindness can you do to surprise someone?

As Tabitha shepherded other women long ago, we have women in our lives who have shepherded us.

Today is Mother's Day. It is a time to be thankful for the women in our lives who have guided and shepherded us. Write a list of words that describe a woman in your life who has devoted time to showing care for you. Take a moment to sit quietly and be thankful.

*Pray:* **Lord God, thank you for [name] and for how she has been a gift to my life. Amen.**



**IT IS GREAT TO HAVE YOU IN WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!**

Here at Bethlehem Lutheran, we believe in the teachings of the Bible as taught by Jesus and the apostles and strive to live our lives in accord with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are all fellow sinners who live together in the mercy and grace of Jesus. Jesus is the heart and center of all that we say and do as we serve Him and live in Christian love with one another.

If you would like to learn more about this church, or are looking for a church family, please talk to our pastor or one of the ushers or elders. They would be happy to talk with you! Regardless of whether you join or not, we welcome you and your family to worship with us any time! Please sign our guest register in the lobby and fill out the

Communication Card in the pew and place in the offering plate. Please include your local contact information and email. Members, please fill in your name for attendance. Thank you!

Should you have something we could privately pray about for you this week, we invite you to let our pastor or one of our members know so we can seek the Lord's face together.

Come visit us again sometime soon and may the Lord richly bless you!

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*May 11, 2025*

### **PRELUDE**

### **✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠**

### **HYMN OF INVOCATION**

### **821 ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS**

*(Stanzas 1–4)*

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood.”

**2** Alleluia! Not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him  
When the forty days were o’er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise:  
“I am with you evermore”?

**3** Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
Here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
Flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

**4** Alleluia! King eternal,  
Lord omnipotent we own;

Alleluia! Born of Mary,  
Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.  
As within the veil You entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,  
Here on earth both priest and victim  
In the eucharistic feast.

*(Please rise)*

## **+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION+**

### **INVOCATION**

**P**In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and  
of the Holy Spirit.

**C**Amen.

### **EXHORTATION**

*LSB 151*

**P**If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.

**C**But if we confess our sins, God, who is  
faithful and just, will forgive our sins and  
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

*LSB 151*

**[P]** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**[C]** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

## **ABSOLUTION**

*LSB 151*

**[P]** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**[C]** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM**

*Psalm 23*

**The LORD Is My Shepherd**

**[P]** The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.

**[C]** He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.

**[P]** He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his  
name's sake.

**[C]** Even though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**[P]** You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.



**C** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
forever.

*(Please rise)*

## **KYRIE**

LSB 152

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-  
being of the Church of God, and for the unity of  
all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here  
their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious  
Lord.

**C** Amen.

**♪ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ♪**

*LSB 204*

**C** 1 To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;

**You with the Holy Spirit  
Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
“Amen!” our glad reply.**

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## **FIRST READING**

*Acts 20:17–35*

**Paul Speaks to the Ephesian Elders**

<sup>17</sup>Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him.

<sup>18</sup>And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia,

<sup>19</sup>serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the

plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup>how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house,

<sup>21</sup>testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord

Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing

what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that

imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup>But I do

not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the

ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup>And

now, behold, I know that none of you among

whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I testify to you

this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of

you, <sup>27</sup>for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup>Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup>I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup>and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup>Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. <sup>32</sup>And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup>I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup>You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup>In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **EPISTLE**

*Revelation 7:9–17*

### **A Great Multitude from Every Nation**

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,  
<sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple;

and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;

the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of living water,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(Please rise)*

**♪ ALLELUIA AND VERSE ♪**

*LSB 156*

**C** Alleluia.

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 10:22–30*

**P**The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

**G**lory to You, O Lord.

### **I and the Father Are One**

<sup>22</sup>At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

<sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one.”

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

**G**Praise to You, O Christ.



*(Please be seated)*

## **SERMON HYMN**

### **740 I AM JESUS' LITTLE LAMB**

- 1 I am Jesus' little lamb,  
Ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me,  
Knows my need and well provides me,  
Loves me ev'ry day the same,  
Even calls me by my name.
  
- 2 Day by day, at home, away,  
Jesus is my staff and stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,  
Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, He bids me go  
Where the quiet waters flow.
  
- 3 Who so happy as I am,  
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?  
And when my short life is ended,  
By His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast,  
There within His arms to rest.

# **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **SERMON**

**"Who is your Shepherd?"**

*. . . Pastor Karl*

*(Please rise)*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

*LSB 159*

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the  
dead.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the  
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*LSB 159*

**[P]** Lord, in Your mercy  
**[C]** Hear our prayer.

*(Please be seated)*

## **OFFERING**

## **♪OFFERTORY RESPONSE♪**

### **805 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**

*(Please rise)*

**△ 1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

**♪LORD'S PRAYER♪**

**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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
Forever. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**CLOSING HYMN**

**735 HAVE NO FEAR, LITTLE FLOCK**

**1 Have no fear, little flock;  
Have no fear, little flock,**

For the Father has chosen  
To give you the Kingdom;  
Have no fear, little flock!

2 Have good cheer, little flock;  
Have good cheer, little flock,  
For the Father will keep you  
In His love forever;  
Have good cheer, little flock!

3 Praise the Lord high above;  
Praise the Lord high above,  
For He stoops down to heal you,  
Uplift and restore you;  
Praise the Lord high above!

4 Thankful hearts raise to God;  
Thankful hearts raise to God,  
For He stays close beside you,  
In all things works with you;  
Thankful hearts raise to God!

## **BENEDICTION**

*LSB 166*

**[P]** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be  
gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**☐ Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **POSTLUDE**



# *Go and Serve the Lord*

Preacher: Rev. Karl P. Glander

Organist: Holly Bell

Pianist: Cheryl Nelson

The Sound System: Jeff Kirsch

Elder: Klaus Naumann

Altar Guild: Emmy Larson, Betty Willis

Ushers: Sam and Carol Harrison

Reader: Mickie Naumann



**Signup Sheets in the Fellowship Hall. This is your chance to get involved in worship.**



**Altar Flowers-** are placed by Mike and Diane Pfaff for and Archer Tremulis (May 6) and Magnolia Pfaff (May 5). Happy birthday! May God bless you and keep you, fill your heart with joy, and guide your ways.

**Altar Flowers Needed for: June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Celebrating birthdays this week:** 5/13: Diallo Hidalgo, 5/15: Sam Harrison

**Celebrating anniversaries this week:** 5/12: Joy & Don Kulbacki(53yrs), 5/15: Beverly & Joe Kogoy(60yrs)



**Food and Fellowship:** Please join us immediately after the service. We meet in the fellowship hall at the rear of the church before Bible study. The refreshments this week are from Carolyn Fernberg. Thank you! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall if you would like to sponsor a week.

# **Our Response to God's Love**

Worship Service – 42

Bible Study –

Confirmation –

Sunday School – 3

## **BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CALENDAR**

**May 11, 2025 – May 18, 2025**

**TODAY: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service**

**SUNDAY 11:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Pastor**

**May 11 11:30 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation**

**MONDAY:**

**May 12**

**TUESDAY:**

**May 13**

**WEDNESDAY: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study w/Pastor**

**May 14**

**THURSDAY:**

**May 15**



FRIDAY:  
**May 16**

SATURDAY:  
**May 17**

NEXT      **10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion**  
SUNDAY   **11:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Pastor**  
**May 18    11:30 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation**  
              **12:30 p.m. Church Council will meet** (right after  
              Adult Bible Class)



### **“Living, Giving Tree”**

We are asking for your help with the Buckingham School **“Living, Giving Tree”**. All the students there are handicapped. Donations will be used to help stock the children’s achievement “store” at the school. The achievements are at times very small for us, but exceptionally large to those students. Please consider taking an envelope off the tree in the narthex and contribute what is in your heart, any

amount of money or a gift card. (gift cards can be McDonalds, Wendy's, Dairy Queen, Walmart etc.) We can purchase what is needed for the children for you. Contact Klaus Naumann if any questions.



## **CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE**

We are updating the church directory. Directory update forms are available in the Narthex to report any changes in your address or contact info. Please place the forms in the collection plate.



## Our Special Prayers and Intercessions

**Emma** – kidneys  
**Lou** - in Gulf Coast Rehab  
**Matt** – stroke  
**Theresa** – stroke  
**Chris** – lung cancer  
**Sarah** – stomach issues  
**Tim** – health issues  
**Kurt** – health issues  
**Jack** – fighting depression,  
lung issues  
**JoAnn** – heart issues  
**Tamara** – medical issues  
**Tamara's brother**- home and  
doing well  
**Susan** – recovering from  
cancer  
**Chade** – guidance  
**Steven** – guidance  
**Connie** – passed away, pray  
for family and friends  
**Ashton** – esophageal atresia  
**Sharon** – shoulder  
**Cammy** – brain tumor stable  
**Cannon** – cancer  
**Dorothy** – in memory care  
**Edison** – health issues  
**Sharon** – cancer  
**Anonymous** – cancer  
**Haven** – battling cancer  
**Gail** – running tests for  
leukemia  
**Tara** – health  
**Dustin** – alcohol rehab  
**Brad** – heart attack  
**Pat** – health issues  
**Dave** – health issues  
**Becky** – cancer  
**Myrtle** – Home Hospice Care

**Bob** – Cape Coral Hope  
Hospice  
**Sharon** – guide her to make  
right decision  
**Ken** – cancer  
**Lidia** – health issues  
**TA** – spiritual guidance and  
removal of all temptation  
**Belland/Calcagino** – family  
issues  
**Jenn** – cancer  
**Yvonne** – health issues  
**David** – cancer  
**Sean** – God knows  
**Lynne** – health issues  
**Ron** – hospitalized  
**Pam** – health issues  
**Terry** – health issues  
**Joe** – health issues  
**Jessica** – health issues  
**Sam** – health issues  
**Paul** – strengthening of faith  
**Judy** – cancer  
**Les** – medical issues  
**Joe** – stage 4 lung cancer  
**Bob** – need shots in eyes  
**Nicole** – broke lower leg  
**Pat** – lot of health issues  
**Halie Marie** – baby passed  
away, keep Alyssa, Ray and  
Grage family in your prayers  
**Holly** – needs pacemaker,  
hernia repaired, found a mass  
in her stomach area  
**Ken** - massive heart attack in  
January, still in hospital with  
major brain damage  
**Millie** – bad fall

**\*Please note: Those who are named in our special prayers and intercessions list are placed there by members of our congregation. St. Paul tells us in 1Timothy 2:1-2: “I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior.” Those named remain joyfully in our prayers until the person who requested our prayers removes them or until the Lord resolves their need. Therefore, as St. Paul tells us in Philippians 4:6 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.**