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The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church | York, NE

July 5, 2020

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship the Lord with us today. Large print hymnals and hearing assisted devices are available upon request. Restrooms are located on the north side of the main level and in the lower level. If you have any questions or need assistance with anything please ask one of our ushers.

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SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

Worship Materials

The order of service for today is printed for you in this folder. The hymns are found in "Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal" which is in the hymnal rack on the back of each pew. As you prepare for worship you may want to spend some time praying (see pg. 10, 11 in the hymnal), looking over the service and the Scripture readings.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader

Pastor Mark A. Haefner

Organist

Mrs. Kathy Bremer

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THE COMMON SERVICE

"The Common Service" is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church. It became the service commonly used by English-speaking Lutherans in America. It is also in CW pg. 15.

OPENING HYMN

In Hopelessness and Near Despair | 738

1 In hopelessness and near despair, I cry to you, my Savior!
My guilt is more than I can bear. I have not earned your favor.
You know me as I really am: How much is truth, how much is sham;
Why should you heed my pleading?

2 I see my heart's condition now, My heart's diverse affections.
Why do I love the things you loathe; I'm torn in two directions:
Now prodigal, now Pharisee. O God, be merciful to me;
Who else but you can help me?

3 I tremble as I feel your hand, Expecting retribution,
Yet hear no curse or reprimand, But grace and absolution:
With you there is forgiveness, Lord, You speak the sweet, consoling Word,
And I am sure you love me!

4 Forgiven, free of guilt and shame, Grant me some time to render
A gift to glorify your name, Love to reflect your splendor:
This world must know what I have learned, That you bestow what none has earned:
The joy of full forgiveness!

INVOCATION¹

please stand, if able

[M] In the name of the Father and of the ✚ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

¹ *These words, which Jesus spoke when he instituted Holy Baptism (Matthew 28:19), remind us that we approach God as his adopted children. The sign of the cross, which the pastor makes also when pronouncing the absolution, is made over people when they are baptized to signify that they have been redeemed by Christ, the crucified and risen Lord.*



CONFESSION

M Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

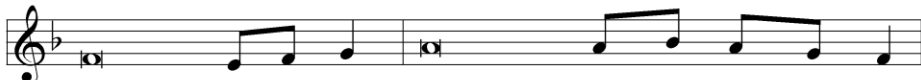


ABSOLUTION


M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.




M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



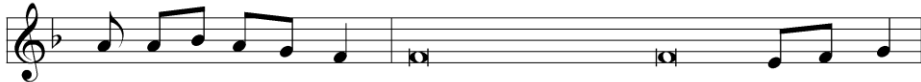
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Let us pray.

O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:1-24

¹Now the serpent was more clever than any wild animal which the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Has God really said, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'"

²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, ³but not from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. God has said, 'You shall not eat from it. You shall not touch it, or else you will die.'"

⁴The serpent said to the woman, "You certainly will not die. ⁵In fact, God knows that the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was appealing to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She gave some also to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for their waists. ⁸They heard the voice of the LORD God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the

man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹The LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

¹⁰The man said, "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself."

¹¹God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?"

¹²The man said, "The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

¹³The LORD God said to the woman, "What have you done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent:

Because you have done this,
you are cursed more than all the livestock,
and more than every wild animal.
You shall crawl on your belly,
and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put hostility between you and the woman,
and between your seed and her seed.
He will crush your head,
and you will crush his heel.

¹⁶To the woman he said:

I will greatly increase your pain in childbearing.
With painful labor you will give birth to children.
Your desire will be for your husband,
But he will rule over you.

¹⁷To Adam he said:

Because you listened to your wife's voice
and ate from the tree about which I commanded you,
"You shall not eat from it,"
the soil is cursed on account of you.
You will eat from it with painful labor all the days of your life.

¹⁸Thorns and thistles will spring up from the ground for you,
but you will eat the crops of the field.

¹⁹By the sweat of your face you will eat bread

until you return to the soil,
for out of it you were taken.
For you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.

²⁰The man named his wife Eve because she would be the mother of all the living.
²¹The LORD God made clothing of animal skins for Adam and for his wife and clothed them.

²²The LORD God said, "Look, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil. Now, so that he does not reach out his hand and also take from the Tree of Life and eat and live forever—" ²³the LORD God sent him out from the Garden of Eden to work the soil from which he had been taken. ²⁴So he drove the man out, and in front of the Garden of Eden he stationed cherubim and a flaming sword, which turned in every direction to guard the way to the Tree of Life. (EHV)

M The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

51a

Refrain

Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Psalm tone

*

Have mercy on me, O God,*
according to your unfailing love.

Wash away all my iniquity,*
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,*
and my sin is always before me.

Refrain

Against you, you only, have I sinned*
and done what is evil in your sight.

Surely I was sinful at birth,*
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Hide your face from my sins,*
and blot out all my iniquity.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,*
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Romans 3:9-20

⁹What then? Are we any better off? No, not at all! In fact, we have already made the charge that all (both Jews and Greeks) are under sin. ¹⁰Just as it is written:

There is no one who is righteous, not even one.

¹¹There is no one who understands. There is no one who searches for God.

¹²They all turned away; together they became useless.

There is no one who does what is good; there is not even one.

¹³Their throat is an open grave.

They kept deceiving with their tongues.

The poison of asps is on their lips.

¹⁴Their mouth is filled with cursing and bitterness.

¹⁵Their feet are quick to shed blood.

¹⁶They leave a trail of destruction and suffering wherever they go.

¹⁷The way of peace they did not know.

¹⁸There is no fear of God in front of their eyes.

The Law Condemns Everyone

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says is addressed to those who are under the law, so that every mouth will be silenced and the whole world will be subject to God's judgment. ²⁰For this reason, no one will be declared righteous in his sight by works of the law, for through the law we become aware of sin. (EHV)

M The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 3:6

M Alleluia. Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh. Whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. Alleluia.



GOSPEL

John 3:1-15

please stand, if able

M The Gospel according to John chapter 3.



There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these miraculous signs you are doing unless God is with him."

³Jesus replied, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"

⁵Jesus answered, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God! ⁶Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh. Whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be surprised when I tell you that you must be born from above. ⁸The wind blows where it pleases. You hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹"How can these things be?" asked Nicodemus.

¹⁰"You are the teacher of Israel," Jesus answered, "and you do not know these things? ¹¹Amen, Amen, I tell you: We speak what we know, and we testify about what we have seen. But you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven, except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.

¹⁴"Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (EHV)

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

be seated

HYMN

All Who Believe and Are Baptized | 299

1 All who believe and are baptized
Shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ,
They are a new creation.
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand
Among the glorious, heav'nly band
Of ev'ry tribe and nation.

2 With one accord, O God, we pray:
Grant us your Holy Spirit.
Help us in our infirmity
Through Jesus' blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day
That by this sacrament we may
Eternal life inherit.

BAPTISM

M Our Lord Jesus Christ gave his Church the command to baptize when he said: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Scripture makes plain the universal need for Baptism. As children of Adam, we belong to a fallen race. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature and would be lost forever unless delivered by our Lord Jesus Christ. He willingly took on himself the curse of sin and by his death on the cross redeemed us and all people.

Christ's almighty Word gives Baptism its power to save. The apostle Peter declares, "Baptism now saves you." Scripture also clearly teaches that the power and promise of Baptism is intended for young and old alike. On the day of Pentecost the apostle testified, "The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." By water and the Spirit, we are born again and united with Christ and his people as members of the Church.

In coming to be baptized, you are doing what is God-pleasing. Ananias said to the apostle Paul after his conversion, "Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away."

Through your baptism, God gives you forgiveness of sins, new life, and salvation.

M Amanda, by the power of the Word, the Holy Spirit has led you to believe that this new life in Christ is yours. Now in Holy Baptism the Lord Jesus assures you of your salvation. That you may give public testimony of your faith, I therefore ask you:

Do you believe that you were born spiritually dead in sin and that the Father sent his only perfect son, Jesus, to save you because you could not save yourself?

A **Yes, I believe.**

M Do you believe in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

A **Yes, I believe.**

M Do you believe that God grants and assures you of the forgiveness of sins in Holy Baptism?

A **Yes, I believe.**

M Do you desire to be baptized?

A **Yes, I do.**

M Receive the sign of the cross (+) to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

The minister applies water to the person presented for baptism as he says:

Amanda Michelle Tuttle, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

M Do you intend to continue steadfast in the true Christian faith, be diligent in the use of God’s Word and sacraments, and lead a godly life even to death? If so, answer: I do, and I ask God to help me.

A **I do, and I ask God to help me.**

M And do you, the members of Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church accept *Amanda* as your fellow member? If so, answer: **YES, IN THE BOND OF CHRISTIAN LOVE.**

Spoken to those being received into membership.

On the basis of your confession of faith and your desire to join with us, we receive you as *a member* of Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church, in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER

M Lord Jesus, Author and Perfecter of our faith, in mercy you joined *Amanda* to the Holy Christian Church when she, like us, was born again of water and the Spirit. In mercy you have taught us all your saving truth. Grant that we may offer ourselves as living sacrifices to you as our spiritual act of worship. Transform us all by the renewing of our minds so that we will not conform to the pattern of this world. Help us as members of this visible church to live in love and harmony with one another, and to work together in serving you. Keep us united in your Spirit and bring us at last to your eternal kingdom where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

M Go in peace.

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall | 378

1 All mankind fell in Adam's fall;
One common sin infects us all.
From one to all the curse descends,
And over all God's wrath impends.

2 Through all our pow'rs corruption creeps
And us in dreadful bondage keeps;
In guilt we draw our infant breath
And reap its fruits of woe and death.

3 From hearts depraved, to evil prone,
Flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;
God's image lost, the darkened soul
Nor seeks nor finds its heav'nly goal.

4 But Christ, the second Adam, came
To bear our sin and woe and shame,
To be our life, our light, our way,
Our only hope, our only stay.

5 As by one man all mankind fell
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
So by one Man, who took our place,
We all were justified by grace.

6 We thank you, Christ; new life is ours,
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs;
This grace our ev'ry way attend
Until we reach our journey's end.

SERMON

Genesis 3:6-13

please stand, if able



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
 tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

be seated

OFFERING *The offering will not be gathered – please place your offering in the plate located in the entry or make use of our options for online giving.*

1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV) On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M** Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.
- C** **We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.**
- M** You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.
- C** **For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.**

M Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

C **Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.**

M Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

C **Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.**

M Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

C Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C **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.**

- 1 In Adam we have all been one, One huge rebellious man;
We all have fled that evening voice That sought us as we ran.
- 2 We fled our God, and losing him, We lost our brother, too.
Each singly sought and claimed his own; Each man his brother slew.
- 3 But your strong love, it sought us still And sent your only Son
That we might hear his shepherd-voice And, hearing him, be one.
- 4 O Savior, when we loved you not, You loved and saved us all;
O great good Shepherd of mankind, Oh, hear us when we call.
- 5 Send us your Spirit; teach us truth To purge our vanity.
From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways, O Savior, set us free.
- 6 Then shall our song united rise To your eternal throne,
Where with the Father evermore And Spirit you are one.

PRAYER

- [M]** Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**BLESSING**

- [M]** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

God Bless Our Native Land | 619

1 God bless our native land!
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night!
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do thou our country save
By thy great might.

2 For her our prayers shall rise
To God above the skies;
On him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To thee aloud we cry,
God save the state!



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: 10:30 AM Worship

Wednesday: 7 PM Online Bible Class – Proverbs

Saturday: 8:30 AM Men’s Bible Study at Grace Seward

Sunday: 10:30 AM Worship with Communion

Thanks to all who helped Mr. Owen unload the moving truck last Sunday!

Here’s the information to join our online study of Proverbs on Wednesday:
<https://meet.google.com/ueq-bvgo-gib> or 414-909-6940 PIN: 901 111 041#

The Men’s Bible Study will be held at Grace in the fellowship hall this Saturday.

Upcoming Meetings:

July 8th – Joint Education Meeting at NELHS at 7 PM

July 12th – Trinity Annual Association Meeting 7 PM at NELHS

July 19th – Annual voters meeting after church in the lower level.



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