

JESUS HAS THE WORDS OF LIFE

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church | York, NE

August 29, 2021

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.

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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

Worship Leader
Pianist

Pastor Mark Haefner
Mr. Steven Springborn

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DIVINE SERVICE I

OPENING HYMN

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word | 221

- 1 Blessed Jesus, at your Word We are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear you,
By your teachings, sweet and holy, Drawn from earth to love you solely.
- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till your Spirit breaks our night With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us; You must work all good within us.
- 3 Gracious Savior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry your people raises; Hear and bless our prayers and praises.
- 4 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Praise to you and adoration!
Grant that we your Word may trust, Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander, Till we sing your praises yonder.

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.

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.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, and he summoned the elders of Israel, its heads, its judges, and its officers, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua told all the people, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, has said."

¹⁴Joshua said, "Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve him wholeheartedly and faithfully. Remove the gods that your fathers served in the region across the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵But if you see no benefit in serving the LORD then choose for yourselves today whomever you will serve—whether the gods that your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household—we will serve the LORD!"

¹⁶The people responded by saying, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD in order to serve other gods! ¹⁷For the LORD our God, he is the one who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, where we were slaves. He is the one who performed these great signs right before our eyes and protected us on the whole journey that we made and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸The LORD drove out of our presence all the peoples and the Amorites who were living in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God!" (EHV)

M The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11:24-28

²⁴By faith Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter when he grew up. ²⁵He chose to be mistreated with God's people rather than enjoy sin for a little while. ²⁶He considered disgrace for the sake of Christ as greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

²⁷By faith he left Egypt without fearing the king's wrath, because he persevered as one who sees him who is invisible.

²⁸By faith he celebrated the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not strike them down. (EHV)

M The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God!

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You hav3 the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 6:60-69

please stand, if able

[M] The Gospel according to John chapter 6.



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

⁶⁰When they heard it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching! Who can listen to it?"

⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, asked them, "Does this cause you to stumble in your faith? ⁶²What if you would see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³The Spirit is the one who gives life. The flesh does not help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning those who would not believe and the one who would betray him. ⁶⁵He said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is given to him by my Father."

⁶⁶After this, many of his disciples turned back and were not walking with him anymore. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the Twelve, "You do not want to leave too, do you?"

⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." (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

Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ | **401**

1 Your works, not mine, O Christ, Speak gladness to this heart.
They tell me all is done; They bid my fear depart.

Refrain:

To whom but you, who can alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ, Can heal my sinful soul;
Your wounds, not mine, contain The balm that makes me whole.

Refrain

3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne the dreadful load
Of sins that none could bear But the incarnate God.

Refrain

4 Your death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid the ransom due;
Ten thousand deaths like mine Would have been all too few.

Refrain

5 Your righteousness, O Christ, Alone can cover me;
No other righteousness Can set a sinner free.

Refrain

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- *We present our gifts to the Lord.*

Offerings may be placed in the plate in the entry. The offerings in the plate will be presented to the Lord at this time. You may place offerings in the plate at any time, or you may give online.

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

HYMN (sung as offerings are presented)

| **484**

Gracious Lord, accept our service
 For the sake of Christ, your Son;
 Lo, our hope abides now only
 In the righteousness he won.
 Bless and save us; help and guide us;
 Watch to comfort and restore
 Till in heav'n we rest rejoicing,
 Praising you forevermore.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M O Lord, Light of the world and saving Strength of your people,

C **We thank you for giving us the words of eternal life.**

M Implant it in the hearts of your people that, having been delivered from the power of Satan and the fear of death,

C **That we may live to serve and praise you in righteousness and purity forever.**

M Pour out your living Word abundantly upon the multitudes in every nation, that their eyes may be opened and their hearts turned from falsehood and error, idolatry and evil works.

C **Open their ears to hear your Word of truth that the morning star of spiritual knowledge may arise in their hearts.**

M Let your Word shine within our homes that parents and children may dwell together in love, serve one another in kindness,

C **And find increase in joy in this life and that which is to come.**

M Give the Spirit of Christ richly to all who are sick or are suffering from any adversity of body or spirit, and grant that they may discover that you do all things well, turning our afflictions into divine blessings.

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here

M And finally, since we are not sufficient of ourselves to win the victory of life, supply us through the grace of Jesus Christ with the power of your Spirit, that we may ever be comforted by your truth and sustained by your love. This we pray in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord who gave himself for us that we might ever live through him.

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.**

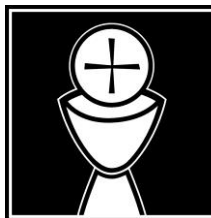
M Lift up your hearts.

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

Musical notation for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power, God of Might: heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Bless -". The notation consists of four staves of music in G major, with lyrics written below the notes.

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

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart | 744

Sung by the Cantors – You may join in the refrains as you are able.

Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat.
 Come, give to us, O saving Lord, The Bread of Life to eat.

1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice,
 So when you call your fam'ly, Lord, We follow and rejoice.

Refrain

2 With joyful lips we sing to you Our praise and gratitude,
 That you should count us worthy, Lord, To share this heav'nly food.

Refrain

3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ outpoured?
 Do not one cup, one loaf, declare Our oneness in the Lord?

Refrain

4 The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, No mortal tongue can tell;
 Whom all the world cannot contain Comes in our hearts to dwell.

Refrain

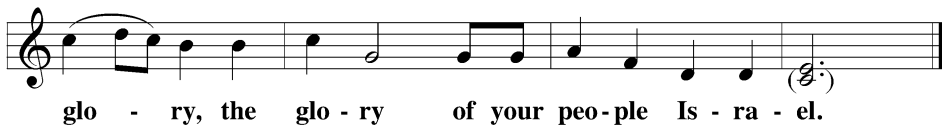
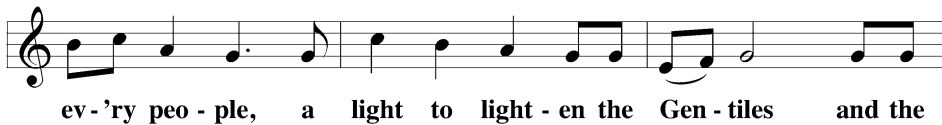
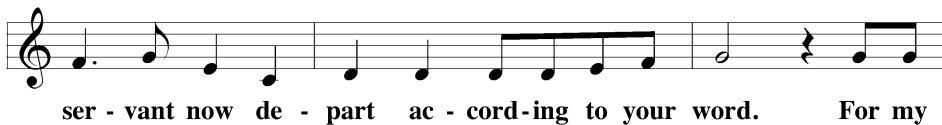
5 You give yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be,
 To serve each other in your name In truth and charity.

Refrain

The sublime truth of the real presence, proclaimed by Jesus' promise, "Take and eat; this is my body. . . . Drink . . . this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins," is celebrated in this hymn.

SONG OF SIMEON

please stand, if able



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

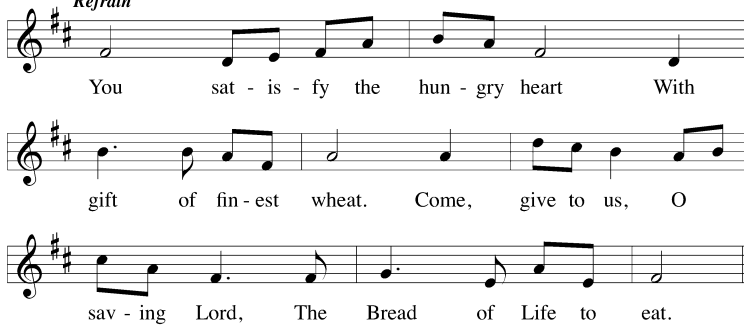
Seek Where You May to Find a Way | **395**

- 1 Seek where you may To find a way That leads to your salvation.
My heart is stilled; On Christ I build—He is the one foundation.
His Word is sure; His works endure. He will o'erthrow My ev'ry foe;
Through him I more than conquer.
- 2 Seek whom you may To be your stay; None can redeem his brother.
All helpers failed; This man prevailed, The God-Man, and none other.
The Servant-Lord Our life restored. We're justified, For he has died,
The guiltless for the guilty.
- 3 Seek him alone, Who did atone, Who did your souls deliver;
Oh, seek him first, All you who thirst For grace that fails you never.
In ev'ry need Seek him indeed; To ev'ry heart He will impart
His blessings without measure.
- 4 My heart's delight, My crown most bright, Jesus, you are forever.
Not wealth or pride Or aught beside Our bond of love shall sever.
You are my Lord; Your precious Word Shall be my guide What e'er betide.
Oh, teach me, Lord, to trust you!

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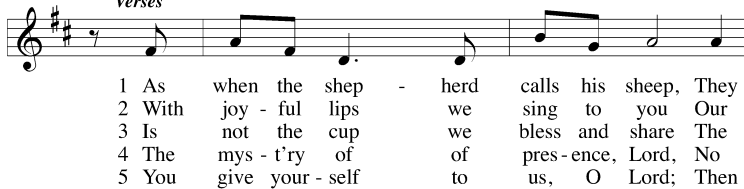
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

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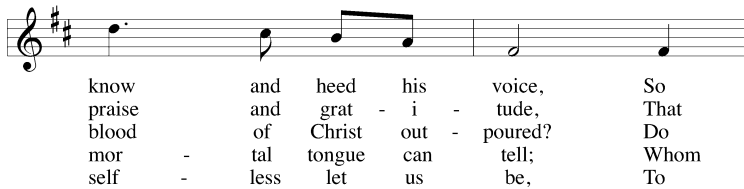


You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With
gift of fin - est wheat. Come, give to us, O
sav - ing Lord, The Bread of Life to eat.

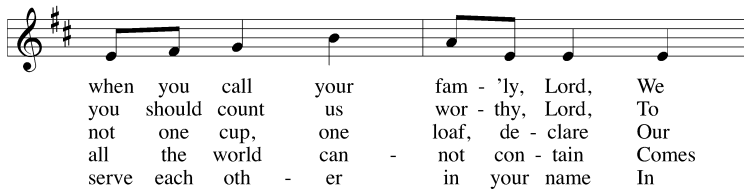
Verses



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you Our
3 Is not the cup we bless and share The
4 The mys - t'ry of of pres - ence, Lord, No
5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; Then



know and heed his voice, So
praise and grat - i - tude, That
blood of Christ out - poured? Do
mor - tal tongue can tell; Whom
self - less let us be, To



when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, We
you should count us wor - thy, Lord, To
not one cup, one loaf, de - clare Our
all the world can - not con - tain Comes
serve each oth - er in your name In

To Refrain



fol - low and re - joice.
share this heav'n - ly food.
one - ness in the Lord?
in our hearts to dwell.
truth and char - i - ty.

The sublime truth of the real presence, proclaimed by Jesus' promise, "Take and eat, this is my body. . . . Drink . . . this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins," is celebrated in this hymn.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: 10:30 AM Worship with Communion

Saturday: 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study Fellowship at Utica Auditorium.

Sunday: 10:30 AM Worship
Church Council Meets

Sunday School Teachers-Please meet with Tom Worster after church on September 19th.

Bethel Women's Guild will meet on Tuesday, September 7th at 7 PM in the lower level of the church. All ladies of Bethel are welcome to attend. We begin with a Bible Study after which there is a short business meeting and fellowship.

Upcoming Events:

September 11 York Fest Parade

September 12 Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:30 AM, after church – New Member Welcome Potluck

WELS National Hymnal Week is September 19-26. Find out more at welshymnal.com.

- Hymn Sing September 19th at 9:30 AM
- Kick off service on Sept. 19th at 10:30 AM
- Video presentations on worship all during the week (watch alone or with a group)
- Special online concert September 26 (watch alone or with a group)

Parade Help – If you are able to walk the parade route on September 11 we could use your help in handing out sticky note pads along the route. Let Pastor Haefner or Rodney Bergmeier know if you are willing and able to help and we will let you know where to meet us as soon as they let us know where our staging area will be.



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Given to the Lord: Attendance: In Person 79, Facebook live 4, Post clicks . YouTube/Audio . Offerings General Fund needed 2,583.54, Given 1,217.40. **To God be the glory!**



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