



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 12, 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 today 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

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen. ♪



The Scripture Lessons

1 Kings 19:3-8: *Elijah flees for his life under a broom tree. God preserves him with food from his angels to encourage Elijah, body and soul.*

Psalms 34: *King David seeks mercy in a time when his life is at stake.*

Hebrews 5:11-6:3: *The Hebrews need to step up their hunger for the gospel. For some time now, their faith has been ready to go beyond the basics.*

Hebrews 11:1: "Alleluia. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Alleluia."

John 6:41-51: *The people grumble over Jesus' hard sayings about being the Bread of Life from heaven. He claims divinity and the ability to save.*



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Lessons next Sunday: Prov. 9:1-6; Eph. 5:15-20; John 6:51-58.

Our Path of Worship

Hymn CW # 224
God Himself Is With Us
(Please stand for last verse.)

Liturgy, p. 38 in front of *CW Service of the Word*

Installation of Teachers

Prayer of the Day

Lessons | 1 Kings 19:3-8
Psalms 34, p. 80

Verse of the Day, John 14:23

Gospel – John 6:41-51

Verse of the Day, Heb. 11:1

Apostles Creed, p. 41

Children's Message

Hymn CW # 291
We Have A Sure Prophetic Word

SERMON – Hebrews 5:11-6:3

God's Church Of Chewing Christians

1. There is more to know
2. God wants you to grow

Offering and Prayers

Lord's Prayer, p. 43

The Sacrament, page 35

Hymn CW # 426
Yours Forever, God of Love

Thanksgiving, p. 36

Hymn CW # 321
Savior Again to Thy Dear Name
(Please stand for last verse.)

Benediction

C: ♪ Amen. ♪