



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church | York, NE

June 13, 2021

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 and the hymns for today are printed for you in this folder and displayed on the screen. They are also in "Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal" which is in the hymnal rack on the back of each pew. Watching the theme and passage on the screen may help you prepare for worship.

Worship Leader
Organist

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OPENING HYMN

Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit | 181

- 1 Come, oh, come, life-giving Spirit, God from all eternity!
May your power never fail us; Dwell within us constantly.
Then shall truth and life and light Banish all the gloom of night.
- 2 Show us, Lord, the path of blessing; When we trespass on our way,
Cast, O Lord, our sins behind you And be with us day by day.
Should we stray, O Lord, recall; Work repentance when we fall.
- 3 With our spirit, Lord, bear witness That we are the saints of God
Who rely upon him solely When we're chastened by the rod;
For we know, as children should, That the cross is for our good.
- 4 Prompt us, Lord, to come before him With a childlike heart to pray;
Sigh for us, O Holy Spirit, When we know not what to say.
Then our prayer is not in vain, And our faith new strength shall gain.
- 5 Grant our hearts in fullest measure Wisdom, counsel, purity,
That we always strive to please you, Working for you willingly.
Let the gospel spread and grow, Bringing Satan's overthrow.

Please remain seated

M The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us

a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

C **Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

M As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

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.**

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.**

HYMN

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy | 294 v. 1-2

1 Baptized into your name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among your saints, your chosen host,
Buried with Christ and dead to sin.
Your Spirit now shall live within.

2 My loving Father, there you took me
To be henceforth your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, there you let me
The fruit of all your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat'ning clouds around I see.

The Rite of Baptism continues at the font.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

- M** In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought *Holly* to be baptized. Jesus told us: “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God’s Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

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

Holly Elizabeth Parks, 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.

EXHORTATION

- M** Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Holly may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

- C** **Yes, as God gives me strength.**

- M** Let us pray:

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Holly and grant *her* a rich measure of your Spirit that *she* may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

- C** **Amen**

3 My faithful God, you fail me never;
 Your promise surely will endure.
 Oh, cast me not away forever
 If words and deeds become impure.
 Have mercy when I come defiled;
 Forgive, lift up, restore your child.

4 All that I am and love most dearly—
 Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
 Let me confess my faith sincerely
 And help me your own child to be!
 Let nothing that I am or own
 Serve any will but yours alone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

The Word

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight.
I am placing my Spirit on him.
He will announce a just verdict for the nations.
²He will not cry out.
He will not raise his voice.
He will not make his voice heard in the street.
³A bent reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not snuff out.
He will faithfully bring forth a just verdict.
⁴He will not burn out, and he will not be broken
until he establishes justice on the earth.
The coastlands will wait for his law.
⁵This is what the true God says,
the LORD who creates the heavens and stretches them out,
who spreads out the earth
and everything that it produces,
who gives breath to the people on it
and life to those who walk on it.
⁶I am the LORD.
I have called you in righteousness.
I will hold on to your hand,
and I will guard you.
I will appoint you to be a covenant for the people,
to be a light for the nations,
⁷to open the eyes of the blind,
to bring the prisoners out from the dungeon,
and to bring those who sit in darkness out of prison.
⁸I am the LORD; that is my name.
I will not give my glory to another,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹Look, the former things have taken place,
and I am declaring new things.
I am making them known to you before they spring forth. (EHV)

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 22:12-21

¹²Look, I am coming soon and my reward is with me, to repay each one according to what he has done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. ¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the Tree of Life and so that they may enter through the gates into the city. ¹⁵Outside are the dogs, that is, the sorcerers, the adulterers, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright Morning Star.

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears this say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who wants the water of life take it as a gift.

¹⁸I give this warning to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book. ¹⁹And if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the Tree of Life and in the Holy City, which are written in this book.

²⁰The one who testifies about these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints. Amen. (EHV)

M The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia. No one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

Mark 3:20-35

please stand, if able

M The Gospel according to Mark chapter 3.



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

²⁰They went into a house. A crowd gathered again so that they were not even able to eat a meal. ²¹When his own people heard this, they went out to take control of him, because they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

²²The experts in the law who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "He drives out demons by the ruler of demons."

²³Jesus called them together and spoke to them in parables. "How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand but is finished. ²⁷On the other hand, no one can enter a strong man's house to steal his possessions unless he ties up the strong man first. Then he can plunder his house. ²⁸Amen I tell you: Everything will be forgiven people, their sins and whatever blasphemies they may speak. ²⁹But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin." ³⁰Jesus said this because they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹Then his mother and his brothers arrived. While they were standing outside, they sent word to Jesus, calling for him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him. They began to tell him, "Look, your mother and your brothers are outside looking for you."

³³He replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴He looked at those who sat around him in a circle and he said, "Look, my mother and my brothers! ³⁵For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." (EHV)

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: 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

O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God | 186

1 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,
Revealer of God's holy Word,
You come to us from God's great throne,
From God the Father and the Son,
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.

2 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,
Enlighten us by that same Word;
Unless your grace the pow'r should give,
None can believe in Christ and live,
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.

3 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,
Increase our faith in our dear Lord;
Teach us to know the Father's love
And his dear Son, who reigns above,
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.

4 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,
Lead us to love your sacred Word;
The holy flame of love impart,
That kindness may inspire each heart,
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.

SERMON

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

¹³But we are always obligated to thank God for you, brothers, loved by the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning for salvation by the sanctifying work of the Spirit and faith in the truth. ¹⁴For this reason he also called you through our gospel so that you would obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers, stand firm and hold on to the teachings that were passed along to you, either by word of mouth or by a letter from us. ¹⁶May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and in his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, ¹⁷encourage your hearts and establish you in every good work and word. (EHV)

OFFERTORY



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 presence, 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.

OFFERING *WE PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD*

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, who has given your Holy Spirit to testify to the truth that is in Christ Jesus, endow your Church with divine power and sanctify your people now as they come to you in prayer.

We praise you for the marvelous gift of light through your Holy Spirit. We thank you for his inspiration of the prophets and apostles.

[C] **Grant us faith to believe your Word that we may remain steadfast in its teaching, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.**

[M] We thank you for the Spirit's preservation of Holy Scripture, which is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. May your Word so flourish in the world that new multitudes in this generation and those to come may embrace its truths and trust in the Savior who promises eternal life to all who believe in him.

[C] **Heavenly Father, let the radiant beams of your glory lighten the darkness of this world. Make the hearts of all people in all lands your dwelling place.**

[M] May the blessed Comforter and Counselor be with those among us who are passing through dark valleys and deep waters, that they may find in you strength and peace. Be

the guardian of all in danger, the companion of all in loneliness, the power of all in temptation, the hope of all in despair, the health of all who are sick, and the friend of all the friendless.

Special Intercessions

Fill us with your Holy Spirit for Jesus' sake. In his name we pray.

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

A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1Co 11:28-29 (NIV1984)

Children who come forward with their parents will receive a blessing

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

[M] Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - 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 your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san -
na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

☒ 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: A - men.

LAMB OF GOD



C: 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.



DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us | 753

- 1 Father, God of grace, you knew us, Chose us, named us as your own,
Through eternal ages planning To redeem us in your Son.
Praise the Father, God who loved us Ere creation was begun!
- 2 We, your creatures, sinned against you, And our guilt was crimson red.
Son of God, you came incarnate, Crushed the crafty serpent's head,
Died our death, now live triumphant: Praise the firstborn from the dead!
- 3 Counselor, you bring as promised From the Father and the Son
Righteousness fulfilled, accomplished, Free forgiveness, heaven won.
Praise the Spirit! He assures us Our salvation's work is done!
- 4 Lord, your changeless Word has fed us, Spanning time, transcending space.
Water, bread, and wine sustained us When the darkness hid your face.
Keep us with you, faithful Shepherd, By your saving means of grace!
- 5 Forward lead us; Christ, we follow, Drawn by Word and promise true:
"To all nations preach the gospel; I am evermore with you."
Keep us faithful! Then, Lord Jesus, Quickly come! Make all things new!
- 6 Praise the Father, great Creator. Praise the Son, who took our place.
Praise the Spirit, Sanctifier, God of free and faithful grace!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

SONG OF SIMEON

please stand, if able

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
 to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
 pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
 Gen - tiles and 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 for - ev - er.

[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: A - men.

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Enter In | 184

1 O Holy Spirit, enter in And in our hearts your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine, Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us
That we May be Truly living, To you giving Prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.

2 Give to your Word impressive pow'r That in our hearts from this good hour
As fire it may be glowing,
That in true Christian unity We faithful witnesses may be,
Your glory ever showing.
Hear us, Cheer us By your teaching; Let our preaching And our labor
Praise you, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life, Let your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
In us be strongly burning
That we be faithful unto death And live in love and holy faith,
From you true wisdom learning.
Your grace And peace On us shower; By your power Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: 10:30 AM Worship with Communion

Tuesday: 5:00 PM Circuit Meeting at Plymouth

Sunday: 10:30 AM Worship

Congratulations to Dion and Rebecca Parks on the baptism of their daughter, Holly Elizabeth.

Meditations. If you have your Meditations booklet from the last quarter and it's in good shape, bring it to church. They will be shipped to WELS Prison Ministries next week.

Please join us for a Bible Study and discussion of ministry with Pastor Hirsch on June 26, from 9 AM to 3 PM at NELHS. Immediately following the meeting with Pastor Hirsch we will have our annual Joint Bethel/Grace Voter's meeting.

The Annual Trinity Association Meeting will be on June 27 at 7 PM at Trinity.

God's blessings to Andrew and Mercedes Ronholt who were united in marriage at Bethel yesterday. Andrew will continue his pre-seminary studies at MLC and Sadie will be teaching at our preschool in North Mankato MN.



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