

## Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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August 25, 2024 @ 9:30AM  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



## Mission Statement:

***“Faith, Hope and Love  
Make us available  
To our neighbors  
Near and far.”***

Pre-Service Music  
Welcome and Announcements  
*Blessing of the Backpacks*  
Greeting Our Neighbors

Call to Worship

**P:** People of God, let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

**C: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

**P:** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

**C: Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord.**

**P:** Let us pray...

Opening prayer

Opening song                    ***“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”***

Order of Confession and Forgiveness

**P:** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the one against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**C: O Lord, Your mercy is great and Your steadfast love endures forever.**

**P:** For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

**C: But You, O Lord, are faithful to hear us, for Your steadfast love endures forever.**

**P:** People of God, acknowledge your sins to the Lord. Confess your transgressions to the Father, for He is faithful to forgive. Therefore, let everyone who is godly offer a prayer to Him, for now is the time, for in the name of Jesus, He will deliver you.

[SILENCE FOR PRAYER AND PRIVATE CONFESSION]

**P:** I will instruct you in the way you should go. Listen and stay near the Lord.

**C: Let us hear from the Word of the Lord.**

**P:** Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! For I boldly and confidently proclaim to you, that in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, your sins are forgiven.

**C: Praise be to God and Amen!**

Prayer of the Day:

**Care for your Church, O Lord, with perpetual mercy. Since we totter and are sure to fall without your grace, remove what will harm us and arrange what will make us whole. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading – Isaiah 29: 11-19



Psalm 14 (Read responsively)

- 1 The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."  
They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;  
there is none who does good.
- 2 **The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man,  
to see if there are any who understand,  
who seek after God.**
- 3 They have all turned aside; together they have be-  
come corrupt;  
there is none who does good,  
not even one.
- 4 **Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers  
who eat up my people as they eat bread  
and do not call upon the Lord?**
- 5 There they are in great terror,  
for God is with the generation of the righteous.
- 6 **You would shame the plans of the poor,  
but the Lord is his refuge.**
- 7 Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!  
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,  
let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

Song of the Day      ***"Step by Step"***

Gospel – Mark 7: 1-3

Sermon                      ***"Not the Heart of the Issue"***

Apostles' Creed

Offering  
Offertory                      ***"Change My Heart, O God"***

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The Blessing

Closing Song                ***"Shine, Jesus, Shine"***

### **The Apostles' Creed**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord. He was conceived by the  
power of the Holy Spirit and born of  
the virgin Mary. He suffered under  
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and  
was buried. He descended into hell. On  
the third day he rose again. He ascend-  
ed into heaven, and is seated at the  
right hand of the Father. He will come  
again 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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hal-  
lowed 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; lead us  
not into temptation, but deliver us  
from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the pow-  
er, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen

## Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God, Come

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God  
One day ev'ry knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those,  
Who gladly choose you now

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### Step By Step

O God, you are my God,  
And I will ever praise you.  
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And I will ever praise you.  
I will seek you in the morning,  
And I will learn to walk in your ways,  
And step by step you'll lead me,  
And I will follow you all of my days,  
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And I will follow you all of my days.

**(Repeat)**



### Shine, Jesus, Shine

Lord, the light of Your love is shining, in the  
midst of your darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,  
Shine on me, shine on me.

#### **Chorus:**

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the  
Father's glory;**

**Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with  
grace and mercy.**

**Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there  
be light.**

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,  
Shine on me, Shine on me.

**(Repeat Chorus)**

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display Your likeness;  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirror'd here may our lives tell Your story,  
Shine on me, shine on me.

**(Repeat Chorus)**

### Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

You are the Potter, I am the clay;  
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

**(Repeat)**

## September

- 1 - Duane Cooper Family and Kelly Sabin Family
- 8 - Ted & Darla Thompson and Patty & Travis Hassebroek
- 15 - Todd & Laurie Corporon & Chris Jensen Family
- 22 - Norah Blodgett Family & Doug & Kim Ostermann

## Calendar of Events

### September

- 1 - Worship with Communion @ 9:30 am
- 3 - Bible Study with Pastor @ 2:00 pm
- 4 - Guest Night @ 7:00 pm
- 8 - Worship with Communion @ 9:30 am
- 8 - Open House Bridal Shower for Allison Almelen, 2-4 pm in Fellowship Hall
- 10 - Quilting @ 1:00 pm
- 11 - 7th grade Confirmation student/parent meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 15 - Worship @ 9:30 am
- 15 - RALLY SUNDAY!! @ 10:45 am

Don't forget about Guest Night, Wednesday, Sept 4, at 7:00 pm. The theme is "Leap of Faith" and will feature local speakers Megan Holland, Tyann Beenken, and Jonathan Potter. Join us for an inspirational evening followed by refreshments.

Are you feeling called to help with Sunday school but not by teaching? If so, please consider donating pre-packaged snacks or juice boxes. They can be left in the marked cupboard in the SS room off of the kitchen. Napkins, paper towels, tape, construction paper and Lysol wipes would also be appreciated.

# Rally SUNDAY

Sunday  
September 15  
10:45 am

Join us, after worship, to kick-off the Sunday School year. We will be heading to Lions Park for games, food, and fun! Sunday school registration can be found on the Bethlehem Lutheran Sunday School page on Facebook.

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08.18.24 Giving  
\$2,094

YTD Actual:  
\$80,557

YTD Budget:  
\$97,086

YTD Deficit:  
-\$16,529

Attendance: 31

Online views: 32

Pray for our  
Members & Friends:

Jaya Fever  
Brian Bashans  
Vince Johnson  
Christina Coughlin  
Roger Burnside  
Emmagene Silber  
Clarice Stonebreaker  
Deloris Steffensen  
Claire Rustemier-Hinz  
Carolyn Bartz  
Joy Albert

## 2024 Church Council

Derek Thilges ~ President  
Lisa Berggren ~ Vice-president  
Thomas Blodgett ~Treasurer/Tech  
Courtney Boekelman ~ Secretary  
Kelsey Bosma ~ Stewardship  
Lisa Berggren ~ Education  
Darryl Friest and Teresa Cooper ~  
Evangelism & Fellowship  
Darla Thompson ~ Worship  
Property~ Larry Lawson

Open House Shower for Allison Almelen, bride-to-be of Isaac Paul, Sunday, September 8, 2:00-4:00 pm. They are registered at Target, Amazon, & BC Hardware

## VANCO Giving

Weekly, monthly, and on-demand giving is available through Vanco's app or you can scan here. Many of us have found this to be an easy and useful way to give. For more info or questions, contact Thomas B or Susan. Thanks.

