

# **June 29, 2025 and Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

**220 Cedar Street**

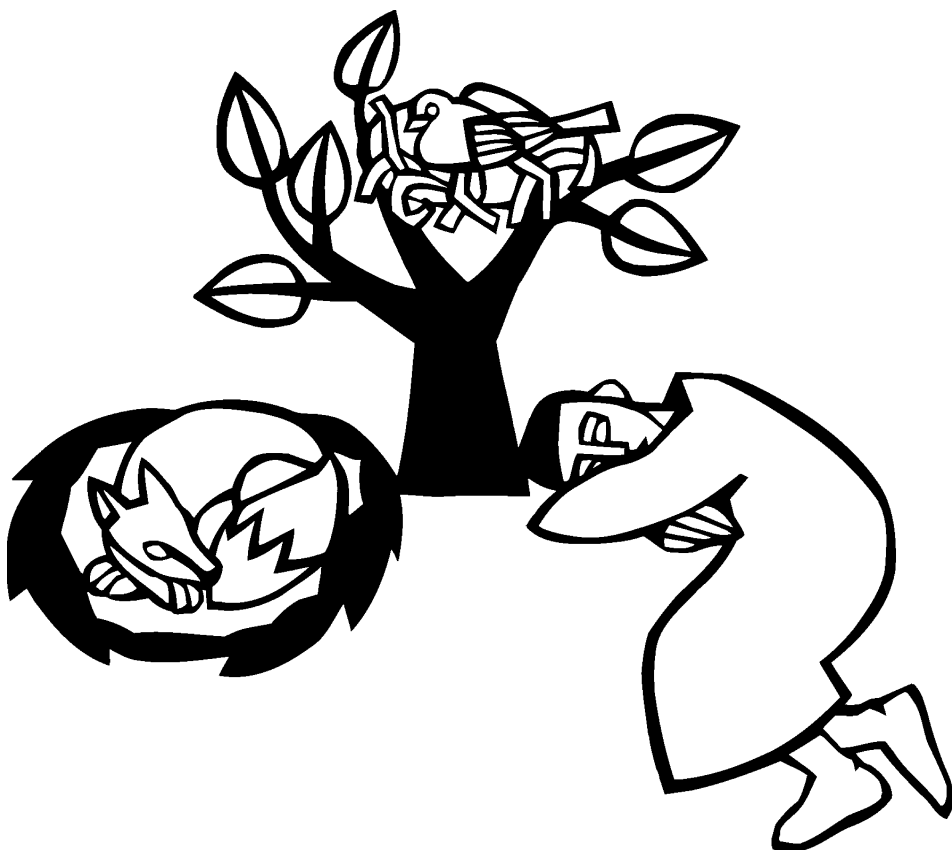
**PO Box 344**

**Pemberville, Ohio 43450**

**9 am: In Person Worship**

**9 am: Facebook Live Worship**

**11:30 am: Radio Worship on 99.1 FM**



## **OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday – Thursday, 9 am – 2 pm**

**Friday- Closed**

**419-287-4182**

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### +GATHER+

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life.  
**Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of + Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones ELW#424**

#### APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**GLORIA**– The music for this is located in the back of the hymnal

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**+WORD+**

**CHILDREN MESSAGE**

**MEMORY VERSE: (Isaiah 55:3a)**

God says, “Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so you may live...”

**FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21**

*In the story preceding today’s reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God’s mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.*

<sup>15</sup> Then the Lord said to [Elijah,] “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>

Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.”

<sup>19</sup> So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. <sup>20</sup> He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” <sup>21</sup> He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.


The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 16

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**Refrain**



Lord, in you I trust. You are my God.

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## PSALM: 16

- <sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”
- <sup>2</sup>**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**
- <sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- <sup>4</sup>**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips. R**
- <sup>5</sup>O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- <sup>6</sup>**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**
- <sup>7</sup>I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.
- <sup>8</sup>**I have set the Lord always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. R**
- <sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- <sup>10</sup>**For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**
- <sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are  
pleasures forevermore. **R**

## SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

*For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ’s Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.*

<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves

to one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup> If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup> Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Alleluia No. 2

Joseph Stribrny

Al - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! Lord, to whom shall we go?

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You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al le - lu - - ia!

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62

*Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.*

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup> but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When his disciples James and

John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” <sup>59</sup> To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” <sup>60</sup> But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” <sup>61</sup> Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” <sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Gospel of the Lord.      **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON- SAM Eric Corns**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Lift High the Cross    **ELW #660**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen**

**PRAYERS**

*Each petition ends:* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**+MEAL+**

**PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.    **And also with you.**

*We gather our tithes and offerings. Following the collection, we pray.*

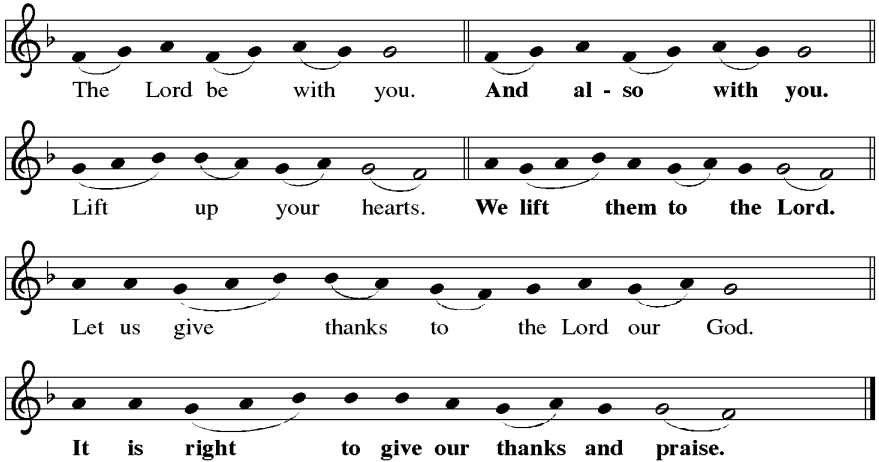
**OFFERING HYMN:** Wash O God, Our Sons and Daughters    **ELW#445 V3**

Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways! To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise! We your people stand before you, waterwashed and Spirit-born. By your grace, our lives we offer, Recreate us, God transform.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God,  
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor,  
that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# Holy, Holy, Holy

Toussaint Creek Mass

Joseph Stribny

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of  
12 hosts. Hea-ven and Earth are full of your glo-ry Ho - sa - na. Ho - sa -  
21 na. Ho - sa - na in the high-est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the  
30 Lord. Ho - sa - na, Ho - sa - na, Ho - sa - na  
37 in the high - est! Ho - sa - na in the high - est!

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNE

The kingdom of God is set before you.

Eat and rejoice.



# Lamb of God

Toussaint Creek Mass

Joseph Stribny

*mp*  
Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the world.

1.2. *mf* *ff* 3.  
Have mer - cy on us. Have mer - cy on us.

*mf* *ff*  
Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

**COMMUNION HYMN: Taste and See ELW#493**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mothering God,  
you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

**+SENDING+**

## BLESSING

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
+ bless you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: For All Your Saints, O Lord ELW #427**

## DISMISSAL

What is our mission?  
**Transformed by the crucified and risen Jesus we are a loving community of disciples making disciples.**  
Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**LAST WEEKS**  
**Attendance: In Person-77 Online-68**  
**Offering: \$3,122.00 Benevolence: \$423.00**

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

**For healing:** Darla Rahe (Hospice @ Otterbein), Rose Corns, Jim Witker, Ken Sieving

**For the grieving:** Dick Sweebe, brother of Donna Schuerman and to the family and friends of Ed Lafave, Pastor Reuben Mellum, and Dr. Jeremy Walston, MD

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Craig Snyder for his 70th birthday from Luann and family.

**Radio Broadcast and Online Streaming** is given to the glory of God.

### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

6/29, Sun	10:20 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
6/30, Mon	6:45 p.m.	Yoga
7/1, Tues	11 a.m.-2p.m.	Food Pantry Open
	6p.m.	Bible Study
7/2, Wed	6:15 p.m.	Bells
	7:30 p.m.	Choir
7/6, Sun	10 a.m.	Community Worship

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Mission Action project for July** The Cocoon exists to provide safety, healing, and justice across the lifespan for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, their children, and all of those affected by abuse. Services are available to anyone in Wood County at no cost. Due to the changing needs and limited storage of this facility, money will be collected during a “noisy offering” at all church services in July and donated for shelter operations. St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Bowling Green manages a car donation and furniture bank for women in this shelter. Call St. Mark’s (419-353-6675) if you have items to share.

**Food Pantry items for July** are crackers, macaroni, blueberry or corn muffin mix, wipes, paper towels and canned fruit

**We are looking for a new full-time bell choir member** this upcoming year, and we are also open to more substitutes. Anyone interested should speak with Joe at their earliest convenience. All are welcome!

## Prayers for New Pastor

The Transition Committee has done their job, and our Ministry Site Profile (Bethlehem's Resume) is up online at the ELCA. During this time we ask that you pray for the Pastor that God is preparing to come to Bethlehem. May this person be aware of the Holy Spirit's working in their life, receiving the call to serve God with this congregation.

**On Sunday, July 6, the Pemberville community is meeting together** (only) at Sonfire By The River at 11am. Following worship there will be a hot dog roast.

## BLCW Prayer Breakfast

O God, are you listening to me? Oh, am I listening to God?? The theme for the Northwestern Ohio Synod of the ELCA this year is "Listening," listening to God speak to us, listening to our community, and listening to our world.

On Saturday, July 12, all are invited to the BLCW Prayer Breakfast. Beginning at 9am in Bethlehem's Fellowship Hall a typically delightful selection of breakfast items will be shared, and then spiritual practice of listening will commence. Using Lectio Divina, or Sacred Reading, a few scripture passages will be explored, digested, and then time spent listening to what God is saying through these readings. Bibles will be provided for those who cannot bring their own.

Pastor Tim Philabaum will lead the bible study; he has found this a great way to delve deeper into the scriptural text, gaining understanding into the words and insight in faith, as well as spending time listening. There will be some round-the-table discussion, but most of our time will be spent one-on-one with God.

All are welcome to come and make this a part of your mid-summer activity and growth in faith. Truly God is speaking!

**Anyone is welcome to make a one time or reoccurring** donation by using the QR code that links to Tithe.ly, Bethlehem's online giving portal. When you scan the QR code, you will be required to set up an account, which only takes a few minutes. There is a small transaction fee for the use of the app. The app will prompt you to indicate your choice to pay the transaction fee or have it deducted from your donation. Thank you for supporting the ministries at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.



