



**Bethlehem Lutheran Church
603 Custer Street - Brush, CO**

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**June 23, 2024
9:00 a.m.**

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5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 23, 2024

Worship Service

GATHERING

LIGHTING OF CANDLES, WELCOME, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

GREETING

P: Gathered in Christ.

C: We serve with grace.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.* God, our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG "*When Peace Like a River*"..... #785

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: JOB 38:1-11

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: ²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. ⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? ⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—⁹when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, “Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?” Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 107:1-3, 23-32

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God’s mercy endures forever.

**²Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

³gathering them in from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

²³Some went down to the sea in ships, plying their trade in deep waters.

²⁴They beheld the works of the LORD, God’s wonderful works in the deep.

**²⁵Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,
which tossed high the waves of the sea.**

²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;
their souls melted away in their peril.

**²⁷They staggered and reeled like drunkards,
and all their skill was of no avail.**

²⁸Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,
and you delivered them from their distress.

²⁹You stilled the storm to a whisper and silenced the waves of the sea.

³⁰Then were they glad when it grew calm,
when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

**³¹Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.**

³²Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;
in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-13

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. ¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also. Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

KIDS TALK

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia!* Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. *Alleluia!*

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 4:35-41

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON “*Wind and Sea Calm by His Word, Do I?*”Deacon Ro

HYMN OF THE DAY “*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*” #773

APOSTLES CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments. Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: You spoke creation into order from the chaos of the swirling deep. May your name be praised by rivers and seas, wetlands and waterfalls. Secure clean water for all people and protect water sources from contamination or exploitation. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Amid whirlwinds of division, violence, and conflict, remind us again that you are as steadfast as the foundations of the earth. Rejuvenate peacemakers, advocates, and community organizers when they feel weary in their work. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Deliver your people from their distress, O God. We lift before you all who are sick or struggling (*especially*). Grant consolation and peace to all who live with chronic, terminal, or persistent illness. In times of affliction or hardship, sustain us in faith. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Enfold all travelers with your protection. Bless the comings and goings of this assembly as we travel for leisure or for work. Let all journeys be met with hospitality on the way, and let community members return to us with celebration. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation for all the redeemed of the Lord. Joined together with the great cloud of witnesses, we give thanks for your steadfast love and your wonderful works. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG "*GIVE THANKS*"

C: Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the holy one. Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say I am strong. Let the poor say I am rich; because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks. Give thanks.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. God most mighty, God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation. Hear us as we praise; call us to Your table; grant us Your life.

HYMN: "*Holy, Holy, Holy*" Setting 4, #153

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us sing the words Jesus taught us.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

All are welcome at the table of Jesus. Please come to the communion rail, kneel or stand receiving the bread from Deacon Ro by extending your hands in thanksgiving. Please take your preferred cup of wine/juice from Charlene when she offers the tray. You may remember your baptism on the way to the rail at the font by dipping your hand or finger in the water and marking the sign of the cross on your forehead. If you prefer to not receive bread and wine and would like a blessing, please come crossing your arms over your heart.

COMMUNION HYMN "Lamb of God"..... Setting 4, #154

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" #755

RINGING OF THE BELLS

SONG OF PEACE

C: My peace I give unto you. It's a peace that the world cannot give. It's a peace that the world cannot understand; peace to know; peace to live. My peace I give unto you.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

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*Thank you for joining us this morning! Welcome to our visitors!
Please sign the guest book and join us following the worship service for
“Come and Celebrate” refreshments in the fellowship hall.*

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In Our Prayers

Prayers for Don Hefty, Betty Kelly, Bill George, Ken Kelly, Sharon George, Chet McCoy, Marilyn Woodward, Garnet and girls, Kenny Bostrom, John Strauch, Bev Strand, Lane Morrow, Beva Linker, Dave Honebein, Zach Griffith, Lori Bostron, Collene Travers, and Prairie Parish.

THIS WEEK'S MINISTERS

Deacon: Charlene Holzworth
Reader: Sharon George
Altar Guild: Donna Morgan
Communion Set Up: Donna Morgan
Usher: Jim Christensen
Sunshine Committee: Marisa Castrup
Clavinovist: Garnet Leys
Media Team: Sharon George & Kim Redden
Come and Celebrate:

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

Deb Johnson
Jeanne Wuest
Donna Morgan
Deacon Ro
Jim Christensen
Marisa Castrup
Garnet Leys
Kevin & Jody DeKorte

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM

Today: 9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Come & Celebrate Prairie Parish Discussion
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. Quilting
Friday: 9:00 a.m. Quilting
Next Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 9:40 a.m. Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be sure to stop in at “Come and Celebrate” this morning to ask your question or to listen to others’ questions about “Possibilities with Prairie Parish”. Deacon Ro will be on hand to discuss, answer, explain, and hear your thoughts with open discussion/forum.

Next Sunday, June 30 an abbreviated service 9:00-9:40am followed by Worship in the Park at 10:00am for those who want to join our sisters and brothers in Christ in worship at City Park, kicking off the 4th of July week of celebration in Brush. Come and Celebrate will resume on July 7.

Prairie Parish Gathering meets Saturday, July 6 at Bethlehem Lutheran with breakfast at 9:00am. Pr. Diana Linden-Johnson, Assistant to the Bishop will join us for consideration and discussion of our Core Values as Lutherans on the Prairie.

Mark your calendars to join the conversation with All Saints Church, Akron United Methodist, Lutheran Church Our Redeemer, Peace Evangelical Lutheran, Akron and Peace Lutheran, Sterling.

If you would like to bring something to share at breakfast, please visit with Deacon Ro.

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Terresa will be in the office at Bethlehem Lutheran Church
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Monday: 9:00am-1:00pm

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Spiritual Teasers

(J. Stephen Lang)

1. What lake is called the Salt Sea in Genesis 14:3?
2. In John's vision, what happened to the sea when the second angel poured out on it? (Revelation 16:3)
3. Who spoke of a river flowing with honey? (Job 20:17)

Churchy Chuckles

(Cal and Rose Samra)

1. A pastor delivering his sermon to the congregation seated in an outdoor space with the posted sign, "Future Home of Redemption Lutheran Church"... "We'll have to be more generous with our contributions if we want to build the rest of the church."
2. A fisherman's prayer: "God grant that I may live to fish until my dying day and when my final cast is made and life has slipped away; I pray that God's great landing net will catch me in its sweep, and in His mercy, God will judge me big enough to keep."
3. Two quick ways to disaster: 1) Take nobody's advice. 2) Take everybody's advice.