

CHRISTIAN LOVE TAKES RESPONSIBILITY

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church | York, NE

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship the Lord with us today. Large print hymnals and hearing assist 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.

Connection cards: Visitors, or members with contact information changes, please fill out our online connection card at bethelyork.com, member connect tab, or scan this code.



SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

Communion

We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today. Scripture tells us that we need to examine ourselves before we receive the Lord's Supper so that we do not take it in a harmful manner. (1 Cor. 11:27-29) For help in preparation see page 156 in the front of the hymnal.

Visitors: Because we do not want you to receive the Lord's Supper in a harmful manner we ask that you do not come forward for the Lord's Supper today if you are not members of a WELS or ELS church. The pastor will be happy to share with you the Biblical basis for this practice.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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DIVINE SERVICE I

OPENING HYMN

I Sing as I Arise Today | 779

- 1 I sing as I arise today, I call on my Creator's might:
The will of God to be my guide, The eye of God to be my sight,
- 2 The word of God to be my speech, The hand of God to be my stay,
The shield of God to be my strength, The path of God to be my way,
- 3 The work of God to be my joy, The house of God to be my rest,
The grace of God to be my song, The praise of God to be my best.
- 4 I sing as I arise today; I cry out my Redeemer's name:
Lord Jesus Christ, my hope, my all, Today and evermore the same.

INVOCATION

please stand, if able

M In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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.**

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in a G minor key signature (one flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the prayer, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

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.

C **Amen.**

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



Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



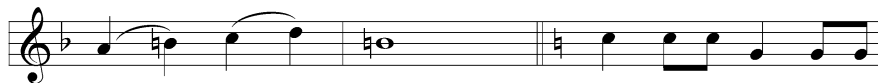
world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -



ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. Glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts so that we are always willing to take responsibility for our words and actions and trust in Christ alone for forgiveness; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the LORD came to me.

²What do you mean, you who keep repeating this proverb concerning the soil of Israel, "Fathers eat sour grapes, and their sons' teeth are set on edge"? ³As surely as I live, declares the Lord God, you will never again use this proverb in Israel. ⁴Indeed, all souls are mine. The soul of the father is mine just like the soul of the son. The soul who sins is the one who will die.

²⁵But you say, "The Lord's way is not fair." Listen now, house of Israel. Is it my way that is not fair? Is it not your ways that are not fair? ²⁶If a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and practices unrighteousness, he will die because of it. Because of the unrighteousness that he has practiced, he will die.

²⁷But if a wicked man turns from his wickedness that he has done and practices justice and righteousness, he will preserve his life. ²⁸Because he has seen and turned away from all the rebellious acts that he had committed, he will surely live, and he will not die. ²⁹But the house of Israel says, "The Lord's way is not fair." Is it really my ways that are not fair, O house of Israel? Is it not your ways that are not fair?

³⁰Therefore, I will judge each one of you according to his ways, O house of Israel, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn away from all your rebellious acts, so that you will not set out a stumbling block that makes you guilty. ³¹Throw off from yourselves all your rebellious actions by which you have rebelled, and obtain a new heart and a new spirit for yourselves. Why should you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies, declares the Lord God. So repent and live! (EHV)

M The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 13:5-8

⁵Examine yourselves to see if you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not know this about yourselves: that Jesus Christ is in you—unless perhaps you fail the test? ⁶But I hope that you will recognize that we are not failing the test.

⁷We pray to God that you may not do anything evil, not so that we may appear to have passed the test, but so that you may do what is good, even if we may seem like those who are failing to pass the test. ⁸To be sure, we can do nothing against the truth, but only for the truth. (EHV)

M The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God!

VERSE OF THE DAY

Ezekiel 18:20

Alleluia. The son will not share in the guilt of the father, and the father will not share in the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous person will be credited to him alone, and the wickedness of the wicked person will be charged against him alone.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

please stand, if able

M The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 21.



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go work today in my vineyard.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰He came to the second and said the same thing. The second son answered, 'I will go, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to him, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Amen I tell you: The tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, but you did not believe him. However, the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him. Even when you saw this, you did not change your mind and believe him. (EHV)

M This Is the Gospel of the Lord



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Before You, God, the Judge of All | **306**

1 Before you, God, the Judge of all,
With grief and shame I humbly fall.
I see my sins against you, Lord,
My sins of thought and deed and word.
They press me sore; to you I flee:
O God, be merciful to me!

2 O Lord, my God, to you I pray:
Oh, cast me not in wrath away!
Let your good Spirit ne'er depart,
But let him draw to you my heart
That truly penitent I be:
O God, be merciful to me!

3 O Jesus, let your precious blood
Be to my soul a cleansing flood.
Turn not, O Lord, your guest away,
But grant that justified I may
Go to my house at peace to be:
O God, be merciful to me!

SERMON

CREATE IN ME

Cre - ate in me a
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

be seated

OFFERING Please leave your offering in the plate provided in the entry or make use of one of the available online options on our website

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 and everlasting God, enlighten our minds by your Holy Spirit, that we may ever hear, read and receive your Word in reverence and gratitude. Awaken our hearts to faith that we may firmly trust your infinite mercy, which you lovingly revealed to us in the giving of your dear Son Jesus Christ for our salvation.

C **Grant us such faith, Lord.**

M Enable us to see ourselves as you see us. Help us confess our sinfulness and repent of our iniquity. Clothe us with your armor, that we may be strong in you and, in the power of your might, may resist the treacherous wiles of Satan, the sly temptations of the world, and the stubborn weakness of our own flesh.

C **Deliver us from the dominion of darkness and preserve us for the eternal kingdom of Christ our Lord.**

M Protect us from all peril of storm or fire, from plague and famine, from war and discord, from luxury and ease. And although we have broken your commandments and deserve your punishment, grant that we may be warned by your discipline and again walk in obedience to your will.

C **Keep us from all physical and spiritual harm, good Lord. Strengthen and renew our faith through the gift of forgiveness we receive in the Sacrament.**

M Grant to us a spirit of prayer, that in faith we may boldly seek your blessings for all our needs, bring you our supplications for loved ones and our intercessions for all people, and finally trust in your goodness to fulfill our joy in your answer.

C **We ask this for Jesus' sake.**

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here

M All these things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your one and only Son, who by his most bitter suffering and most glorious resurrection has given us the promise of the life that now is and that which is to come.

C **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.

The Sacrament

Those who have prepared themselves and who have declared their fellowship with us through membership in this or another WELS or ELS congregation are invited to receive the Lord's Supper.

- M** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- M** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them up to the Lord.**
- M** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is good and right so to do.**
- M** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise our holy name and join their glorious song:



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior | 313

1 Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior, Turned away God's wrath forever;
By his bitter grief and woe He saved us from the evil foe.

2 As his pledge of love undying, He, this precious food supplying,
Gives his body with the bread And with the wine the blood he shed.

3 Jesus here himself is sharing; Take heed how you are preparing,
For if you do not believe, Judgment instead you shall receive.

4 Useless would be Jesus' passion If salvation you could fashion.
Do not come if you suppose You need not him who died and rose.

5 Christ says, "Come, all you that labor, And receive my grace and favor;
Those who feel no pain or ill Need no physician's help or skill."

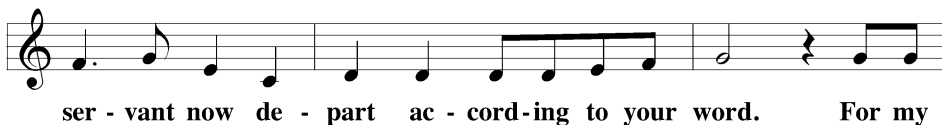
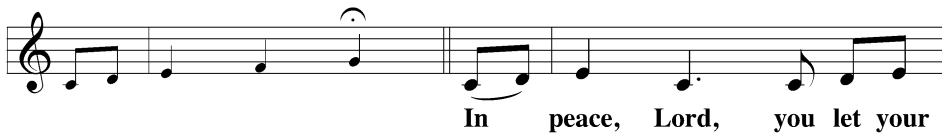
6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken That this food is to be taken
By the souls who are distressed, By hearts that long for peace and rest.

7 Praise the Father, who from heaven Unto us such food has given
And, to mend what we have done, Gave into death his only Son.

8 If your heart this truth professes And your mouth your sin confesses,
Surely you will be his guest And at his banquet ever blest.

SONG OF SIMEON

please stand, if able



ev-'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C **And his mercy endures forever.**

M We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee | 316

1 O Jesus, blessed Lord, to thee
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me thy body and thy blood.

2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart—
How blest am I! How good thou art!