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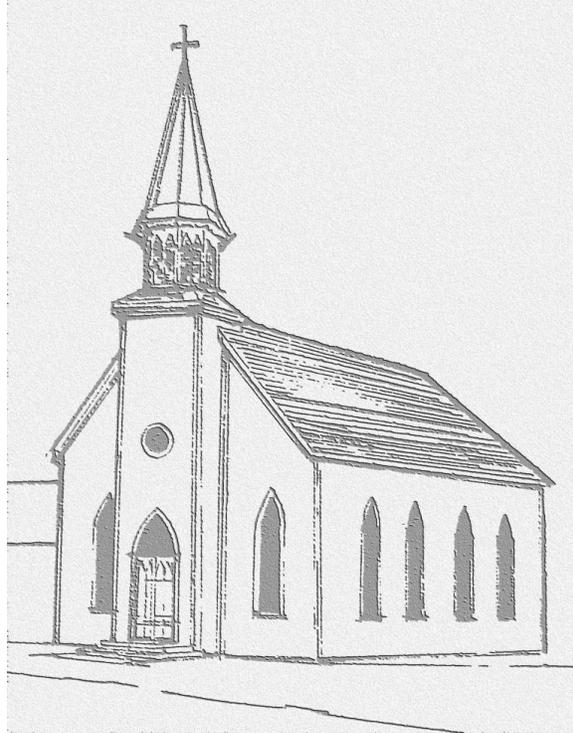
Sunday
August 28th

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Divine Service: Setting One

Promotion Sunday: A Festival of Christian Education

Order of Service: *Lutheran Service Book*, pp 151-166

Pre-Service Music

Ringing of the Church Bell

OPENING HYMN

selected by Early Childhood Class

Jesus Loves Me

LSB 588

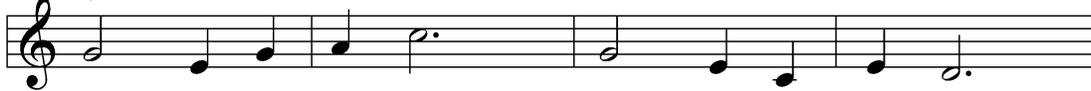


1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- 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.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 75:1–2, 6, 9; antiphon: v. 7

It is God who executes judgment,
putting down one and lifting up another.
 We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.
We recount your wondrous deeds.
 At the set time that I appoint
I will judge with equity.
 For not from the east or from the west
and not from the wilderness comes lifting up.
 But I will declare it forever;
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
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.
 It is God who executes judgment,
putting down one and lifting up another.

KYRIE

LSB 152

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

- 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 mer - cy.

- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

C O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 25:2–10

²It is the glory of God to conceal things,
but the glory of kings is to search things out.
³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,
so the heart of kings is unsearchable.
⁴Take away the dross from the silver,
and the smith has material for a vessel;
⁵take away the wicked from the presence of the king,
and his throne will be established in righteousness.
⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
What your eyes have seen
⁸do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?
⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's secret,
¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



EPISTLE

Hebrews 13:1–17

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also

suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

COMMON ALLELUIA

LSB 156

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Thy Word Is a Lamp

Refrain



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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SERMON

Move Over! – Luke 14:8-11

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children Need Jesus! – Acts 2:38-39

³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

PROMOTION SUNDAY CERTIFICATES & SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER INSTALLATION

APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 159

**C 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.**

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

selected by Lower Elementary Class

God Loves Me Dearly

LSB 392



1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -
2 I was in slav - 'ry, Sin, death, and
3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -
4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did
5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.
dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.
deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.
of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.
ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**☩ 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.**

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

from VBS 2022

Awesome God

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| <p>1. <i>All</i> Our God is an awesome God
 He reigns from heaven above
 With wisdom, power, and love
 Our God is an awesome God</p> | <p>4. <i>All</i> Our God is an awesome God
 He reigns from heaven above
 With wisdom, power, and love
 Our God is an awesome God</p> |
| <p>2. <i>Men</i> Our God is an awesome God
 He reigns from heaven above
 With wisdom, power, and love
 Our God is an awesome God</p> | <p>5. <i>Men</i> Our God is an awesome God
 He reigns from heaven above
 With wisdom, power, and love
 Our God is an awesome God</p> |
| <p>3. <i>Women</i> Our God is an awesome God
 He reigns from heaven above
 With wisdom, power, and love
 Our God is an awesome God</p> | <p>6. <i>Women</i> Our God is an awesome God
 He reigns from heaven above
 With wisdom, power, and love
 Our God is an awesome God</p> |

Instrumental Interlude



August Bible Verse

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,
 where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Colossian 3:1

Our Mission Statement

Representing God's Love to our Congregation, Community, and the World!

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

Congregation: Edith Erwin, Deloris Griffin, Donna Hinze, Lathel Norris, Lisa Powers, the Parish Hall Renovation, the call process
Shut-ins: Renee Brinkmann, Mildred Holle, Mary McCoy, James Schoenemann, Lorine Schroeder

Community: Brenham Pregnancy Center, those affected by COVID-19, Faith Mission, St. Matthew's (vacancy), the Lord's blessing for rain

World: The Ukraine

Thank you

Thank you, Pastor Franke, for serving as our vacancy pastor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week's Schedule August 28 – September 4

Today:	<i>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	<i>Promotion Sunday</i>	
	9:00 AM	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 AM	Divine Worship Service
	Acolyte:	Confirmand
	Guest Register:	Brenda Gaskamp
	Ushers:	Shane Schroeder Trenton Schwartz Lance Searle Chris Smitherman
	11:30 AM	Emergency Voters' Meeting
Monday:	10:00 AM	Worship Online
Thursday:	6:00 PM	Elders' Meeting
	6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study
Next Sunday:	<i>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	9:00 AM	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	9:00 AM	Youth League Meeting
	10:15 AM	Divine Worship Service
	Acolyte:	Confirmand
	Guest Register:	Karen Gaskamp
	Ushers:	Samuel Smitherman Rallin Wellmann Billy Ashorn Blane Ashorn

Serving in August: Elder – Paul Richter / **Trustee** – Billy Ashorn
Serving in September: Elder – Chris Smitherman / **Trustee** – Delwin Gaskamp

If you have a question or thought concerning spiritual care or the church property, please contact the appropriate elder or trustee.



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Brenda Gaskamp.

**VOTERS
MEETING**

Attention Voters!

The Elders have called an **Emergency Voters' Meeting** today immediately following worship to elect a lay delegate to go to the Circuit Forum on September 18. Thank you for your participation!

Promotion Sunday is TODAY!

Thank you for celebrating with us God's grace in teaching us and our children this past year as we anticipate His continued faithfulness this coming year.





The LWML will be accepting **donations of plastic bags** from local stores such as H-E-B or Walmart and gently used t-shirts in women's large or medium and men's large and extra-large for special projects. These items will be used to make diapers and mats for those in need. These items were made at the Youth Gathering for the

Orphan Train in Pasadena, Texas. There will be boxes in the parsonage's kitchen to make donations. Thank you for your support!



Members of Bethlehem:

The Lord has decided that we find a new man to speak His truth to us and spread His message into our community and the world. As part of the process, **we ask that you fill out the Pastoral Profile Survey** to assist the call committee in finding the man who God has intended for us. We thank

you for your time and attention to this most important task.

A link to the survey is located on the Home Page of our website (<https://bethlehemwmpenn.org>) under the "Updates and Events" section, which is towards the bottom of the page. If possible, please fill out the survey online; however, hard copies are available in the narthex for those without internet access. *Thank you for your participation!* **The end date for the survey is September 18th.**

Nominations from the congregation are welcome!



Please contact a member of the Call Committee if you know a pastor we should consider. The members of the *Call Committee* are *Daryl Dahman, Kevin Harrington, Diane Jaehne, Diane Kettler, Don Koester, Charles Meyer, Paul Richter, Lori Schramme, Collin Schroeder, Mike Schroeder, and Chris Smitherman.*

Last Week at Bethlehem

SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	GIFTS IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL
8-21 Sunday School	11	\$6.00
8-21 High School	2	
8-21 Adult Bible Class	12	
8-21 Worship Service	70	General Fund: \$2,155.00