



*Bethlehem Lutheran Church—William Penn  
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## **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

Divine Service: Setting I

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

Pre-Service Music

**June Bible Verse**

"When I am afraid,  
I put my trust in you."  
*Psalms 56:3*

**Our Mission Statement**

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

*Ringing of the Church Bell*

ENTRANCE HYMN

*Rise, Shine, You People*

LSB 825



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.  
He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.  
Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing.  
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -  
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are  
To all the world go out and tell the  
Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.  
driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.  
sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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Stand.

INVOCATION

LSB 151

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

**C** Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

**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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Psalm 71:20–24; antiphon: v. 3*

Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;

**you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.**

You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again;

**from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.**

You will increase my greatness

**and comfort me again.**

I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God;

**I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.**

My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you;

**my soul also, which you have redeemed.**

And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long,

**for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to do me hurt.**

**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.**

Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;

**you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.**

### 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.



**C** A - men.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Gloria in Excelsis*

LSB 154

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



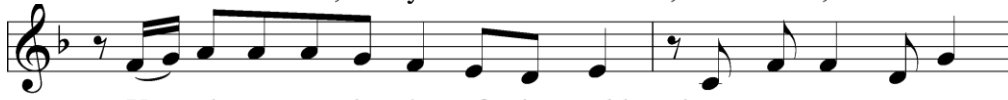
**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



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.



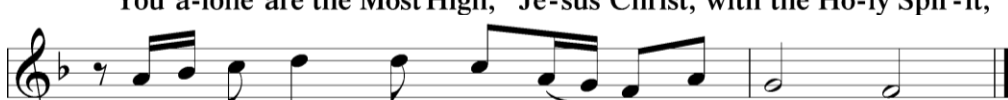
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



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 God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 65:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me;  
I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, “Here am I, here am I,”  
to a nation that was not called by my name.

<sup>2</sup>I spread out my hands all the day  
to a rebellious people,  
who walk in a way that is not good,  
following their own devices;

<sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me  
to my face continually,  
sacrificing in gardens  
and making offerings on bricks;

<sup>4</sup>who sit in tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat pig’s flesh,  
and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels;

<sup>5</sup>who say, “Keep to yourself,  
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.”  
These are a smoke in my nostrils,  
a fire that burns all the day.

<sup>6</sup>Behold, it is written before me:  
“I will not keep silent, but I will repay;  
I will indeed repay into their bosom  
<sup>7</sup>both your iniquities and your fathers’ iniquities together,  
says the LORD;  
because they made offerings on the mountains  
and insulted me on the hills,  
I will measure into their bosom  
payment for their former deeds.”

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD:  
“As the new wine is found in the cluster,  
and they say, ‘Do not destroy it,  
for there is a blessing in it,’  
so I will do for my servants’ sake,  
and not destroy them all.

<sup>9</sup>I will bring forth offspring from Jacob,  
and from Judah possessors of my mountains;  
my chosen shall possess it,  
and my servants shall dwell there.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

*Galatians 3:23—4:7*

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup>For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs

according to promise.

<sup>1</sup>I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup>but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup>In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand.*

COMMON ALLELUIA

*LSB 156*

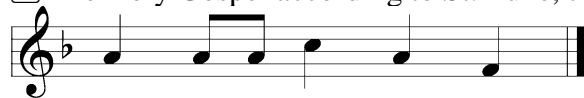


**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 8:26–39*

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

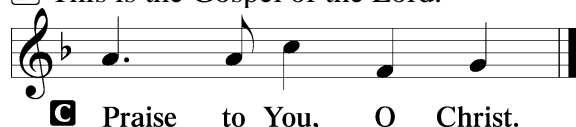


**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>26</sup>Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me.” <sup>29</sup>For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. <sup>32</sup>Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

<sup>34</sup>When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

**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  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

Sit.

CHILDREN'S HYMN

*Children come forward during Children's Hymn*  
LSB 725

*Children of the Heavenly Father*



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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HYMN OF THE DAY

*All Who Believe and Are Baptized*

LSB 601



1 All who be - lieve and are bap-tized Shall see the Lord's sal - va - tion;  
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Ho - ly Spir - it.



Bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, They are a new cre - a - tion.  
Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it.



Through Christ's re-demp-tion they shall stand A - mong the glo-rious,  
Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -



heav'n - ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.  
ment we may E - ter - nal life in - her - it.

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SERMON

*Destroyed – Luke 8:26–39*

*Stand.*

OFFERTORY

LSB 159



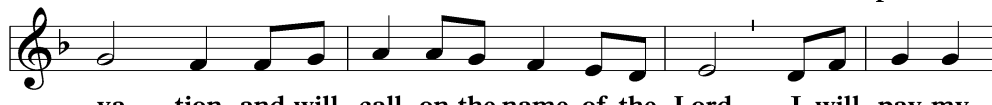
What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the





courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

OFFERING PRAYER

*Sit.*

OFFERING

*Stand.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

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

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

**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** A - men.

*Sit.*

*God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

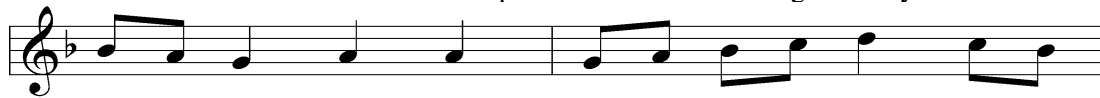
1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized  
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized  
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized  
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized  
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:  
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth  
 con - science seize - me Since my Bap - tism  
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance  
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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POSTLUDE

*Welcome to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, where we worship in the name of the crucified and risen Lamb of God, Jesus Christ our Lord. Blessings to you as you worship with us today.*



**Congregation:** for Kathleen Siemsglusz as she recovers from surgery; for Tom Hayden’s recovery after surgery and continued healing; for Adeline Platt’s health; for health and healing for Lathel Norris; for Riley Mae, Jerry & Doris Kohring’s great-granddaughter, thanksgiving for her coming home and prayers for continued health; for Milton Schwartz,

Blake Powers, Edith Erwin, and Deloris Griffin; for our shut-in members: Renee Brinkmann, Mildred Holle, Lathel Norris, Dorine Selman, James Schoenemann, Roger & Elvera Schroeder, and others who are unable to come to church

**Community:** may our Lord continue to deliver to us favorable weather; for Brenham Pregnancy Center and those whose lives they touch; Faith Mission; families and individuals cared for by Child Protective Services

**World:** for all those suffering through war, may God watch over and protect His children, and by His Holy Spirit, may they all come to know Christ as their Savior and thus enjoy eternity with Him, for those who have been led astray into false belief; for those facing crisis pregnancies, that they would find the strength to choose life for their unborn child; for the leaders of the nations, that they would make godly decisions for their people and countries

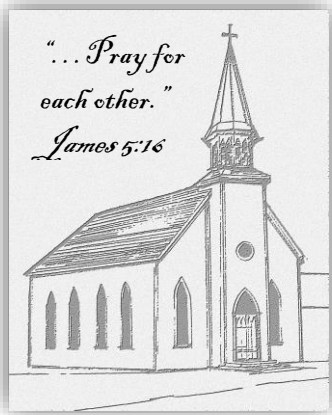
*Bethlehem at Prayer*

Prayer is a vital part of our life together in Christ. To that end, *Bethlehem at Prayer* is a means to encourage more intentional prayer for one another. This is an opportunity for us to support one another in faith, lifting up each household by name before our gracious God. While members can always request prayers at any time, this effort ensures that every family at Bethlehem is prayed for regularly. We invite you to join us in encouragement and intercession, praying for our brothers and sisters in Christ each week.

*Please remember these families in your prayers this week:*

- Goessler - Kevin, Kellie
- Gresham - Ryan, Terie, Connor
- Kohring - Valgene, Diana, Forrest, Alaina
- Kohring - Jerry, Doris
- Schroeder - Scott, Kandance, Tanner
- Schwartz – Roy

*May the Lord bless and strengthen them in faith and life.*



**This Week’s Schedule**

**June 15 – June 22**

<b>Today:</b>	<b><i>Second Sunday after Pentecost</i></b>	
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	<b>10:15 AM</b>	Divine Worship: Setting I
	Acolyte:	Wyatt Schramme
	Greeter:	Lillian Hayden
	Ushers:	Valgene Kohring Arturo Maya Marc Maya Travis Medve
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	Women’s Bible Study
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	Sisters in Christ Bible Study

**Next Sunday:**

***St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles***

**9:00 AM**

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

**10:15 AM**

Divine Worship: Setting I with Holy Communion

Acolyte:

Rose Kettler

Greeter:

Donna Hinze

Ushers:

Charles Meyer

Brad Molitor

Paul Richter

Colin Schomburg

**Serving in June: Elder** – Brad Molitor / **Trustee** – Mike Schroeder

*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 in honor of Doug and Dorcas Schroeder's 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.*

The Bethlehem Youth are headed to Amherst, MA for the Higher Things Conference this week.

Please pray for their growth in the grace and love of Our Savior and for safe travels.



The Sisters in Christ Bible Study will finish its study of 2 Corinthians **this Saturday at 10:30am**. We are grateful to Our Lord who makes all things new.

The ladies of LWML invite you to help **collect supplies for Disaster Relief Response kits!** We are donating **Flood Buckets** and **Health Care Kits** along with *Bibles, Portals of Prayer, and other devotional materials*. Please place all donated items **in the box in the Parish Hall by July 31<sup>st</sup>**.



## Sunday School Corner



Our Spring unit concludes our study of the Old Testament, beginning with Elijah and continuing through the prophecies of the coming Christ. Today in Sunday School, the kids studied the lesson “Jesus Welcomes the Children” This week, students begin a new Sunday School unit called *Delivered: God’s Gifts of Grace*. In this first lesson, “Jesus Welcomes the Children,” the kids learned that God wants us to be part of His family. To reinforce this lesson for

your kids, as a family, discuss the following: “How was the welcome Jesus gave the children different from the disciples’ reaction? How can the church today show its care for children and families?” Also, parents, you can join Pastor Krieg in the adult Sunday School class. See you next week!

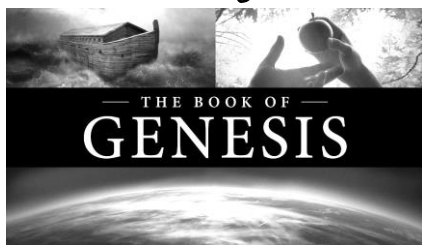
## High School Lesson

The high school youth have begun a new study focused on the Word of God. This study will help the kids gain a better understanding of the accuracy and reliability of the text we use today as the inspired Word of God. Over the next nine lessons the students will focus on the following:

- Jesus Christ: The Center of the Bible
- The Holy Scriptures – God’s Word
- The Canon – God Preserves His True Word
- Understanding God’s Word
- Figurative Language – The Richness of Scripture
- Bringing the Good News of Salvation in a Magnificent Way
- Recognizing False Teaching
- Bible Translations

Today, our high school class studied the lesson *The Canon – God Preserves His True Word*. In this lesson, they focused on how God gave the Bible to His people as a precious gift. He has preserved it through the ages as His revelation of Himself to us and to point us to Christ, who is the way of salvation.

## Adult Sunday School Lesson



Genesis lays the foundation for all the events and doctrines of Holy Scripture. Studying its characters and events will prepare you for a much broader understanding of God’s ways with humankind. Throughout Genesis, Moses emphasizes that these records apply not simply to Israel but to all nations and families of the earth. See in the patriarchs’ weaknesses, struggles, and joys a mirror of families today. The Lord, through promise and faith, makes all the difference for the

patriarchs, and He will likewise bless and lead you. So join us as we begin our study of the book of Genesis. If you could not attend today, please join us next Sunday during the Adult Bible Study hour before church, starting at 9 a.m. Now is the time to commit yourself to a deeper and more meaningful understanding of God’s Word and your relationship with Him. I hope to see you all next Sunday as we continue our studies.



### Life Thoughts from Lutherans for Life

Death is the devil’s lair and destruction is his labor. Demonic forces lurk around the grave and lead to nowhere else (Luke 8:27). Feeble mortals do well not to dabble with such sinister powers, even if technology like abortion and assisted suicide make it accessible. Better to beg the Lord Jesus to rescue and safeguard human life even when it appears less than to us. For more information, visit <https://lutheransforlife.org/>.



Online Giving

You may give tithes and offerings online by clicking the “Give” tab on our website (<https://www.bethlehemwmpenn.org/>), or just scan the QR code to the left.

**Last Week at Bethlehem**

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	GIFTS IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL
June 15	Sunday School Youth Bible Class Adult Bible Class	13 4 24	\$28.75
June 15	Worship Service	122	General Fund: \$3,781.00 Marie Schwartz Memorial: \$50.00 Willie Kankel, Jr. Memorial: \$50.00 Potato Pancake Supper Advertising: \$300.00