

# Welcome to Bethlehem Lutheran Church

We Love God and Others by Learning, Living, and Sharing God's Word!

## FORGIVENESS



*“And now, we pray you, forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your Father.” Genesis 50:17*

Sunday, September 14 at 8:00 & 10:45; Monday September 15 at 7:00 PM

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – 2014

**What is the Season of Pentecost / Trinity?** It is the non-festival time of the Church Year; the Sundays are counted as those *after* Pentecost/Trinity. The phrase is “living for Christ” and the primary color is green for *new life*. With both names, we remember the work of the Triune God to save us, fill us, empower us, and guide us to live unto His glory!

**Special thanks to Dr. Phillip Giessler for serving today in place of Pastor Green!**

**ACTS OF GATHERING:** When you hear the bells, please be seated and prepare to begin!

**Visitors** → We praise the Lord for leading you to us!

- ♥ [Eternal Life](#) – Can we help you to be certain?
- ♥ [Lord's Supper](#) – See our explanation in this folder.
- ♥ [Resources](#) – Many are available in our Narthex.
- ♥ [Membership](#) – Keep attending, talk to the pastor.

**For Young Children** → These things may be helpful:

- ☺ [Children's Bibles](#) – In some center pew racks.
- ☺ [Activity Bags](#) – By our Worship Area entrance.
- ☺ [Nursery](#) – Always available, sometimes staffed.

**Large Print & Hearing Assistance** → In the Narthex.

**THIS WEEK and TODAY'S TOPIC:**

**THIS WEEK** (see the Weekly News for details):

- **Divine Service:** Monday at 7 PM
- **Fitness Group:** Tuesday at 6:30 PM
- **Leadership Team:** Wednesday at 7 PM
- **Bible Class – LTL:** Thursday at 10 AM
- **No-Sew Blanket Night:** Thursday at 6:30 PM
- **Bible Class – LTL:** Saturday at 7 PM

**TODAY'S TOPIC:** Forgiveness! *It's the key ingredient in every relationship!* As God continues to forgive us and we continue – *by His grace* – to receive His forgiveness; *then our relationship is good!* Also, it is very important for us to forgive others (who sin against us) and continue to receive forgiveness from them!

**Today's Service:** Divine Service, Setting Three – Adapted from the Lutheran Service Book, 184-202.

**Our Two Hymnals:** TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal (red); LSB = Lutheran Service Book (maroon)

**Please Participate:** L = Leader • C = Congregation • A = All • O = Organist

**(↑arise) PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Today Thy Mercy Calls Us" TLH, 279, vv. 1-3**

**Please:** → Face the entrance! → Sing the hymn! → Focus on Jesus our Savior!

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| <p>1. <b>Today Thy mercy calls us</b><br/>To wash away our sin,<br/>However great our trespass,<br/>Whatever we have been,<br/>However long from mercy<br/>Our hearts have turned away,<br/>Thy precious blood can cleanse us<br/>And make us white today.</p> <p>2. Today Thy gate is open,<br/>And all who enter in<br/>Shall find a Father's welcome<br/>And pardon for their sin.</p> | <p>The past shall be forgotten,<br/>A present joy be given,<br/>A future grace be promised,<br/>A glorious crown in heaven.</p> <p>3. Today our Father calls us,<br/>His Holy Spirit waits;<br/>His blessed angels gather<br/>Around the heavenly gates.<br/>No question will be asked us<br/>How often we have come;<br/>Although we oft have wandered,<br/>It is our Father's home.</p> |
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**INVOCATION (Matthew 28:19):** *We ask / invoke God to bless us, even as He did when we were baptized!*

L: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS (Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; 32:5; John 20:19-23):** *Confessing our sins, let us rejoice in God's gift of forgiveness through Jesus!*

L: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, begging Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

L: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have

**Thanks for listening to Benefit from the Bible!**

**Fridays at 3 PM, WHKW 1220 AM**



**You can listen to past programs on our website!**

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**If you are searching for a Bible-believing church, please join us:**

- ◆ **Sundays:** Service at 8:00; Study at 9:30; Service at 10:45
- ◆ **Mondays** (EXCEPT Advent & Lent): Service at 7 PM
- ◆ **Wednesdays** (DURING Advent & Lent): Service at 11 AM; Service at 7 PM

**Share:**

- ◆ By each Sermon is a  button; *please click it often!*
- ◆ Help us and bless others by sharing this information page with them!

Thanks for Serving on September 14		Thanks for Serving on September 21	
<b>Richly Blessing Us</b>	The Triune God	<b>Richly Blessing Us</b>	The Triune God
<b>Leader</b>	Dr. Phillip Giessler	<b>Pastor</b>	Robert Green
<b>Organist</b>	James Alfieri	<b>Organist</b>	James Alfieri
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Helga Bartel, Nancy Huttner June Gutwein	<b>Altar Guild</b>	Helga Bartel, Nancy Huttner June Gutwein
<b>8:00 Dist. Asst.</b>	Jim Schabel	<b>8:00 Dist. Asst.</b>	Jim Schabel
<b>Candle Filler</b>	Lynda Tomasch	<b>Candle Filler</b>	Lynda Tomasch
<b>8:00 Ushers</b>	Matthias Moyer, Ken Fraiberg Mike Kaderle	<b>8:00 Ushers</b>	Matthias Moyer, Ken Fraiberg Mike Kaderle
<b>9:10 Refreshments</b>	Miriam Engelman Doris Chmielewski	<b>9:10 Refreshments</b>	Miriam Engelman Doris Chmielewski
<b>9:30 Nursery (Educ.)</b>	Katherine Fraiberg	<b>9:30 Nursery (Educ.)</b>	Tika Krueger
<b>10:45 Ushers</b>	John Haller, Klaus Kitzler Leo Bartel	<b>10:45 Ushers</b>	John Haller, Klaus Kitzler Leo Bartel
<b>10:45 Dist. Asst.</b>	Ray Dmytriw	<b>10:45 Dist. Asst.</b>	Ray Dmytriw
<b>10:45 Nursery (DS)</b>	Angie Rohman	<b>10:45 Nursery (DS)</b>	Lindsey Cheatham
<b>Pew Organization</b>	Hilda Kaderle	<b>Pew Organization</b>	Hilda Kaderle
<b>Receivables</b>	Natalia Ford, Dee Kaderbek	<b>Receivables</b>	Natalia Ford, Janet Chilton



*Stacey (Green) Jasulevich*  
*Saturday, September 27, 2014*

*1:00 p.m.*

*Lunch & Cake will be served!*

*Registered at Target and Babies-R-Us*

-----**Tear off**-----

*Please fill out the slip and put in offering plate or in the church office by **September 21!***

*Name* \_\_\_\_\_ *How many?* \_\_\_\_\_

sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and urgently praying for Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**A: O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may**

**come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**L:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C: Amen.**

**Service of the Word**

*Christ is present to teach us the Word for our nourishment, instruction, and guidance!*

**LORD, HAVE MERCY** (Lord – “Kyrie” in Greek) ([Mark 10:47](#)) (LSB 186): *By granting these petitions!*

**L:** *O Lord,*      **C: have mercy upon us.**

**L:** *O Christ,*      **C: have mercy upon us.**

**L:** *O Lord,*      **C: have mercy upon us.**

**GREETING and PRAYER:**

**L:** The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

**C: And also with you.**

**L:** *Let us pray.* O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of

persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



**10:45** Parents can take their younger children to our Little Lamb Room Staffed Nursery at this time!

**OT INSTRUCTION: Genesis 50:15-21 AAT**

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph’s brothers realized their father was dead, they said, “What if Joseph bears a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrong we did him?” <sup>16</sup>So they sent a messenger to Joseph to say, “Before your father died, he ordered: <sup>17</sup>‘Tell Joseph, “Please forgive the crime and sin of your brothers; they did wrong to you.” ‘And so please forgive the wrong done by the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they talked to him. <sup>18</sup>Then the brothers

also came and bowed down before him. “Look,” they said, “we are ready to be your slaves.” <sup>19</sup>“Don’t be afraid!” Joseph told them. “Am I in God’s place? <sup>20</sup>You meant to do me harm, but God meant to do good. He wanted to do as He now has done--to keep alive many people. <sup>21</sup>And so don’t be afraid! I will provide for you and your children.” So he comforted them and talked to their hearts.

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**NT LETTER (Epistle): Romans 14:1-12 NET**

<sup>1</sup>Welcome the person who is weak in the faith, but do not argue about different opinions. <sup>2</sup>One person believes he can eat anything; another person whose faith is weak eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> Let there be no despising of the person who does not eat by the one who does eat. And let there be no criticism of the one who eats by the one who does not eat, because God has accepted that person. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to criticize someone else's servant? It is a matter for his lord to determine whether he succeeds or fails. And he will succeed, because the Lord can make him succeed. <sup>5</sup>One person thinks one day is better than the other; another thinks they are all alike. Let everyone be thoroughly convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>The person who has a special day means to honor the Lord. The person who eats does it for the Lord since he thanks God. And the person

who keeps from eating does it for the Lord, and he thanks God. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, none of us lives for himself, and none dies for himself. <sup>8</sup>For if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. <sup>9</sup>For this reason Christ died and became alive again to be the Lord of both the dead and the living. <sup>10</sup>I ask one of you, "Why do you criticize your fellow Christian?" Or I ask another, "Why do you despise your fellow Christian?" For we must all stand before God to be judged. <sup>11</sup>It is written: As surely as I live, says the Lord, everyone will kneel before Me, and every tongue will praise God. <sup>12</sup>So each of us will have to give an account of himself to God.  
L: The Word of the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God!**

**(↑arise) HYMN VERSE: "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"** LSB 589, v. 1

1 **Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens,**  
Let Your Word to me come near;  
Newborn life and spirit give me,  
Let each promise still my fear.

Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife,  
Wars against Your Word of life;  
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor  
That I cling to You forever! Amen.

**GOOD NEWS (Gospel) (LSB 190-191): See the SERMON section for the text!**

**CREEDAL HYMN: "We All Believe in One True God"** TLH 252

1. **We All Believe in One True God**  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Ever-present Help in need,  
Praised by all the heavenly host,  
By whose mighty power alone  
All is made and wrought and done.  
2. We all believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Mary's Son,  
Who descended from His thrones

And for us salvation won;  
By whose cross and death are we  
Rescued from all misery.  
3. We all confess the Holy Ghost,  
Who from both fore'er proceeds;  
Who uphold and comforts us  
In all trials, fears, and needs.  
Blest and holy Trinity,  
Praise forever be to Thee!



**CLOSING HYMN: "Rise, Thou Light of Gentile Nations"** TLH 498, vv. 1 & 4

1. Rise, Thou Light of Gentile nations,  
Jesus, bright and Morning Star;  
Let Thy Word, the gladsome tidings,  
Ring out loudly near and far,  
Bringing freedom to the captives,  
Peace and comfort to the slave,  
That the heathen, free from bondage,  
May proclaim Thy pow'r to save.

4. Knowing Thee and Thy salvation,  
Grateful love dare never cease  
To proclaim Thy tender mercies,  
Gracious Lord, Thy heav'nly peace.  
Sound we forth the Gospel tidings  
To the earth's remotest bound  
That the sinner has been pardoned  
And forgiveness can be found.

**☺ Acts of Sending ☺**

*Forgiven in Christ and filled with the Spirit, we go forth with joy to serve the Lord!*

**BLESSING** ("Benediction" in Latin) (Numbers 6:24-26) (LSB 202): *The Lord blesses us by keeping us; shines His face upon us by loving us; and turns His face toward us so that we can live in continual peace!*

L: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD  
make His face shine upon you and be

gracious unto you; the LORD look kindly at  
you and give you His peace.

C: **Amen.**



**POSTLUDE and CANDLE 🕯️ EXTINGUISHING:**

- **POSTLUDE:** *During the Postlude – Please remain seated to THINK and PRAY!*
- **PRAYER:** *After Each Service – You can gather with a Prayer Partner near a front pew!*
- **REFRESHMENTS:** *9:10-9:30 – Join us down the hall for coffee, juice, bakery, and more!*
- **BIBLE CLASSES and SUNDAY SCHOOL:** *9:30-10:30 – Join us and be blessed through God's Word!*

**GATHER and GROW WITH US:**

- ◆ **Sundays:** *Service 8:00 | Refreshments 9:10 | Bible Classes, Sunday School, Nursery 9:30 | Service 10:45*
- ◆ **Mondays:** *DS at 7 PM (except Advent & Lent)* ◆ **Wednesdays:** *DS at 11 AM & 7 PM (during Advent & Lent)*

**CONNECT WITH US:**

**Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod** → lcms.org ◆ **Ohio District** → oh.lcms.org  
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**Facebook** → Bethlehem Lutheran Church Parma ◆ **Address** → 7500 State Road, Parma, Ohio 44134  
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**Church Office** → Monday – Thursday, 9:00 to 3:00 ◆ 440-845-2230 ◆ Kathy Green: Secretary@blc7500.com  
**Childcare Center** → Monday – Friday, 6:45-6:00, 440-884-0430 ◆ Tricia Wise: ChildcareDirector@blc7500.com



**(↑arise) PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** PLEASE PRAY during the week for those listed in the Weekly News!

After Each Petition:

L: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our Prayer.



Prayer is speaking to God in words and thoughts!

Conclusion: L: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.



**HONORING THE LORD WITH OUR FIRSTFRUITS:**

+ Offertory:

+ Please help us to know you are here by signing the Record of Fellowship pad in your pew.

**LORD'S SUPPER** → Read / Review this important information:

**Dear Friend:** I praise God that He has led you to attend with us today! I also rejoice in ♦your sorrow for your sins, ♦your trust alone in Jesus as your Savior, and ♦your interest in receiving the Lord's Supper with us. I want ♦everyone to receive who will rightly be assured of God's forgiveness in Christ, but ♦everyone to wait who could be harmed by receiving – because the Bible says: "...anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died." (1 Cor. 11:29-30 ESV) Pastor Green

**Self-Examination Questions:**

1. Am I sorry for my sins, so I desire – with God's strength – to turn from my sins (2 Cor. 7:10-11)?
2. Do I believe in Jesus as my Savior (John 3:16)?

3. Do I believe Jesus' words of institution: bread-body, wine-blood, for my forgiveness (1 Cor. 10:16; Matthew. 26:26-28; Mark. 14:22-24; Luke. 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)?

**Who Should Receive the Supper?**

- LCMS Members who answered "yes" to the self-examination questions.
- Non-Members who have completed our Lord's Supper Preparation packet (by our main entrance) and answered "yes" to the self-exam questions.

**Receive at Your Pew:** Please notify an usher.

**Everyone Not Receiving the Supper:** All ages are invited to come forward to receive a spoken blessing (to indicate your desire, please cross your arms)!

**† Service of the Sacrament †**

Christ is present to feed us His body and blood to forgive, strengthen, and preserve us!

**(↑arise) MUTUAL ENCOURAGEMENT and PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Preface & Proper Preface) (2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136) (LSB 194) (spoken and sung as noted):

L: The Lord be with you.

C: (sung) **And with thy spirit.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: (sung) **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: (sung) **It is meet [good] and right so to do.**

L: It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our

Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**GOD IS HOLY** ("Sanctus" in Latin) ("Hosanna" – save us now) (Is. 6:1-3; Mt. 21:9) (LSB 195) (sung by all): As Jesus was welcomed on Palm Sunday as the Holy Son of God, so we welcome His presence in the Supper!

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth** [angelic armies]; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**PRAYER HYMN: "Our Heavenly Father, Hear"**

TLH 455, vv. 1-5

1. **Our heav'nly Father, hear**

The prayer we offer now.

Thy name be hallowed far and near;

To Thee all nations bow.

2. Thy kingdom come; Thy will

On earth be done in love

As saints and seraphim fulfil

Thy holy will above.

3. Our daily bread supply

While by Thy word we live.

The guilt of our iniquity

Forgive as we forgive.

4. From dark temptation's power,

From Satan's wiles, defend.

Deliver in the evil hour

And guide us to the end.

5. Thine shall forever be

Glory and power divine;

The scepter, throne, and majesty

Of heaven and earth are Thine.

**JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION** (the sum of these references – Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25): By God's gift of faith we believe the solemn words of our Lord Jesus Christ!

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

"Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you.

This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying:

"Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**PEACE OF THE LORD** ("Pax Domini" in Latin) (John 20:19) (LSB 197): *Forgiven in Christ; at peace with God!*

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: (sung) **A - - - - men.**

**LAMB OF GOD** ("Agnus Dei" in Latin) (John 1:29) (LSB 198) (sung by all): *The many Old Testament sacrifices pointed ahead to the ultimate sacrifice of the Lamb of God, whose body and blood we now receive!*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**



**10:45** Parents should pick-up their children from our Nursery; then bring them forward for a spoken blessing!