

Bethlehem Lutheran Church—William Penn Founded 1860—Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

# THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS' NOVEMBER 2, 2025 10:15 A.M.



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# Divine Service: Setting I with Holy Communion

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

Pre-Service Music

## November Bible Verse



And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Genesis 15:6

#### **Our Mission Statement**

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



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*,

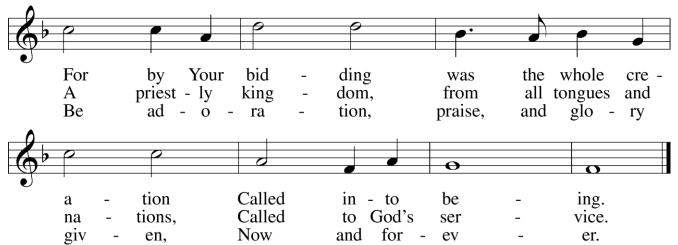
we ask that those visitors desiring to commune be members in good standing of a congregation of the LCMS and speak to the pastor or an elder before the beginning of the service. Our denial of admission to those who are members of another confession is not a judgment upon their faith but a recognition 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.

# Ringing of the Church Bell

Stand and turn to face the Cross for the Processional Hymn

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Splendor and Honor LSB 950 1 Splen - dor and hon maj - es - ty and pow or, er 2 Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our re - demp tion, 3 To the Al - might throned in heav'n-ly splen dor. y, 0 ev - 'ry bless Are Yours, O Lord God, fount ing, are made God's peo ple: whose self - of f'ring we  $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{y}$ Christ our Lamb and Shep And Sav ior, herd, to



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#### Stand

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

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

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

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

**INTROIT** 

Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

in your righteousness deliver me.

For you are my rock and my fortress;

and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

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.

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

KYRIE LSB 152

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



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



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.



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



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



#### HYMN OF PRAISE



#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



- **C** And al so with you.
- **P** Let us pray.
- C Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

FIRST READING Revelation 7:2–17

<sup>2</sup>Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." <sup>4</sup>And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

<sup>5</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,

12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,

12,000 from the tribe of Gad,

<sup>6</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Asher,

12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,

12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,

<sup>7</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,

12,000 from the tribe of Levi,

12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,

812,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,

12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,

12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their

faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
16They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL** 

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,

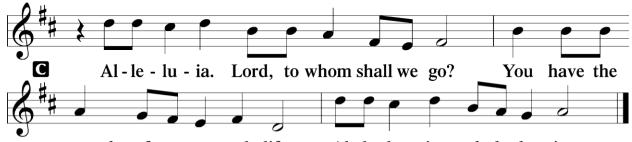
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

EPISTLE 1 John 3:1–3

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand



words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:1–12

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the fifth chapter.



<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

- <sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
- <sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- 5"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- <sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
  - 7"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
  - 8"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
  - <sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- <sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."





NICENE CREED LSB 158

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,

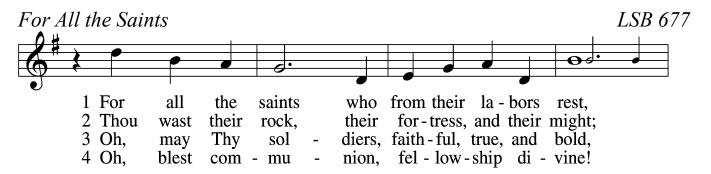
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

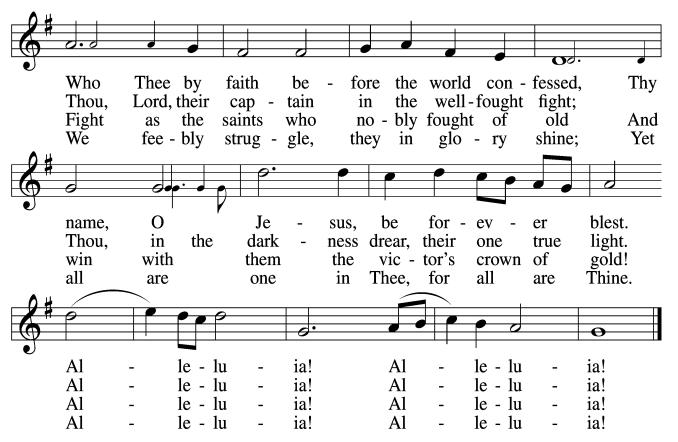
who spoke by the prophets.

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





- 5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph song, And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.

  Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of Glory passes on His way.

  Alleluia! Alleluia!
- △8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless

of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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# SERMON And So Are We – 1 John 3:1-3





#### REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

P In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before the Lord our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith and all those who are in our hearts and minds this day.

(The names of those who have died in the faith during the past 12 months are read.)

[A bell toll will follow the reading of each name. The names should be read slowly with a pause after each name.]

NAME	BORN	GLORIFIED
Roy Schroeder	August 28, 1945	December 7, 2024
Peggye Baldwin	June 28, 1943	April 18, 2025
Willie Kankel Jr.	November 1, 1933	May 1, 2025
Roger Schroeder	April 10, 1936	June 27, 2025
Dorine Selman	July 17, 1943	July 22, 2025
James Schoenemann November 5, 1955		August 14, 2025
Milton Schwartz	April 29, 1938	October 15, 2025

# **P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who loved and served You in Your Church on earth and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## C Amen.



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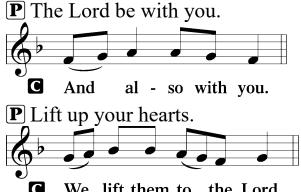
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

LSB 160 **PREFACE** 

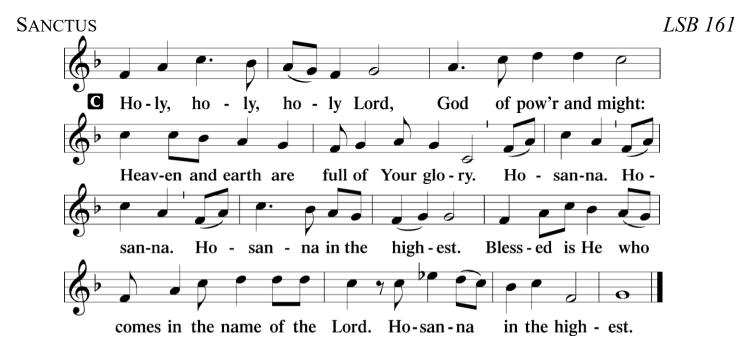


We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which

has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 162

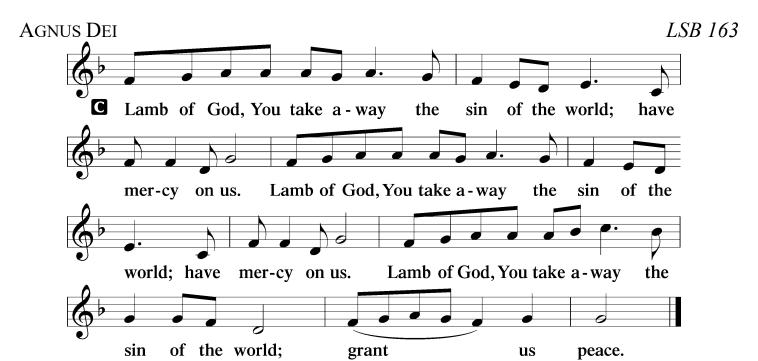
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

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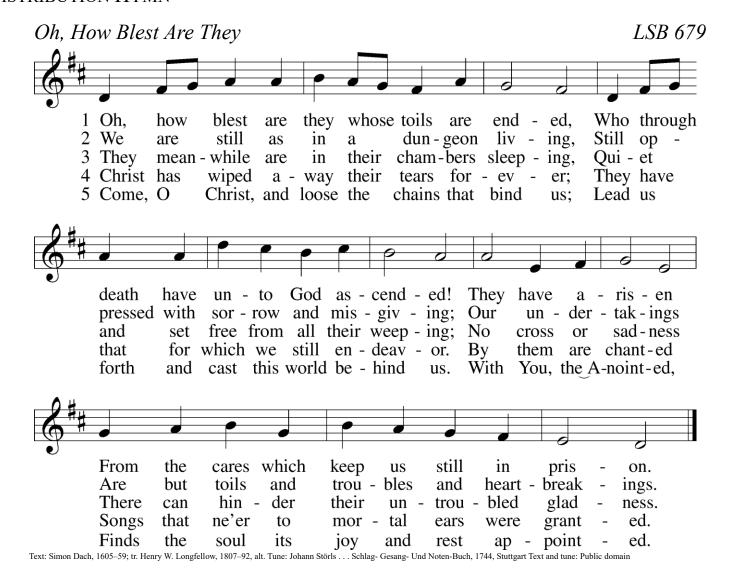
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.





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#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**







5 Oh, how blest it is to know:

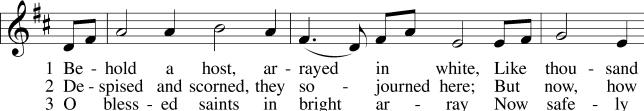
Were as scarlet my transgression, It shall be as white as snow
By Thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace; From the Law I stand acquitted. Christ hath purchased my release And my ev'ry sin remitted. Naught remains my soul to grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave:
Jesus sinners doth receive.



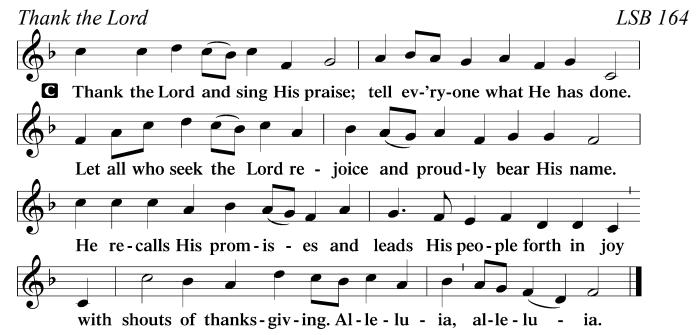






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#### POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



#### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB 166

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 in 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.

BENEDICTION LSB 166

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.



Stand and face the cross for the Closing Hymn.

#### **CLOSING HYMN**





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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.



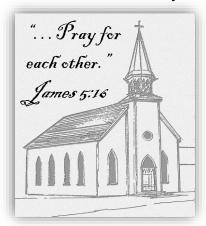
<u>Congregation</u>: For the family of Milton Schwartz as they mourn his loss; for Edith Erwin, healing, for Donna Hinze, who is recovering from back injury, give her peace and healing in the days and weeks ahead; for Tom Hayden's recovery after surgery and continued healing; for Adeline Platt's health; for health and healing for

Lathel Norris; for 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

<u>Community</u>: 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

<u>World</u>: 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:

- Dieterich Michael, Susan
- Erwin Edith
- Klussmann Karlton, Artie
- Klussmann Shirley
- Schroeder Dale, Cheryl, Ian, Annelise
- Schroeder Mike, Sheryl

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

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### This Week's Schedule

November 2 – November 9

Today: Feast of All Saints'

**9:00 AM** Sunday School, Adult Bible Class

**10:15 AM** Divine Worship: Setting I with Holy Communion

Acolyte: Winston Krieg
Crucifer: Dillion Nowicki
Greeter: Lillian Hayden

Ushers: Travis Medve Charles Meyer

Paul Richter Colin Schomburg

11:30 AM Youth League Meeting & Bible Study

Tuesday: 7:00 PM LWML Social

7:30 PM LWML Meeting

Wednesday 4:30PM Confirmation Class 7th/8<sup>th</sup> Grades

**Thursday:** 6:00 PM Elders' Meeting

**6:30 PM** Ladies' Bible Study

Saturday TBD LWML trip to Brookwood

Next Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

**9:00 AM** Sunday School, Adult Bible Class

**10:15 AM** Divine Worship: Setting I Acolyte: Taylor Nowicki

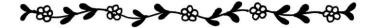
Greeter: Laura Fisher

Ushers: Brad Molitor Collin Schroeder

Michael Schroeder Shane Schroeder

Serving in November: Elder – Clinton Kettler / Trustee – Kevin Harrington

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 The Kankel family in rememberance of Willie Kankel's birthday



November 2 – (Proper 26) – The crowd around Jesus reminds us that our sinful flesh is always tempted to look upon those of small stature as those who are less worthy of Christ's love and protection (Luke 19:3-7). But Jesus reminds us

that whether they are physically small (like the unborn), or if we belittle them because of their sins (like Zacchaeus), He desires His salvation to come unto every person and each house (Luke 19:9), "for with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption" (Psalm 130:7).



## **Memorial Service for Milton Schwartz**

You are invited to attend the memorial service for Milton Schwartz on Saturday, November 8, at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. We will gather to give thanks to God for His gift of faith and for Milton's life in Christ. A reception will follow in the parish hall. All are welcome to join the family in remembering and rejoicing in the sure hope of the resurrection.



# Veterans Day Service—November 9, 11:00 am

On November 9, immediately following the 10:15 worship service, we have planned a service to remember and honor our veterans.

# Wreaths Across America Ceremony—Saturday, December 13, at 10:00 am



Members of the congregation are invited to a wreath placing ceremony at the gazebo to thank God and honor our veterans. If you would like to purchase a wreath, please take a form from the narthex, fill it out and return it by November 23rd. The wreaths cost \$17.00 each. If you'd like to donate to the cause, that would also be greatly appreciated.



# **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 <u>breadpartnersfoodpantry.org</u>). 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!

# 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 "Living Water – Jesus Teaches the Samaritan Woman." Jesus and His disciples pass through Samaria on their way from Judea to Galilee. Stopping at Jacob's well, Jesus remains behind as the disciples go in search of food. When a Samaritan woman comes to draw

water, Jesus begins a conversation with her, revealing all of her hidden secrets. Through their conversation, the woman recognizes Jesus as the true Messiah, and she spreads the Good News throughout the town. To reinforce this lesson with your kids, as a family, discuss: The woman was so excited that she left her water jar and ran to tell others the Good News about Jesus. How can we share this same message of God's love with people we know? The woman at the well was

just going about her daily task of getting water from the well when Jesus talked to her. Where do you go every day? How does God use you as a blessing in those places? The woman at the well had questions to ask Jesus. Jesus wanted to answer her questions, and He gave answers that helped the woman understand that He is the Messiah. It's okay to have questions. Sometimes we have questions too. If you were at the well with Jesus, what questions might you ask Him? Where does the water you drink come from? Where does Jesus give us living water? Also, parents, you can join Pastor Krieg in the adult Sunday School class. See you next week!



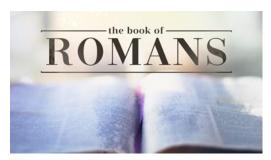
# High School Lesson

Our High School Sunday School class is beginning a new study series using Not-So-Nice Bible Stories: Master Criminals. In this engaging and thought-provoking study, students will explore the stories of some of Scripture's most notorious wrongdoers, and discover how God's mercy and grace still shine through even the darkest human deeds. Each lesson points us to Christ, who took the punishment for all sin upon Himself and gives us forgiveness, life, and salvation. Join us as we dig into God's Word, wrestle with tough questions, and see how even "master criminals" reveal our need for the one true Savior, Jesus Christ.

# Lesson 2 – The Call of Blood (Genesis 4:1–16)

Today in class, our High School Sunday students investigated Cain and Abel in "The Call of Blood." Students explored how jealousy and sin took root in Cain's heart and led to the first murder in human history. Yet even in the midst of judgment, God's mercy remained. We discussed how the blood of Abel cries out for justice, but the blood of Christ speaks a better word—one of forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace. Through this story, our students saw how the cross answers sin's violence with God's redeeming grace and how Christ's sacrifice covers even the darkest parts of the human heart.

# 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.

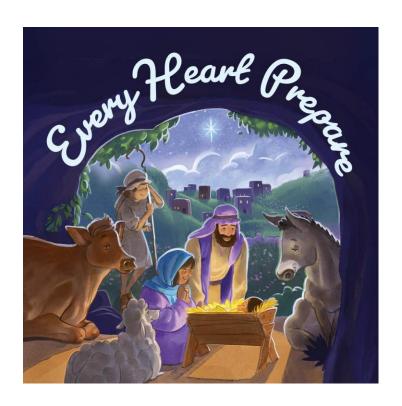


If any members who are using the online Vanco for their offerings and would like to go back to using envelopes or if you do not want envelopes and go to Vanco, please let Jackie Kankel know by November 16. Cell 979-251-2136 or email cjkan84@gmail.com

#### **Last Week at Bethlehem**

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	GIFTS IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL
Oct. 26	Sunday School	11	\$68.00
	Youth Bible Class	2	
	Adult Bible Class	17	
Oct. 26	Early Service	37	General Fund: \$90.00
	Worship Service	85	General Fund: \$4,526.32





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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