

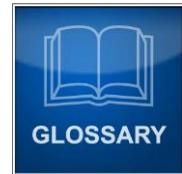
Vacation Bible School 2016



Thursday, June 16, 2016

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 before the worship prayers.

The Bethel Mission Glossary
Summer 2016 Sermon Series



Disciple
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BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month and prior Thursday

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,

Mandi Stilson – Choir/New Music Accompanist

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.

SERVING TODAY

Elder: John Kozlik

Comm./Asst. Elder: Jose Rayos

Acolytes: Lauren Best, Lily Erwin

Ushers: Cook Westendorf, OPEN

Lay Readers: Kelsi Mulley, Jude Squires

Greeters: Leicht Family, Sanders Family

June Altar Guild: Sheila Bunnell

June Counters: Dave Ross

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

Don and Joanne Heidlauf in celebration of their wedding anniversary, and

Larry and Linda Peters in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

SERVICE OF PRAYER & PREACHING

Adapted from the Lutheran Service Book, this order of worship focuses our attention on prayer—a conversation with God. We receive His Word, speak those words back to Him, and present our thanksgivings, joys, and requests at His feet in the Name of Jesus.

Opening Hymn

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

LSB 711 sts. 1-2



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ***Amen.***

Opening Prayer from Pastor

P: Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ***Amen.***

Confession and Absolution

P: God's strong name is our help,

C: ***the same God who made heaven and earth.***

Psalm 124:8

P: If you kept a record of our sins, O Lord, no one could survive.

C: ***But you forgive us, and so we worship you.***

Psalm 130:3-4

P: We have come together today to hear God's Word, pray to Him and praise Him, and receive the gifts of His forgiveness. So let us first admit that we're not worthy of His love. Let us confess to God and confess to each other that we've sinned. We are sinners in what we think, what we do, what we don't do, and there's no way out of this by our own actions. All we can do as God's people is to seek His mercy and forgiveness that comes to us through Jesus Christ.

C: ***O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.***

Luke 18:13

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.***

Response to God's Forgiveness Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us LSB 711 sts. 3-4



3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

Opening Sentences

P: This is the day which the Lord has made;

C: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C: **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

P: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C: **Teach me Your paths.**

P: Sanctify us in Your truth.

C: **Your Word is truth.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**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.**

Old Testament Canticle (sung three times)

from LSB # 261

(Preschool through 2nd grade VBS Students assemble up front while congregation sings)

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has become my sal - va - tion.

Praise Songs by the Vacation Bible Students

Preschool through 2nd graders

Psalm Reading

Psalm 23:1-6 (ESV)

R1: ¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

R2: ²He makes me lie down in green pastures.

R1: He leads me beside still waters. ³He restores my soul.

R2: *He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

R1: ⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

R2: *I will fear no evil, for you are with me;*

R1: your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

R2: ⁵You prepare a table before me

R1: in the presence of my enemies;

R2: *you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

R1: ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

R2: *and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

**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.***

Holy Gospel

John 6:35–40,60–7 (ESV)

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd], “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”...

... ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?”

⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.” ⁷⁰Jesus answered them, “Did I not choose you, the Twelve? And yet one of you is a devil.” ⁷¹He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the Twelve, was going to betray him. P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Gospel Response Song

Thy Word is a Lamp

LSB 973

(3rd through 5th grade VBS Students assemble up front while congregation sings)



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 Refrain



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

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Hymn of the Day

In Christ There Is No East or West

LSB 653; tune: 733



1 In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north,
2 With God there is no tribe or race; In Him we all are one.
3 So, broth - ers, sis - ters, praise His name Who died to set us free
4 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, Wha - e'er your race may be;
5 In Christ now meet both east and west; In Him meet south and north.

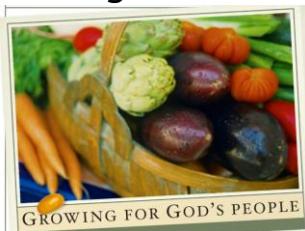


But one great fel - low - ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.
He loves us as His chil - dren through Our faith in His dear Son.
From sin, di - vi - sion, hate, and shame, From spite and en - mi - ty!
Who serves my Fa - ther as His child Is sure - ly kin to me.
All Chris - tian souls are one in Him Through-out the whole wide earth.

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Sermon

Offering



All cash and checks not marked or in envelopes in the offering plate tonight will go to the Vacation Bible School Mission Project—Bethel's Garden/COOL Ministries. Member envelopes will go to Bethel's general fund. If you would rather have your offering go to the general fund but don't have an envelope, please use an envelope from the lapboards in each row.

Offertory

We Give Thee But Thine Own

LSB 781 sts. 1-2

(Sung as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

Prayers

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.

Confession of Faith

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.

Apostles' Creed

Pastor's Charge

P: In response to the forgiveness that you have received through Christ: Go forth into the world in peace—the peace of your forgiveness in the cross. Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good—the love of God. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint hearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor all God's children. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

LSB 740 sts. 1-2

We will sing both stanzas, and then repeat stanza 1.



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.

Announcements

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Dear Bethel Congregation-

Our VBS Barnyard Roundup at Bethel this week was a huge success! We sang loud, made awesome crafts, played fun games and learned all about how Jesus cares, provides, leads, forgives - He is our Savior now and forever!

Thank you to all of you who donated food, drinks or supplies! And a HUGE thank you to all our incredible volunteers who donated their time, energy and love to help make VBS memorable for the kids! VBS is a very important tool we use every year to serve our congregation and community and you were ALL part of that. May God bless the efforts we put in this week and keep all the families and children in His loving care.

Thanks again!

Sara Pipia & Shannon Swanson
VBS Directors 2016