



Bethlehem Lutheran Church—William Penn
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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 19, 2025

10:15 A.M.



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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025 – 10:15 AM

Divine Service: Setting III with Holy Communion

Order of Service: *Lutheran Service Book, pp 184-202*

Pre-Service Music



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

October Bible Verse

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life
and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own
glory and excellence.

2 Peter 1:3

Our Mission Statement

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COMMUNION STATEMENT

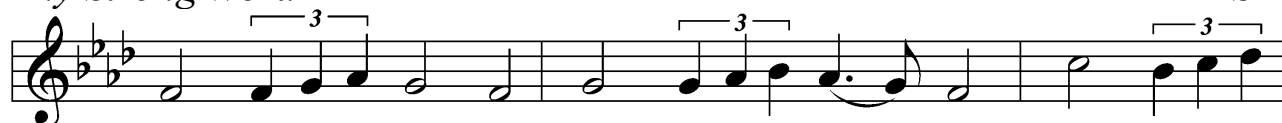
In Light of 1 Cor. 11:23-26, Bethlehem Lutheran Church maintains the historical practice of “closed” communion in the belief that the Sacrament requires faith in Christ’s words that His body and blood are truly present. Furthermore, participation in the Sacrament is a sign of our unity in the faith with all those who join us at the altar. *For that reason, we ask that those visitors desiring to commune be members in good standing of a congregation of the LCMS and speak to the pastor or an elder before the beginning of the service.* Our denial of admission to those who are members of another confession is not a judgment upon their faith but a recognition that we hold to different confessions concerning God, salvation, and the Sacrament itself. Such individuals are invited to speak with the pastor following the service.

Ring of the Church Bell

OPENING HYMN

Thy Strong Word

LSB 578



1	Thy	strong	word	did	cleave	the	dark - ness;	At	Thy
2	Lo,	on	those	who	dwelt	in	dark - ness,	Dark	as
3	Thy	strong	Word	be - speaks	us		right - teous;	Bright	with
4	From	the	cross	Thy	wis - dom		shin - ing	Break -	eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
night and deep as death, Broke the light of
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -

light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to

Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

Stand

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

LSB 184

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection of God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

Psalms 74:18–19, 21, 20a, 22a; antiphon: v. 2a

Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old,
which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

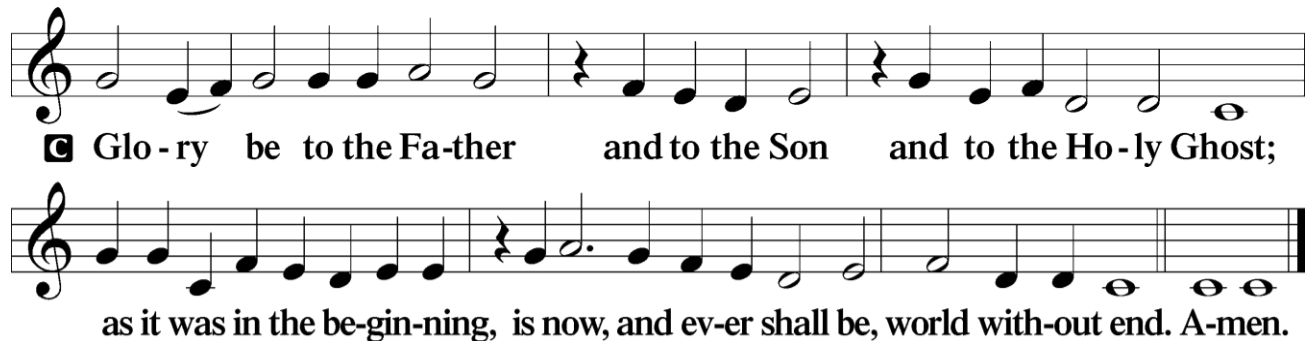
Remember this, O LORD, how the enemy scoffs,
and a foolish people reviles your name.

Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the wild beasts;

do not forget the life of your poor forever.
 Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame;
let the poor and needy praise your name.
 Have regard for the covenant;
arise, O God, defend your cause.
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.
 Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old,
which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

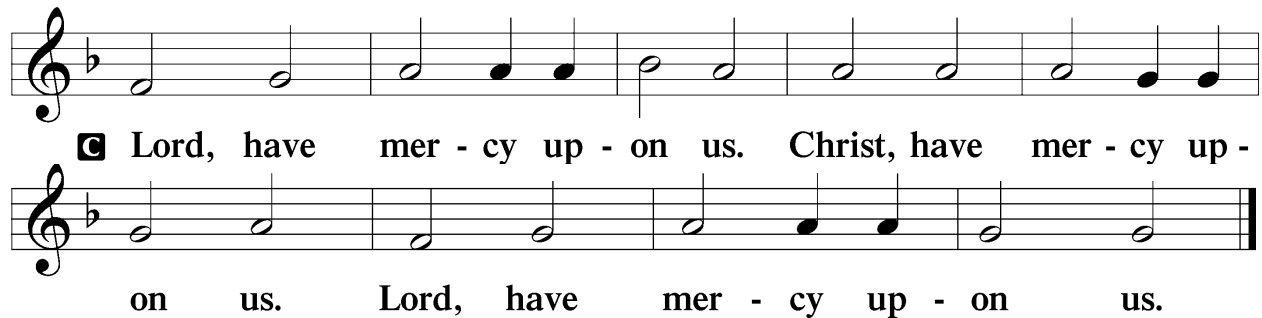
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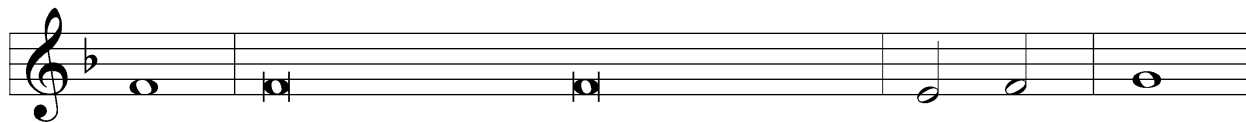
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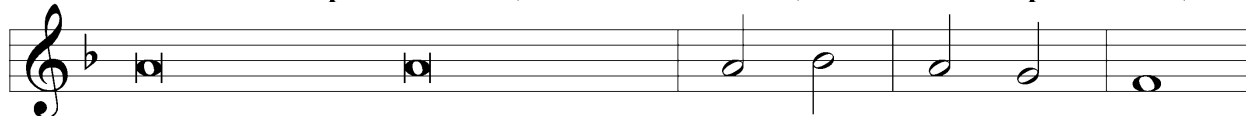
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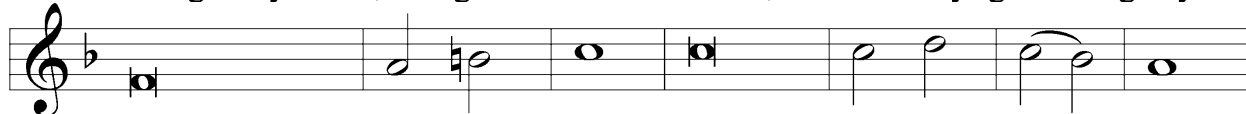


P Glory be to God on High,**C** and on earth peace, good - will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



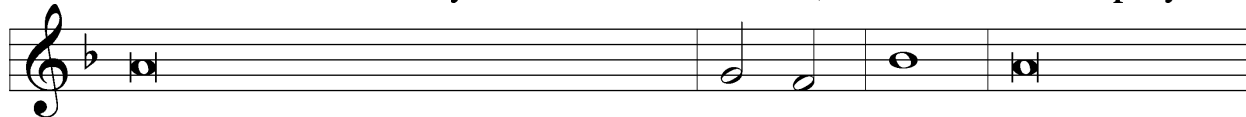
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



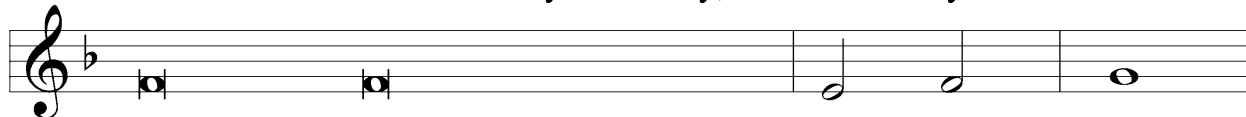
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

C O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; 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

Genesis 32:22–30

²²The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

EPISTLE

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

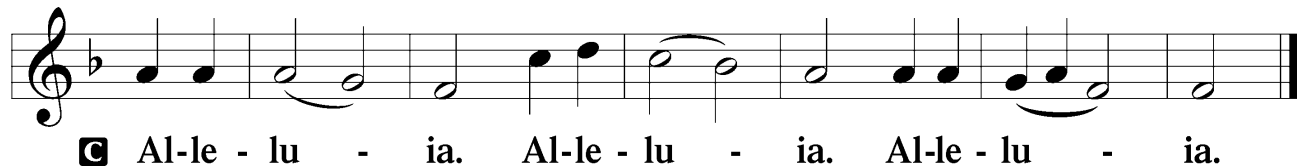
P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA

LSB 190



Alleluia!

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name

LSB 734



1 I trust, O Lord, Your ho - ly name; O let me not be
 2 Bow down Your gra - cious ear to me And hear my cry, my
 3 You are my strength, my shield, my rock, My for - tress that with -
 4 With You, O Lord, I cast my lot; O faith - ful God, for -
 △ 5 All hon - or, praise, and maj - es - ty To Fa - ther, Son, and



put to shame Nor let me be con-found - ed. My faith, O
 prayer, my plea; Make haste for my pro - tec - tion, For woes and
 stands each shock, My help, my life, my tow - er, My bat - tle
 sake me not, To You my soul com-mend - ing. Lord, be my
 Spir - it be, Our God for - ev - er glo - rious, In whose rich



Lord, Be in Your Word For - ev - er firm - ly ground - ed.
fear Sur - round me here. Help me in my af - flic - tion.
sword, Al - might - y Lord— Who can re - sist Your pow - er?
stay, And lead the way Now and when life is end - ing.
grace We run our race Till we de - part vic - to - rious.

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SERMON

So They Won't Change Me – 2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4:5

Stand

OFFERTORY

LSB 192

■ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

OFFERING PRAYER

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

SANCTUS

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



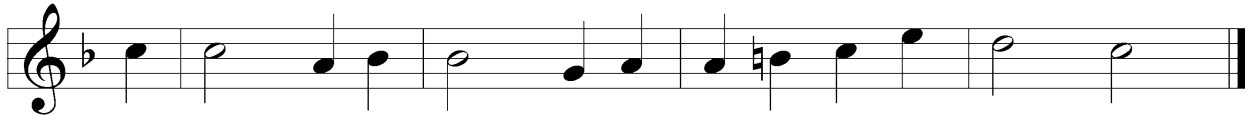
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bleſſ-ed is He, bleſſ - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 196

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and
when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:
“Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in
remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given
thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the
new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of
sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

LSB 668

1 Rise! To arms! With prayer em-employ you, O Chris-tians, lest the
2 Cast a - far this world's vain plea - sure And bold - ly strive for
3 Wise - ly fight, for time is fleet - ing; The hours of grace are
foe de-stroy you; For Sa - tan has de-signed your fall.
heav'n-ly trea - sure. Be stead-fast in the Sav - ior's might.
fast re - treat - ing; Short, short is this our earth - ly way.
Wield God's Word, the weap - on glo - rious; A - gainst all foes be
Trust the Lord, who stands be - side you, For Je - sus from all
When the Lord the dead will wak - en And sin - ners all by



thus vic - to - rious, For God pro - tects you from them all.
harm will hide you. By faith you con - quer in the fight.
fear are shak - en, The saints with joy will greet that day.

Fear not the hordes of hell, Here is Em - man - u - el.
Take cour - age, wea - ry soul! Look for - ward to the goal!
Praise God, our tri - umph's sure. We need not long en - dure

Hail the Sav - ior! The strong foes yield To Christ, our shield,
Joy a - waits you. The race well run, Your long war won,
Scorn and tri - al. Our Sav - ior King His own will bring

And we, the vic - tors, hold the field.
Your crown shines splen - did as the sun.
To that great glo - ry which we sing.

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Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

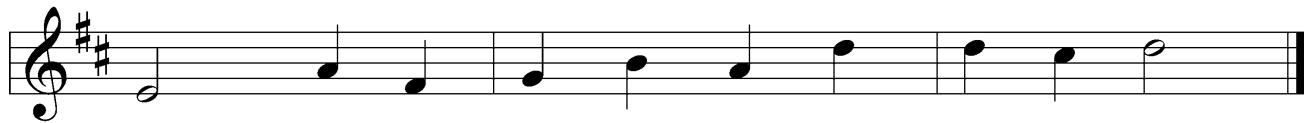
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1 E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ,
2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
3 Come with the strength I lack, bring vi - sion clear

I know not how to ask or what to say;
Help me to see Your pur - pose and Your will—
Of hu - man need; O give me eyes to see

I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,
Where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;
Ful - fill - ment of my life in love out-poured,



And on - ly You can teach me how to pray.
Held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.
My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.

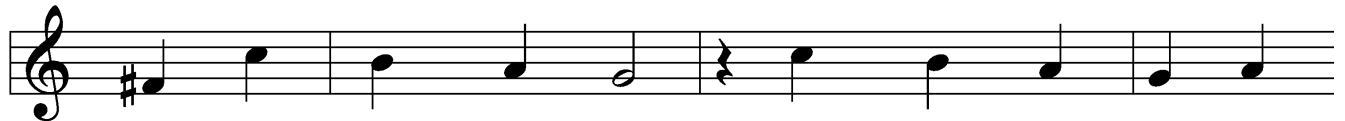
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Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

LSB 619



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which
2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in
3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is
4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not
5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and
Thee and Thou in me. No sor - row fills my
nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and
rob me of my cheer; For He who is of
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy



strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.
soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.
thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.
prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.



Refrain

Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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Hear Us, Father, When We Pray

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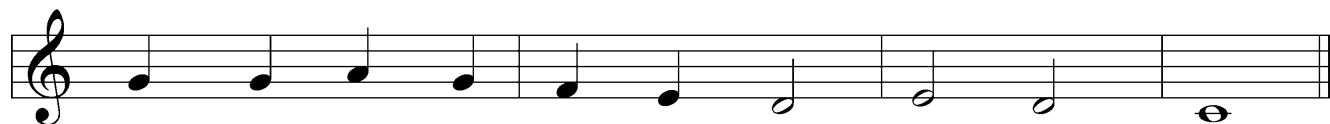
1 Hear us, Fa - ther, when we pray, Through Your Son and
2 When we know not what to say And our wound - ed
3 Je - sus, ad - vo - cate on high, Sac - ri - ficed on
4 By Your Spir - it now at - tend To our prayers and



in Your Spir - it. By Your Spir - it's Word con - vey
souls are plead - ing, May Your Spir - it, night and day,
Cal - v'ry's al - tar, Through Your priest - ly blood we cry:
sup - pli - ca - tions, As like in - cense they as - cend



All that we through Christ in - her - it,
Groan with - in us in - ter - ced - ing;
Hear our prayers, though they may fal - ter;
To Your heav'n - ly hab - i - ta - tions.



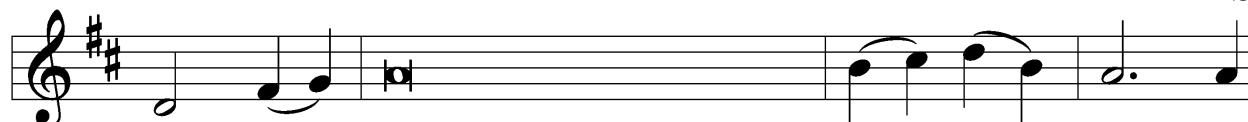
That as bap - tized heirs we may Tru - ly pray.
By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.
Place them on Your Fa - ther's throne As Your own.
May their fra - grance waft a - bove, God of love.

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Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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, a-men, a - men.

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CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

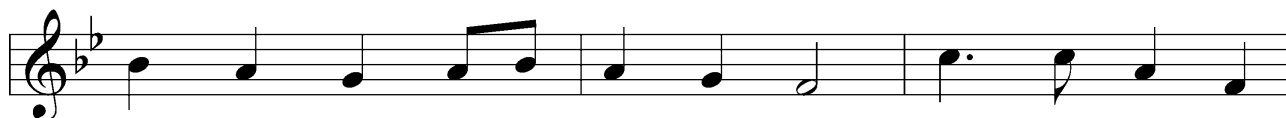
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1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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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.



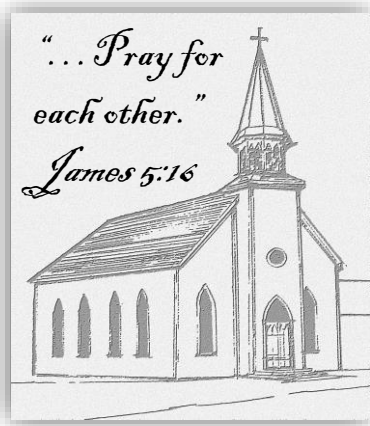
Congregation: for Edith Erwin, healing, for Donna Hinze, who is recovering from back injury, give her peace and healing in the days and weeks ahead; for Lisa Kettler (JR Kettler's mother), for continued healing from sickness; for Tom Hayden's recovery after surgery and

continued healing; for Adeline Platt's health; for health and healing for Lathel Norris; for Milton Schwartz, Blake Powers, Edith Erwin, and Deloris Griffin; for our shut-in members: Renee Brinkmann, Mildred Holle, Lathel Norris, 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:

- Dahman – Daryl, Stephanie
- Dahmann – Doyle, Karin
- Kettler – Douglas, Teresa
- Kettler – Clinton, Diane, Henry, Ruth
- Schroeder – Shane, Jessy, Emersyn, Nolan
- Schroeder – Lorena

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week's Schedule

October 19 - 26

Today:	<i>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>		
	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	
	10:15 AM	Divine Worship: Setting III with Communion	
	Acolyte:	Winston Krieg	
	Greeter:	Vickie Ashorn	
	Ushers:	JR Kettler	Michael Kettler
		Robert Kettler	Wayne Klussmann
Wednesday	7:30 PM	Voters' Meeting	
Thursday:	6:30 PM	Ladies Bible Study	
Next Sunday:	<i>Reformation Sunday</i>		
	8:00 AM	Outdoor Service	
	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	
	10:15 AM	Divine Worship: Setting I with Communion	
	Acolyte:	Taylor Hinze	
	Crucifer:	Wyatt Schramme	
	Greeter:	Judy Baichtal	
	Ushers:	Caleb Klussmann	Corey Klussmann
		Don Koester	Valgene Kohring
	11:30 AM	Reformation/New Member Meal	

Serving in October: Elder – Charles Meyer/Trustee – Doyle Dahmann

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
Billie and Vickie Ashorn*



October 19 – (Proper 24) – The world has always been filled with people who have turned away from the truth of God’s Word and are not willing to endure sound doctrine (2 Timothy 4:3-

4), especially regarding the sanctity of human life. Knowing that we can’t force people to believe God’s Word and value God’s precious gift of life, we “lift up our eyes to the hills,” trusting that “... our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth” (Psalm 121:1-2). For we trust that God alone has the power to change hearts, and He does so through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is able to make us wise unto salvation (2 Timothy 3:15).



Board of Missions Canned Food Drive – Supporting Bread Partners of Washington County

As we prepare for the Thanksgiving season, our Board of Missions invites everyone to take part in a Canned Food Drive to support the vital work of Bread Partners of Washington County (learn more at breadpartnersfoodpantry.org).

From **October 19 through November 23**, please bring canned and non-perishable food items to the Parish Hall. Your donations will help provide meals for families in need right here in our community.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to live out our mission statement:

Representing God’s Love! To our Congregation. To our Community. To the World.

Together, let’s share Christ’s love in a tangible way this Thanksgiving season!

Voters’ Meeting



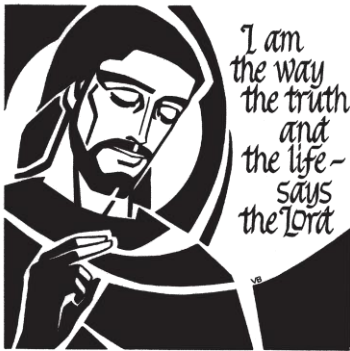
There is a quarterly **Voters’ Meeting** this **Wednesday, October 22, at 7:30pm**. Please see the inserts for the treasurer’s report and the agenda.

Reformation Sunday Celebration—Sunday, October 26



Please join us for a Reformation Sunday Celebration on Sunday, October 26 after church. We will have lunch and Reformation festivities. *Please fill out the RSVP insert and place it in the basket in the narthex by today.* We also ask the members of the congregation sign-up on the sheet in the Parish Hall to bring desserts to go with the meal. Join us as we give thanks to God for keeping us faithful to Him and His Word!

Sunday School Corner



In our Fall unit, we begin our study of the New Testament, beginning with the announcement of Jesus' birth and continuing through the sending of the seventy-two. This morning, the kids studied the lesson "The Born-Again Truth – Jesus Teaches Nicodemus." Nicodemus, a leader of the Jewish Council, comes to see Jesus under cover of darkness. Puzzled by Jesus' instruction that one must be born again to enter the kingdom of God, Nicodemus asks how someone can be physically reborn. Jesus gently instructs Nicodemus as He explains the spiritual rebirth found only in Christ. Christ alone is the light come into the world to save us from the darkness of our sin. To reinforce this lesson with your kids, as a family, discuss, In the New Testament, we frequently read about the Pharisees, especially their interactions with Jesus. How did the Pharisees react to Jesus' ministry? As you learn more about the Pharisees, how does their reaction to Jesus make sense? Nicodemus came to see Jesus under cover of darkness for fear of the reaction from the Pharisees. Given what you've learned about the Pharisees, how was this concern very real? What could have happened to Nicodemus? Have you ever been afraid to talk to someone for fear of what others would say or do? The Jewish Council, which had served as the high court and supreme authority over religious and civil life, now had only limited powers under Roman rule. How do we see their limited authority come into play during Jesus' trial? Who had to approve putting Jesus to death on the cross? Look at how God uses civil government to bring about His will. Does God ever do that today? Also, parents, you can join Pastor Krieg in the adult Sunday School class. See you next week!

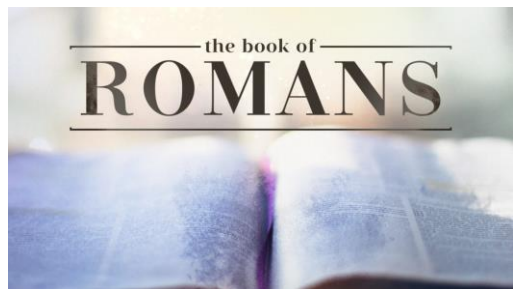
High School Lesson

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
- Biblical Types, Symbols, and Poetry
- Recognizing False Teaching
- Bible Translations

Today, our high school class studied the lesson, *Biblical Types, Symbols, and Poetry*. This lesson focuses on how God’s Word includes types, symbols, and poetry. These elements of literature give Scripture a richness in meaning and, like the rest of the Bible, point us to Christ Jesus, the way of salvation.

Adult Sunday School Lesson



St. Paul’s letter to the Romans is often called the “chief part of the New Testament.” Romans clearly lays out the heart of the Christian faith: we are justified by grace alone through faith alone on account of Christ alone. In this rich epistle, Paul teaches on sin and righteousness, law and Gospel, baptism, the struggle against the old Adam, and life

lived in the freedom of the Gospel. Whether you’ve been attending or have yet to join us, this is a wonderful time to dig into God’s Word together and grow in our understanding of His mercy in Christ. Come and be strengthened in the faith that saves and learn how the Gospel shapes our daily lives. We look forward to studying this treasure of Scripture with you! 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.



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
Oct. 12	Sunday School	11	\$107.00
	Youth Bible Class	2	
	Adult Bible Class	24	
Oct. 12	Worship Service	129	\$3,670.32



**Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Voter's Assembly Agenda
October 22, 2025**

Call to Order

Devotion

Roll Call

Reception of New Members - David and Cathy Hodge

Release of Members - Annelise Schroeder, Katrina Schroeder,
Shelby and Parker Adams

Minutes

Pastor's Message and Report

Treasurer's Report

Board of Elders - Policy for a Liturgy of Christian Burial

Board of Trustees

Board of Education

Old Business

New Business

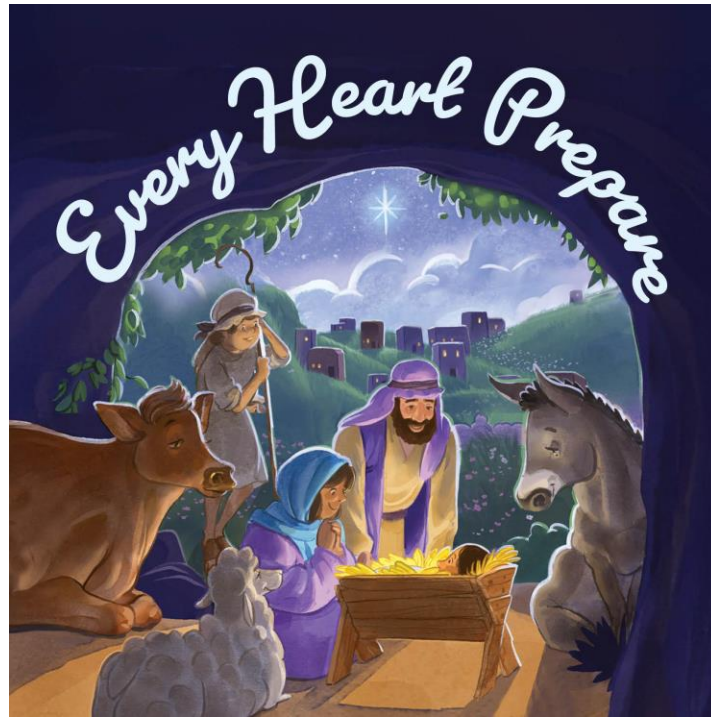
Nominating Committee and Budget Meeting on Thursday,
November 13, 2025.

Announcements

Reformation Celebration with dinner and New Member
Recognition on Sunday, October 26th.

Wreaths Across America

Adjournment with the Lord's Prayer



The Board of Education is preparing for the Christmas Eve children's program. The service will be held at 6:30 pm in the church on Wednesday, December 24th. Please complete the form below and return it to the offering plate or church office before Sunday, November 16th. Parts will be distributed on Sunday, November 23rd. Practices will be held on 11/30, 12/7, 12/14 and 12/21 from 8:15 am - 9:00 am. Board of Education is also looking for anyone interested in serving as the Director of the program. If you have any questions or are interested, please contact the Board of Education - Sharon Schwartz 979-251-0469, Sheryl Schroeder 979-251-1935 or Tracy Searle 979-277-5922.

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Name: _____

Will Participate: _____

Will NOT participate: _____