

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

# TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 9, 2025 10:15 A.M.



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# **Divine Service: Setting I**

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

Pre-Service Music



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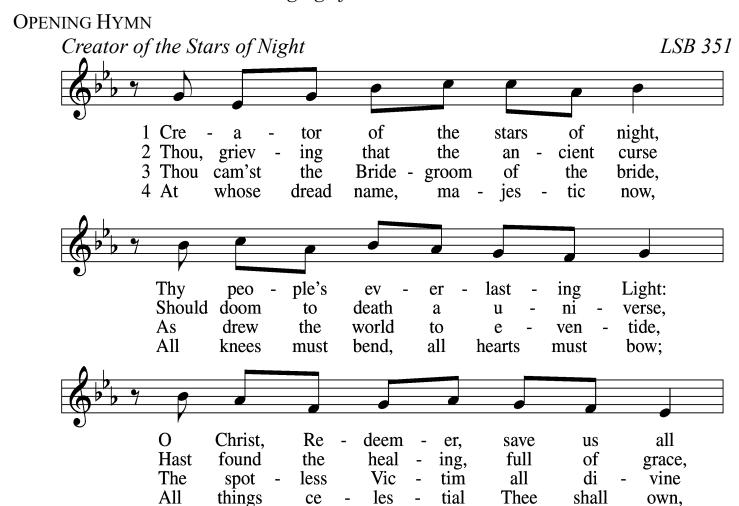
#### November Bible Verse

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!

## Ringing of the Church Bell



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And hear Thy ser - vants when they call. To cure and save our ru - ined race. Pro - ceed - ing from a vir - gin shrine. And things ter - res - trial, Lord a - lone.

5 O Thou, whose coming is with dread to judge the living and the dead, Preserve us from the ancient foe While still we dwell on earth below.

△6 To God the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One, Praise, honor, might, and glory be From age to age eternally. Amen.

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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.

You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

He is their help and their shield.

Why should the nations say,

"Where is their God?"

Our God is in the heavens;

he does all that he pleases.

Their idols are silver and gold,

the work of human hands.

Those who make them become like them;

so do all who trust in them.

The dead do not praise the LORD,

nor do any who go down into silence.

But we will bless the LORD

from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

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.

You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

He is their help and their shield.

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.



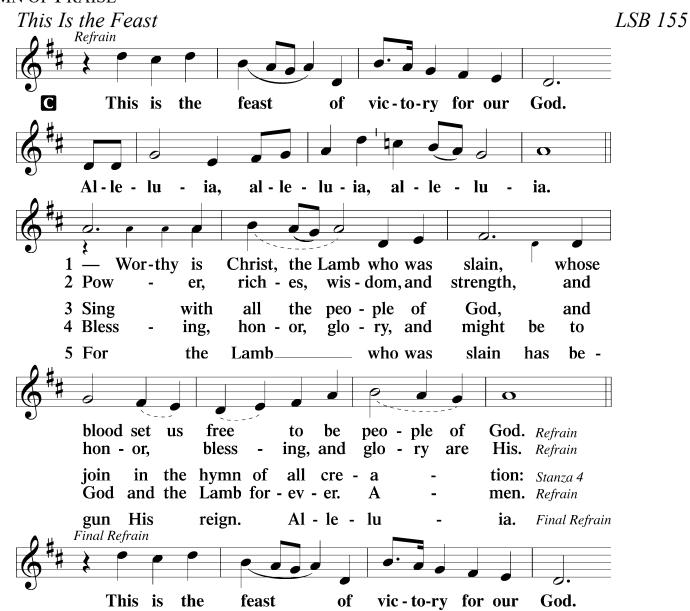
**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



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



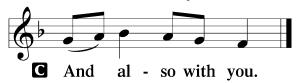
#### HYMN OF PRAISE





#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



- **P** Let us pray.
- C Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; 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**

Exodus 3:1-15

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to

Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup>He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup>Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you." <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."

**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 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-8, 13-17

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, <sup>2</sup>not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. <sup>3</sup>Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, <sup>4</sup>who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. <sup>5</sup>Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? <sup>6</sup>And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. <sup>7</sup>For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. <sup>8</sup>And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. . . .

<sup>13</sup>But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup>To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup>So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup>Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, <sup>17</sup>comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

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

Stand



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 20:27-40

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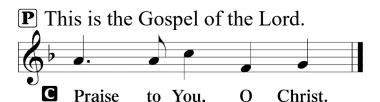
The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

words of e-ter-nal life.

<sup>27</sup>There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, <sup>28</sup>and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. <sup>29</sup>Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. <sup>30</sup>And the second <sup>31</sup>and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. <sup>32</sup>Afterward the woman also died. <sup>33</sup>In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

<sup>34</sup>And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup>but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, <sup>36</sup>for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup>But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup>Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." <sup>39</sup>Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." <sup>40</sup>For they no longer dared to ask him any question.



APOSTLES' CREED LSB 159

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

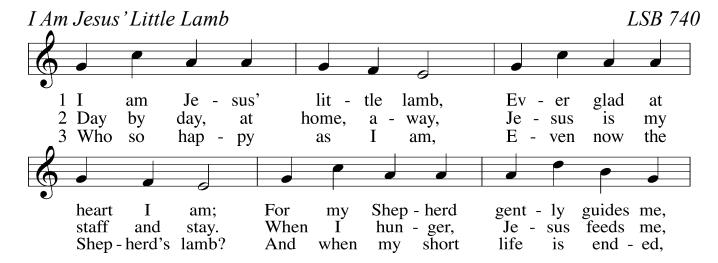
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

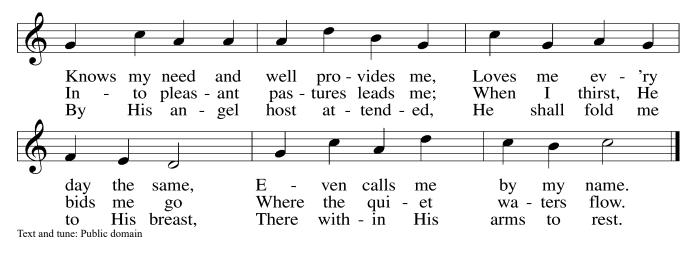
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.

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#### CHILDREN'S HYMN

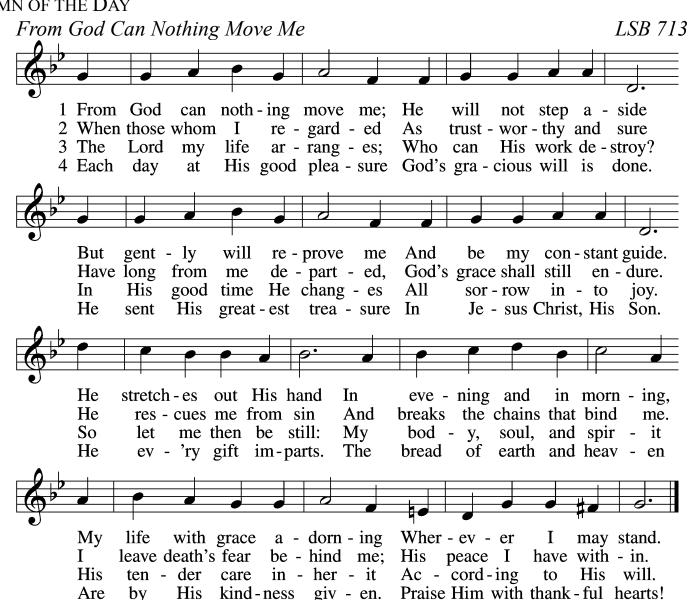
Children come forward during Children's Hymn





#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### HYMN OF THE DAY



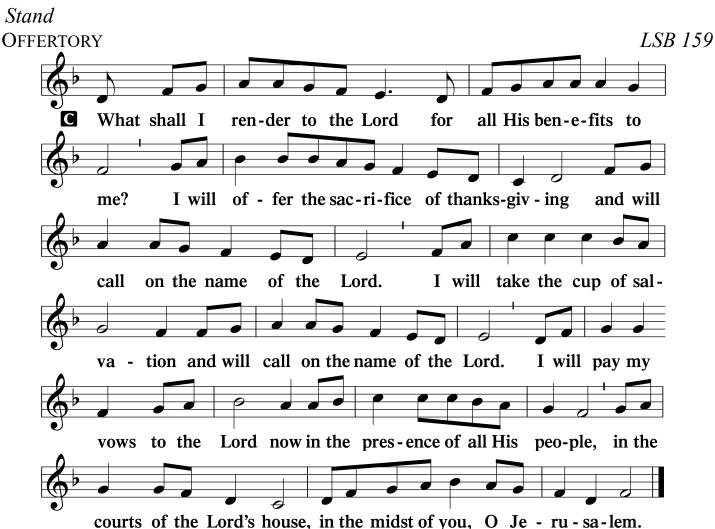
- 5 Praise God with acclamation
  And in His gifts rejoice.
  Each day finds its vocation
  Responding to His voice.
  Soon years on earth are past;
  But time we spend expressing
  The love of God brings blessing
  That will forever last!
- 6 Yet even though I suffer
  The world's unpleasantness,
  And though the days grow rougher
  And bring me great distress,

That day of bliss divine,
Which knows no end or measure,
And Christ, who is my pleasure,
Forever shall be mine.

△ 7 For thus the Father willed it,
Who fashioned us from clay;
And His own Son fulfilled it
And brought eternal day.
The Spirit now has come,
To us true faith has given;
He leads us home to heaven.
O praise the Three in One!

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# SERMON "No Mere Consolation" – Luke 20:27-40



#### OFFERING PRAYER

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**OFFERING** 

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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

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.



Sit

#### CLOSING HYMN





teach-ings pure Through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

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#### <u>Postlude</u>

Welcome to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, where we worship in the name of the crucified and risen Lamb of God, Jesus Christ our Lord.



<u>Congregation</u>: Healing for Don Koester as he recovers from back surgery; 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>: for Grace Lutheran School, that they may continue to be a place for the children of our community and congregation to learn and grow in their faith; may our Lord continue to deliver to us favorable weather; for Brenham Pregnancy Center and those whose lives they touched; 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:

- Fisher Laura
- Flisowski Kevin, Kelly, Kaden
- Klussmann Marilyn
- Klussmann Wayne
- Schroeder Elvera
- Schroeder Scott, Kandance, Tanner

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## This Week's Schedule

November 9 – November 16

Today: Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

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

**10:15 AM** Divine Worship: Setting I

11:30 AM Shekel Store

Acolyte: Taylor Nowicki

Ushers: Brad Molitor Collin Schroeder

Michael Schroeder Shane Schroeder

Wednesday: 8:30 AM Sonshine

**4:30 PM** Confirmation Class 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Graders

**Thursday:** 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Class

7:00 PM Budget and Nomination Committee Meeting

Saturday: 8:30 AM Sisters in Christ

**10:30 AM** Howard and Dorine Selman Funeral

Next Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

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

Acolyte: Michael Hinze

Ushers: Trenton Schwartz Lance Searle

Chris Smithermann Rallin Wellmann

## 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.

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The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by the Schwartz Family in memory of Milton Schwartz



Life Thoughts from Lutherans for Life

November 9 – (Proper 27) – God is defined by life!

He identifies Himself as the great "I am" (Exodus 3:14), the true and living God. Jesus also teaches us

that not only is God the living God, He is also the God of the living (Luke 20:38)! The Lord of life values the lives of all people so highly that He gives life to all people; He died to rescue all people from their slavery to sin, death, and the devil regardless of their size, age, or condition; and He promises resurrection and everlasting life to all who believe in Him.

## 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.

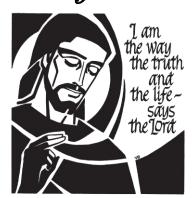


# **Board of Missions Canned Food Drive – Supporting Bread Partners of Washington County**

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." For thirty-eight years, a paralyzed man has lain by the pool of Bethesda, hoping to enter it and receive healing. Jesus asks if he desires healing and then tells the man to take up his bed and walk. When the

Jews see the man carrying his bed on the Sabbath, they question who told him to do this, but the man doesn't know who Jesus is. After encountering Jesus at the temple, the man reports back to the Jewish leaders, who persecute Jesus. To reinforce this lesson with your kids, as a family, discuss: How are we like the man at the pool? We may not have a physical problem or disease (or we may; many of us do), but we do have a sin problem. A sin-sickness. How does Jesus heal us from our sin-sickness? Let's make a list of things we want. Now, let's make a list of things we need. Who takes care of us and gives us those things we need? How does Jesus provide for us? How does Jesus serve us every day? Also, parents, you can join Pastor Krieg in the adult Sunday School class. See you next week!

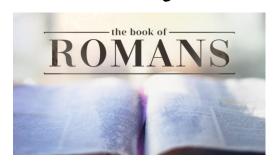
# High School Lesson

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 invistaged 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

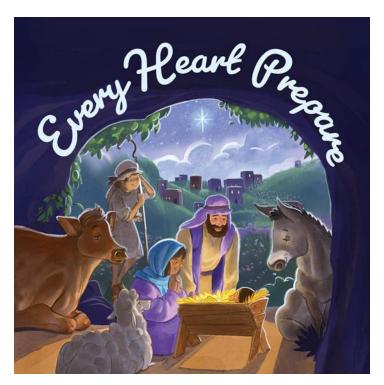
You may give tithes and offerings online by clicking the "Give" tab on our website (https://www.bethlehemwmpenn.org/), or just scan the QR code to the left.



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
Nov. 2	Sunday School	11	\$65.00
	Youth Bible Class	4	
	Adult Bible Class	28	
Nov. 2	Worship Service	111	General Fund: \$5,675.03



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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Will Participate:	Will NOT Participate: