

✠ **THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** ✠

**September 12, 13 & 16, 2020**

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School  
Sheboygan, Wisconsin**

**WELCOME AND BELL**

**606 I LAY MY SINS ON JESUS**

- 1 I lay my sins on Jesus,  
The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us  
From the accursèd load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus  
To wash my crimson stains  
Clean in His blood most precious  
Till not a spot remains.
  
- 2 I lay my wants on Jesus;  
All fullness dwells in Him;  
He heals all my diseases;  
My soul He does redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus,  
My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases;  
He all my sorrows shares.
  
- 3 I rest my soul on Jesus,  
This weary soul of mine;  
His right hand me embraces;  
I on His breast recline.  
I love the name of Jesus,  
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes  
His name abroad is poured.

## INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P** Let us, then, confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## INTROIT

- P** Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to you for refuge!
- C** Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!
- P** Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.
- C** 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.  
Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to you for refuge!

## KYRIE

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** *(Sung)* Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** *(Sung)* Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** *(Sung)* Lord, have mercy.
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** *(Sung)* Lord, have mercy.
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** *(Sung)* Amen.

**(5:30, 8:00, 6:00) HYMN OF PRAISE “Glory to God”**

- P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
- C** **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:  
We worship You, we give You thanks,  
We praise You for Your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God:  
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
Receive our prayer.  
For You alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**(10:30) HYMN OF PRAISE “This is the feast”**

- C** **This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
And honor, blessing, and glory are His.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Sing with all the people of God,  
And join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
For the Lamb who was slain  
Has begun His reign. Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** *(Sung)* And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** *(Spoken)* Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING GENESIS 50:15-21**

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to

him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### **G**RADUAL

**P** Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing!

**C** Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

#### **EPISTLE READING**    **Romans 14:1-12**

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he

stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA VERSE**

**C** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

**C** *(Sung)* Glory to you, O Lord.

Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and

pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** *(Sung)* Praise to you, O Christ.

### **851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us**

1 Lord of glory, You have bought us  
 With Your lifeblood as the price,  
 Never grudging for the lost ones  
 That tremendous sacrifice;  
 And with that have freely given  
 Blessings countless as the sand  
 To the\_unthankful and the evil  
 With Your own unsparing hand.

- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You  
Gladly, freely of Your own.  
With the sunshine of Your goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures,  
Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed  
'Tis to give than to receive.
- 3 Wondrous honor You have given  
To our humblest charity  
In Your own mysterious sentence,  
"You have done it all to Me."  
Can it be, O gracious Master,  
That You deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Your poor and needy,  
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?
- 4 Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust You boldly,  
Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
But, oh, best of all Your graces,  
With Your love our love renew.

**(5:30, 8:00, 6:00) THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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.**

**(10:30) THE NICENE CREED**

**☐ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the ✕ life of the world to come. Amen.

### THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*(The 5:30, 8:00 & 6:00 Services conclude with the Benediction, and Closing Hymn. The 10:30 Service continues with the Liturgy of the Holy Communion.)*

### THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** *(Sung)* And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** *(Sung)* We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** *(Sung)* It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**C** *(Sung)* Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna.  
 Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### **P** RAYER OF T HANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### **T** H E L O R D ' S P RAYER

**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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**THE PEACE**

**P** The ✠ peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** *(Sung)* Amen.

**AGNUS DEI**

**C** *(Sung)* Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION****DISTRIBUTION HYMNS****617 O Lord, We Praise Thee**

1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
 In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
 Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
 Our weak souls that they may flourish:  
 O Lord, have mercy!  
 May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
 That our sins and sorrows did carry,

And Thy blood for us plead  
 In all trial, fear, and need:  
 O Lord, have mercy!

2 Thy holy body into death was given,  
 Life to win for us in heaven.  
 No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;  
 May this feast thereof remind us!  
 O Lord, have mercy!  
 Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
 That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
 All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 Peace with God once more is made:  
 O Lord, have mercy!

3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
 That we follow Christ our Savior  
 And live together here in love and union  
 Nor despise this blest Communion!  
 O Lord, have mercy!  
 Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
 Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
 Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
 Days of peace and unity:  
 O Lord, have mercy!

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### **613 To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All**

1 To Thee, omniscient Lord of all,  
 In grief and shame I humbly call;  
 I see my sins against Thee, Lord,  
 The sins of thought and deed and word.  
 They press me sore; I cry to Thee:

O God, be merciful to me!

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

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

### **637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord**

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
 And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
 Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
 Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
 To all believers life eternal yields;  
 With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
 Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
 And take the pledges of salvation here.  
 O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE “Thank the Lord”**

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us with this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** *(Spoken)* Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ✠ peace.

**C** *(Sung)* Amen.

**895 Now Thank We All Our God**

1 Now thank we all our God  
 With hearts and hands and voices,  
 Who wondrous things has done,  
 In whom His world rejoices;  
 Who from our mothers' arms

Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today.

- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace  
And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next!

- 3 All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

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**ASSISTING AT WORSHIP**

Presiding Minister  
Preacher  
Organist

Rev. Colin Moon (8:00, 10:30)  
Rev. Patrick Niles  
Sandra Kasten  
Terry Ourada (6:00)

**COMMUNION PRACTICE AT BETHLEHEM – SPECIAL NEEDS**

Please note that **“gluten free”** communion wafers are available for those who need them. Please tell the Communion Assistant **“gluten free”** when he approaches you at the Communion Rail.

Also, for those who desire, **highly diluted wine** is available in individual cups (one drop of wine in the cup of water). Please tell the Communion Assistant **“clear”** when he approaches you at the Communion Rail.