

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
**July 7, 2024**



**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**      *God Bless America*

God bless America, land that I love  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with the light from above

From the mountains to the prairies  
To the oceans white with foam  
God bless America, my home sweet home

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**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Trusting in God's forgiveness, let us in silence confess our failings and acknowledge our part in the pain of the world.

*Silence*

P: Before God, with the people of God, I confess to turning away from God in the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world

**C: In the name of Jesus, God forgives you, Christ renews you,  
and the Spirit empowers you to grow in love.**

P: Amen.

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**Gathering Hymn**                      *Lead On O King Eternal*                      **ELW 805**

**Greeting**

**Kyrie**                                      *Setting 10*                                      **ELW pg 203**

**Canticle of Praise**    **ELW pg 204**

**Prayer of the Day**

God of power, help us to trust and follow you as we battle the spiritual  
forces behind the evil we see. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

**Job 41:1-11; 20-22**

- 1** "Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook  
or press down its tongue with a cord?
- 2** Can you put a rope in its nose  
or pierce its jaw with a hook?
- 3** Will it make many supplications to you?  
Will it speak soft words to you?
- 4** Will it make a covenant with you  
to be taken as your servant forever?
- 5** Will you play with it as with a bird  
or put it on a leash for your young women?
- 6** Will traders bargain over it?  
Will they divide it up among the merchants?
- 7** Can you fill its skin with harpoons  
or its head with fishing spears?
- 8** Lay hands on it;  
think of the battle; you will not do it again!
- 9** Any hope of capturing it will be disappointed;  
one is overwhelmed even at the sight of it.
- 10** No one is so fierce as to dare to stir it up.  
Who can stand before it?
- 11** Who can confront it and be safe?  
—under the whole heaven, who?

<sup>20</sup> Out of its nostrils comes smoke,  
as from a boiling pot and burning rushes.

<sup>21</sup> Its breath kindles coals,  
and a flame comes out of its mouth.

<sup>22</sup> In its neck abides strength,  
and terror dances before it.

### **Isaiah 26:21 – 27:1**

**26** <sup>21</sup>For the LORD comes out from his place  
to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity;  
the earth will disclose the blood shed on it  
and will no longer cover its slain.

**27** On that day the LORD with his cruel and great and strong sword will  
punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan the twisting serpent,  
and he will kill the dragon that is in the sea.

### **Ephesians 6:10-12**

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; <sup>11</sup> put  
on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against  
the wiles of the devil, <sup>12</sup> for our struggle is not against blood and flesh  
but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic  
powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the  
heavenly places.

### **Gospel - Mark 15:22-24**

<sup>22</sup> Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means  
Place of a Skull). <sup>23</sup> And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he  
did not take it. <sup>24</sup> And they crucified him and divided his clothes among  
them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

**Hymn of the Day** *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

**ELW 841**

### **Apostle's Creed**

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**

**Exchange of Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you all

**R: And also with you.**

*Please share the peace with one another*

**Offering**

**Offertory**

*Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful*

**ELW 184**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Communion Liturgy**

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 God thanks and praise**

**Words of Institution**

**Lords prayer**

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**Communion**

**Post-communion Blessing and Prayer**

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**Benediction**

**Sending Hymn** *Canticle of the Turning*

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**Dismissal**

Go in peace to love God and your neighbor

**Thanks be to God.**

**Announcements**

**Potato Bake** – Meet after worship today

**Ceresco Days Worship** – July 14 at 10 am at the park in Ceresco.  
Breakfast is at 8:30.