



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

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

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3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 9, 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 "*God of Grace and God of Glory*" #705

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: GENESIS 3:8-15

⁸[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.” ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.” Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 130

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

²O LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

⁴Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:13-5:1

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. ^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have

a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Word of God, Word of Life **C: Thanks be to God.**

KIDS TALK

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia!* The ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself. *Alleluia! mimi*

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 3:20-35

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 3rd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus went home;] ²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. ²⁸Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—³⁰for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” ³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” ³³And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.” The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON “*Divided We Dive, United in the Lord, Strong We Are*”Deacon Ro

HYMN OF THE DAY “*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*” 504

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.* You reawaken our hearts to your mercy. We give you thanks for renewing and those who renew the church in every age. Enliven the creativity and persistence of all seeking to transform the church into a closer vision of your beloved community. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Your presence is revealed in the shade of trees, the growth of seeds into flowers, and in the blessing of plants granting food in their right season. Heal lands scarred by deforestation, pollution, or infestation. Teach us to cultivate the earth with respect and reverence. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Our nations and communities are divided, O God. Teach us again to listen with curiosity and mercy, even in disagreement. Grant us the humility to acknowledge our hardness of heart and make us bold in modeling cooperation for the sake of the common good. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Hear the prayers of all who cry out to you from the depths of fear, despair, or hopelessness (*especially*). With haste, rescue victims of trafficking, exploitation, and abuse, and bless organizations and individuals who work on their behalf. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Grant wisdom and clarity to all who are in seasons of discernment and transition: high school graduates preparing for first jobs or new educational journeys, those who are shifting careers, and those who are navigating changes in their relationships. Accompany them with your peace. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Praise to you for our ancestors in faith who believed, spoke, and lived in you. Give us confidence that as Jesus was raised, so we too will be raised, with all the saints, into your everlasting presence. 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

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 for the 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 and ever. 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 you preferred cup of wine/juice from Kim when she offers the tray. You may remember your baptism at the font by dipping your hand/finger in the water, then making the sign of the cross on your forehead, as you come to the rail. If you prefer a blessing instead of bread and wine, please cross you arms over your heart.

SHARING TOGETHER THE MEAL

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 “*On Our Way Rejoicing*”..... #537

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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Thanks for coming and worshipping with us this morning. We welcome all visitors to join us in everything we do!
Please sign the guest book and come to our tables 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, Marilyn Woodward, Garnet and girls, Kenny Bostrom, John Strauch, Bev Strand, Lane Morrow, Beva Linker, Dave Honebein, Zach Griffith, Lori Bostron, and Collene Travers.

THIS WEEK'S MINISTERS

Deacon: Kim Redden
Reader: Kim Redden
Altar Guild: Donna Morgan
Usher: Jim Christensen
Sunshine Committee: Marisa Castrup
Clavinovist: Garnet Leys
Media Team: Kevin & Jody DeKorte
Come and Celebrate:

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

Charlene Holzworth
Charlene Holzworth
Donna Morgan
Jim Christensen
Marisa Castrup
Garnet Leys
Kevin & Jody DeKorte

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM

Today: 9:00 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Grill Night
6:30 p.m. Council Meeting
Monday: 9:30 a.m. Eben Ezer Meeting
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. Quilting
Friday: 9:00 a.m. Quilting
Next Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship / Pastor Sonja Pancoast

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baby Bottles due next Sunday, June 16th.

IT'S GRILL NIGHT, finally!!!! We begin at 5:00pm with those hamburgers and hot dogs hot off the grill! But not just that—potato salad and cowboy beans and all the fixins!!! And don't worry about the sun or the wind or the bugs...we'll eat inside in the fellowship hall! You are welcome to bring a dish if you like, but not required AND there'll be the possibility for seed money for the next grill night, if anyone wants to kick-in!

Council Meeting immediately after Grill Night beginning at 6:30pm!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! Sunday June 23, during Come n Celebrate PRAIRIE PARISH: ALL THE TALKS, EXPERIMENTS, MODELS, TRAININGS, WONDERINGS AND PONDERINGS QUESTIONS? ANSWERS! LAY-IT ON THE TABLE WITH DEACON RO

Spiritual Teasers

(“The Complete Book of Bible Trivia” by J. Stephen Lang)

1. What plant sprang up miraculously to give shade to the prophet Jonah?
(Jonah 4:6)
2. Who used rods of poplar, hazel, and chestnut tree to make genetic changes in his cattle? (Genesis 30:37-39)
3. What kind of tree did weary Elijah sit under? (1 Kings 19:4)

Churchy Chuckles

(“More Holy Humor”, Cal and Rose Samra)

If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd.

2. A prayer petition in a Sunday Bulletin: “And we give you thanks, O God, for people of many cultures and nations, for the young, and old and muddle-aged.”
3. A pastor was called to a local nursing home to perform a wedding. An anxious older man met him at the door. The pastor sat down to counsel the fellow and asked several questions. “Do you love her?” The older man's answer, “Nope.” The pastor asked, “Is she a good Christian woman?” The older man replied, “I don't know for sure.” The pastor asked, “Does she have lots of money?” The older man replied, “I doubt it.” The pastor asked next, “Then why are you marrying her?”
“Cause she can drive at night.” said the older man.”

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