



# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

## June 17, 2018



### Welcome to Bethlehem!

The members of Bethlehem thank you for joining us today! We believe and teach that Jesus Christ is the only way to eternal life in heaven. So we will work to bring glory to Him in our entire service. We pray that more people will hear God's Word and come to know Christ as their personal Savior.

*May God bless your worship with us!* If you are our guest today, and if you are trying to find a spiritual family where you can feel at home, we are eager to share more about God and about Bethlehem. We would be honored to befriend you in Jesus Christ!

### Guest Information

For parents with restless children; we are used to children! Their God-given voices won't make you unpopular around here. Special children's bags have been prepared next to the sanctuary entrance. If it seems right to take the child into the lobby / gathering space, feel free to do so, and return when you are ready. There is still sight and sound, so that you may benefit from the service as much as possible. A changing table is available in each restroom. Restrooms are located along the left-hand wall just outside the sanctuary. If you need assistance with anything, please speak to an usher.



### The Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Holy Communion is being celebrated today. Through the Apostle Paul, the Lord tells us it is necessary to recognize Jesus' true body and blood in the sacrament. This comes through a belief in the teaching of the Real Presence. Otherwise, the communicant is sinning against that body and blood. "For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself (sins)," 1 Corinthians 11:29.

Joint reception of the Lord's Supper also is an expression of the common faith we declare primarily by unity with other Christians in church membership. Since Scripture tells us to take part in this Sacrament with prepared hearts (1 Corinthians 11:27-28) and unity of faith (1 Corinthians 10:17), we humbly ask visitors from congregations not in our fellowship to delay communing with us until the pastor has a chance to speak with you. We thank you for respecting our communion practice. Members of WELS and ELS, please speak with pastor prior to the service, if possible.

White grape juice is available for those who cannot have alcohol.

### Liturgy and Hymns

God's service to us today is Christ-centered. The *liturgy* (from an old word that means "service") and songs are designed to revolve around salvation in Jesus Christ alone. Page numbers for the liturgy begin in the front of the red hymnal. The hymns follow after, and they are numbered in order. Those liturgy pages and hymns are also posted on the hymn board.

### The Prayer of the Day

O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen. ♪



### The Scripture Lessons

Deuteronomy 1:26-36: *Even though they grumbled and complained much of the way, the Lord carried Israel as a Father carrying his own son.*

Psalms 139b: *King David praises God for his fearful and wonderful creation.*

Ephesians 6:10-17: *Paul urges believers to put on the full armor of God and take their stand against the devil's forces.*

Ephesians 2:10: "Alleluia. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. Alleluia."

John 4:46-54: *Jesus heals a nobleman's son, who is on the brink of death, before the nobleman even makes his way home.*



**Lessons next Sunday:** Job 38:1-11; 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Mark 4:35-41.

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**Hymn** CW # 239  
*Glory Be To God The Father*  
(Please stand for last stanza)

**Liturgy**, p. 26 in front of CW  
*Service of Word and Sacrament*

### Prayer of the Day

**Lessons** | Deuteronomy 1:26-36  
*Psalms 139b*, p. 117  
Ephesians 6:10-17

**Verse of the Day**, Ephesians 2:10

**Hymn** CW # 343  
*Christ Is The World's Light*

**SERMON** – John 4:46-54

### The Best Dad In The Bible

1. *Jesus challenges him*
2. *Jesus answers him*

**Nicene Creed**, p. 31

**Offering and Prayers**

**Lord's Prayer**, p. 32 *right column*

**The Sacrament**, page 33

**Hymn** CW # 504  
*Bless Our Loved Ones*

**Thanksgiving**, p. 36

**Hymn** CW # 203  
*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast*

**Benediction**  
C: ♪ Amen. ♪