



## Worship & Sermon Series

**DISCERNMENT**

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**6<sup>th</sup> Week after Pentecost**

**Thursday, July 18, and Sunday, July 21, 2019**

***THIS WEEK'S SERVANT***    The Rev. Jerry Menk

is a retired pastor in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

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*If you have prayer requests you'd like included in our worship prayers, please go to the one of the Prayer List stands and write them down. They will be given to Pastor Menk before the worship prayers.*

## ***SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE***

Thursday 6:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays and the Thursday prior  
Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,  
Mandi Diver – Choir/New Music Accompanist

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### ***WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS***

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

### ***NURSERY***

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

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### ***SERVING TODAY***

#### ***Thursday 6:30 PM***

<b><i>Elders:</i></b>	JJ Jones
<b><i>Comm/Asst. Elder:</i></b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b><i>Acolytes:</i></b>	Jake Kruse, Kate Kruse
<b><i>Lay Readers:</i></b>	Madeline Adams, Joan Blasko
<b><i>Ushers:</i></b>	Don Heidlauf, OPEN
<b><i>Greeters:</i></b>	The Fleming Family
<b><i>July Altar Guild:</i></b>	Diane Rogala
<b><i>July Counters:</i></b>	Mary Kay Ams

#### ***Sunday 9:00 AM***

Mike Bandman
Dave Ziegler
Brooke Ratzburg, OPEN
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John Kozlik, Christie Kozlik
The Dorner Family, Cindy Daluga
Diane Sanders
Joan Blasko

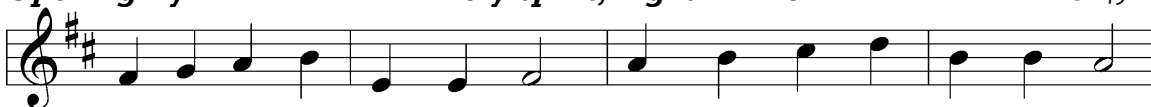
## ***DIVINE SERVICE (BETHEL SETTING)***

This service is adapted from the Divine Services in Lutheran Service Book.

### **Opening Hymn**

### **Holy Spirit, Light Divine**

LSB 496



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, Shine up - on this heart of mine;  
2 Let me see my Sav - ior's face, Let me all His beau - ties trace;  
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, Cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;  
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, Cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;  
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, all di - vine, Dwell with - in this heart of mine;



Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn the dark - ness in - to day.  
Show those glo - rious truths to me Which are on - ly known to Thee.  
In Thy mer - cy pit - y me, From sin's bond - age set me free.  
Yield a sa - cred, set - tled peace, Let it grow and still in - crease.  
Cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone.

### **Invocation, Exhortation, and Confession of Sins**

**P:** In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness... Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C:** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P:** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C:** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P:** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C:** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

***Absolution (Forgiveness)***

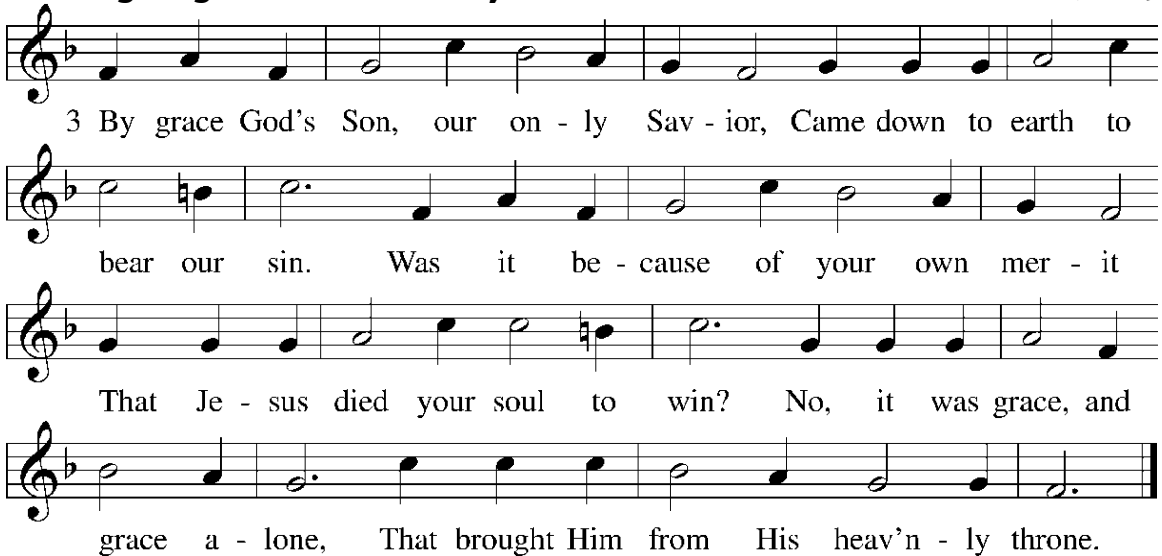
P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

***Thanksgiving Verse***

***By Grace I'm Saved***

LSB 566 st. 3



3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to  
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it  
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and  
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.

### ***Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)***

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: 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: 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: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### ***Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)***

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You call heaven and all the saints and apostles and prophets to rejoice when the true Church rightly proclaims Your Word in all of its Truth. Help us to discern between what is true and what is false, always knowing that Your kingdom comes through humility and suffering and that the truth of the Gospel is found in You alone; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

### ***Old Testament Reading***

### ***Genesis 18:1–14 (ESV)***

<sup>1</sup> The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup> and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup> while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup> And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup> And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup> Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.”  
<sup>10</sup>The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.     **C: Thanks be to God.**

### ***Psalm Reading***

### ***Psalm 27 (ESV)***

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,  
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;  
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup>One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

<sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup>And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

<sup>8</sup>You have said, “Seek my face.”

My heart says to you, “Your face, LORD, do I seek.”

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me.

Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help.

Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

<sup>10</sup>For my father and my mother have forsaken me,  
but the LORD will take me in.

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.

<sup>12</sup>Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they breathe out violence.

<sup>13</sup>I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

<sup>14</sup>Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### ***Holy Gospel***

***Luke 10:38–42 (ESV)***

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup>but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

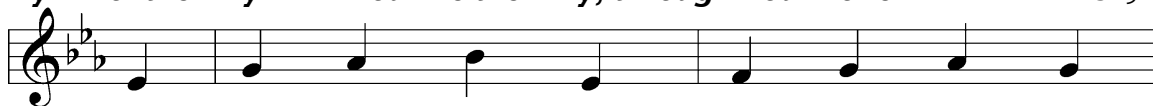
### ***Confession of Faith***

***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*

**Hymn of the Day****You Are the Way; through You Alone**

LSB 526



1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can  
2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True  
3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -  
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has  
wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -  
claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their  
us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.  
form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.  
trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.  
life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

**Sermon*****"The Gift of Discernment"*****Offering**



## Offertory

## God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

LSB 582

*(Sung as the Offerings are brought forward and placed on the altar)*

God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -  
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our  
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it  
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its  
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

## Prayers

### **The Lord's Supper: What We Believe**

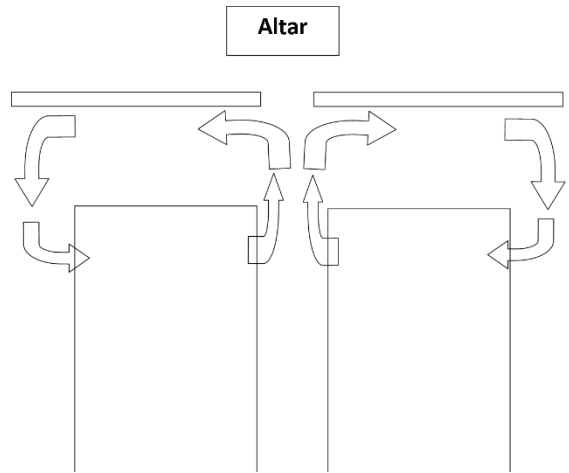
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed  
are invited to receive Communion with us  
if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ,  
and the wine is the blood of Christ,  
truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe,  
we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite  
those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing  
from the Lord.



## **Communion Distribution**

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



## **Preparation for the Lord's Supper**

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P: We pray: 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people.

**C: Amen.**

**Preface Verses****Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared**

LSB 622 sts. 1, 4

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for  
4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious  
our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y  
Word be - liev - ing That Your true bod - y  
and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion  
and Your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.  
As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to  
This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, All things are  
You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.  
pos - si - ble with You, For You are Lord Al - might - y.

**The Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

## Words of Institution

### ***Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)***

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: ***And also with you.***

(We greet one another in peace saying “God’s peace” or “The Lord be with you.”)

### ***First Distribution Hymn***

### ***O Word of God Incarnate***

LSB 523



1 O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
2 The Church from You, dear Mas-ter, Re-ceived the gift di - vine;  
3 O make Your Church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.  
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!



We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,  
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,  
O teach Your wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.  
Mid mists and rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.  
Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

**Second Distribution Hymn****O Bless the Lord, My Soul**

LSB 814



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join  
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie  
3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;  
4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.  
For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!  
'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.  
He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

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| 5 He fills the poor with good;<br>He gives the suff'ers rest.<br>The Lord hath judgments for the proud<br>And justice for the oppressed. | 6 His wondrous works and ways<br>He made by Moses known,<br>But sent the world His truth and grace<br>By His belovèd Son. |
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**Common Dismissal**

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord...

**C: Amen.**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

P: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: 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: Amen.

## **Closing Hymn      *Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet***

LSB 973

**\*\*Today's Favorite Hymn selection\*\***



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a - fraid,                      think I've lost my way,  
2 I will not for - get                      Your love for me, and yet My



Still You're there right be - side me. And  
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.



noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; And



Please be near me to the end. \_\_\_\_\_  
I will love You to the end. \_\_\_\_\_

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# **Bethel Church Picnic and All Member New Member**

**Sunday, August 18th at 11:30 a.m.**

Bethel's church picnic will be held at the summer kitchen at Viking Park in Gurnee. Mark your calendar, clear your schedules, bring the whole family out and enjoy a few hours with our Bethel family. Come ready to have a fun day!

*Watch for more information in the August Big Buzz.*