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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

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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.

Ringling of the Church Bell

ENTRANCE HYMN

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

LSB 873



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa-nied by Thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a-rise; Tri-umph o'er the shades of night.
Joy-less is the day's re-turn Till Thy mer-cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra-dian-cy di-vine, Scat-ter all my un-be-lief;



Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
Till they in - ward light im - part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
More and more Thy - self dis - play, Shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88 Tune: attr. Johann G. Werner, 1777–1822 Text and tune: Public domain

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.

[C] 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.

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

C Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 121:1–2, 5, 7–8; antiphon: Luke 21:33

Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.

KYRIE

LSB 152

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast

LSB 155



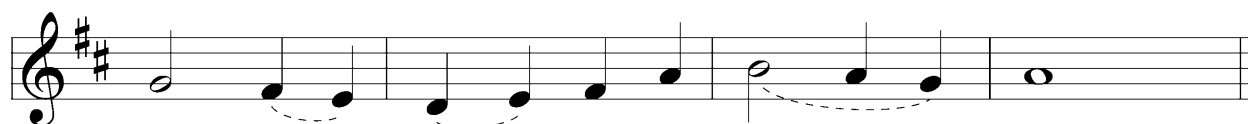
C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



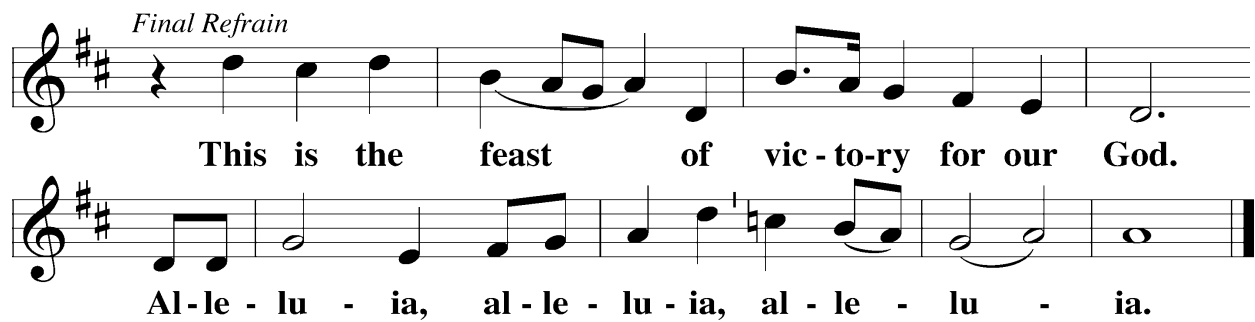
1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

C O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 4:1-6

¹ “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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 3:1-13

¹Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, ²and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. ³But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. ⁴And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. ⁵May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

COMMON ALLELUIA

LSB 156

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

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-first chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁵While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ⁷And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives.

²⁰“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²²for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man

coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

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

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

LSB 508



- 1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
- 2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
- 3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing
- 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was
Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -
dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be
trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As
might - y, bound-less pow'r, Be
known as they have been In
judg - e's stern com - mand To

Scrip - ture long has warned us.
changed at His com - mand - ing.
thoughts and words and ac - tions.
Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

6 May Christ our intercessor be
And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free
With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face,
With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.

Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532–99; tr. Philip A. Peter, 1832–1919, alt. Tune: Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert, 1535, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug.
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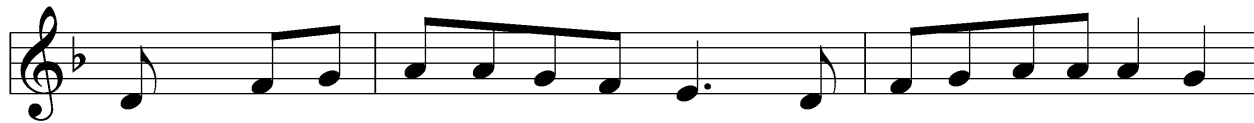
SERMON

Raise Up Your Heads – Luke 21:5-36

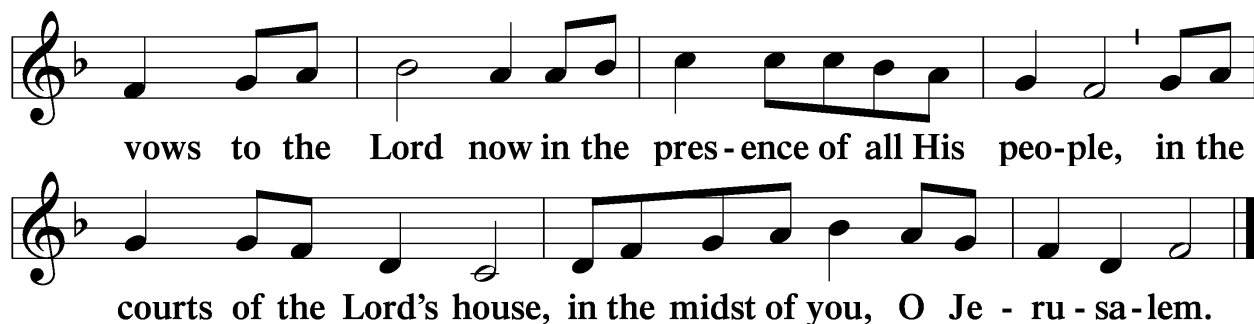
Stand

OFFERTORY

LSB 159



Q What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e - fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



OFFERING PRAYER

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

LSB 160

[P] The Lord be with you.



[C] And al - so with you.

[P] Lift up your hearts.



[C] We lift them to the Lord.

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



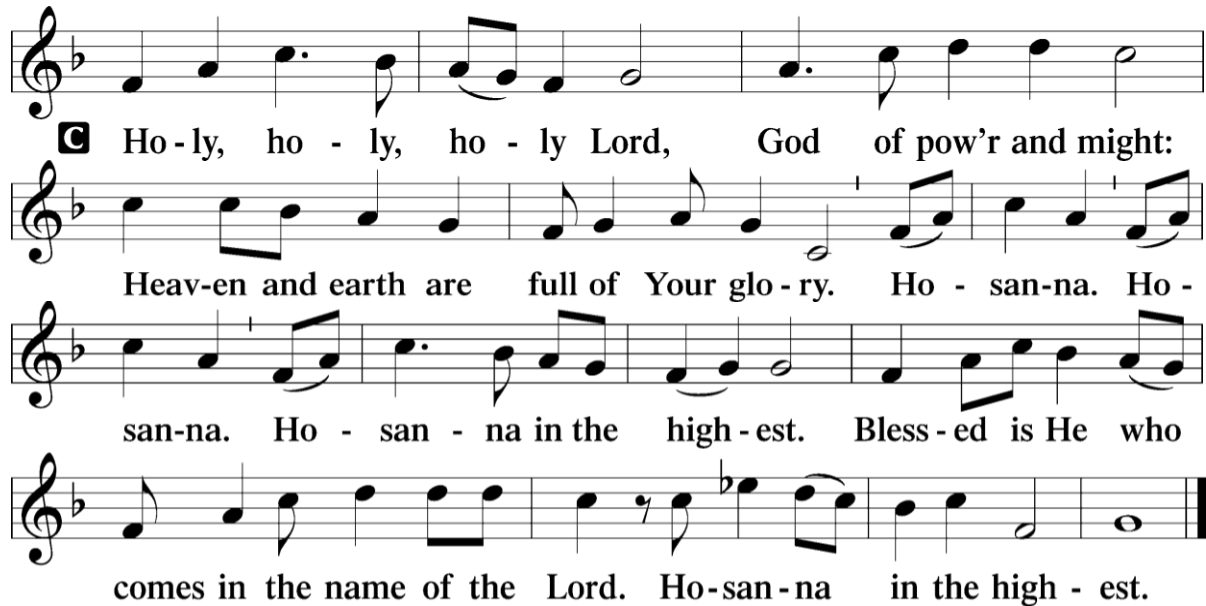
[C] It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

[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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

SANCTUS

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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."

PAX DOMINI

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

LSB 733

1 O God, our help in a-ges past, Our hope for years to come,
 2 Un-der the shad-ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se-cure;
 3 Be-fore the hills in or-der stood Or earth re-ceived her frame,
 4 A thou-sand a-ges in Thy sight Are like an eve-ning gone,

Our shel-ter from the storm-y blast, And our e-ter-nal home:
 Suf-fi-cient is Thine arm a-lone, And our de-fense is sure.
 From ev-er-last-ing Thou art God, To end-less years the same.
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be-fore the ris-ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 Soon bears us all away;
 We fly forgotten as a dream
 Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Be Thou our guard while
 troubles last

And our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Tune: William Croft, 1678-1727. Text and tune: Public domain

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB 633



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phantly go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You
lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!

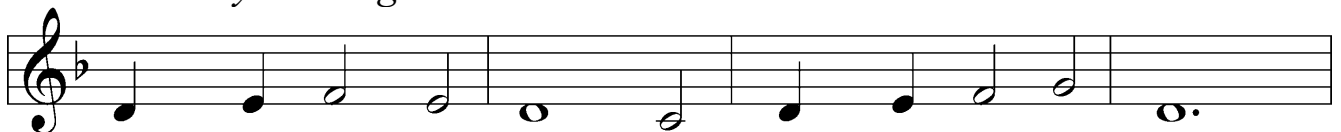
7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–68, alt. Tune:
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Christ Is Surely Coming

LSB 509



1 Christ is sure - ly com - ing Bring - ing His re - ward,
2 See the ho - ly cit - y! There they en - ter in,
3 Grace be with God's peo - ple! Praise His ho - ly name!



Al - pha and O - me - ga, First and Last and Lord:
All by Christ made ho - ly, Washed from ev - 'ry sin:
Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Ev - er - more the same;



Root and Stem of Da - vid, Bril - liant Morn - ing Star;
Thirst - y ones, de - sir - ing All He loves to give,
Hear the cer - tain prom - ise From the e - ter - nal home:



Meet your Judge and Sav - ior, Na - tions near and far!
Come for liv - ing wa - ter, Free - ly drink, and live!
"Sure - ly I come quick - ly! Come, Lord Je - sus, come!"

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The Clouds of Judgment Gather

LSB 513



1 The clouds of judg - ment gath - er, The
2 A - rise, O true dis - ci - ples; Let
3 The home of fade - less splen - dor, Of
4 Oh, hap - py, ho - ly por - tion, Re -



time is grow - ing late; Be so - ber and be
wrong give way to right, And pen - i - ten - tial
blooms that bear no thorn, Where they shall dwell as
lief for all dis - tressed, True vi - sion of true



watch - ful, Our judge is at the gate:
shad - ow To Je - sus' bless - ed light:
chil - dren Who here as ex - iles mourn;
beau - ty, Re - fresh - ment for the blest!

The judge who comes in mer - cy, The
The light that has no eve - ning, That
The peace of all the faith - ful, The
Strive now to win that glo - ry, Toil

judge who comes in might To put an end to
knows no moon or sun, The light so new and
calm of all the blest, In - vi - o - late, un -
now to gain that light; Send hope a - head to

e - vil And di - a - dem the right.
gold - en, The light that is but one.
fad - ing, Di - vin - est, sweet - est, best.
grasp it Till hope be lost in sight.

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Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank the Lord

LSB 164

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

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.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

LSB 348



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phunt breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
 But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
 And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
 The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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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.



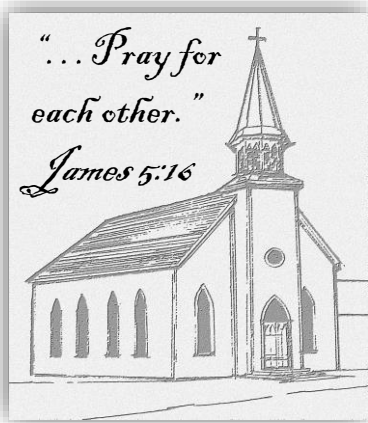
Congregation: Healing for Lillian Hayden from knee surgery; healing for Don Koester as he recovers from back surgery; for Edith Erwin, healing; for Donna Hinze, who is recovering from back injury, give her peace and healing in the days and weeks ahead; for Tom Hayden's recovery after surgery and continued 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

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:

- Flisowski – Albin, Brenda
- Foster – Moriah, Adeline Platt
- Klussmann – Corey, Amy, Caleb
- Koester – Don, Ann
- Schwartz – Jeff, Sharon, Logan
- Schwartz – Sandra

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week's Schedule

November 16 – November 23

Today:	<i>Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Adult Bible Class
	10:15 AM	Divine Worship: Setting I with Holy Communion
	Acolyte:	Michael Hinze
	Greeter:	Brenda Flisowski
	Ushers:	Trenton Schwartz Lance Searle
		Chris Smitherman Rallin Wellmann
Wednesday	4:30PM	Confirmation Class 7th/8 th Grades
Thursday:	6:30 PM	Ladies' Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Men's Club Meeting
Next Sunday:	<i>Last Sunday of the Church Year</i>	
	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Adult Bible Class
	10:15 AM	Divine Worship: Setting I
	Acolyte:	Norman Krieg
	Greeter:	Brenda Gaskamp
	Ushers:	Billy Ashorn Blane Ashorn
		Brian Ashorn Westin Ashorn

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 Pastor and Jennifer Krieg
in honor of their 20th anniversary*



November 16 – (Proper 28) – As the days draw closer to Christ’s return, we have witnessed people brought before kings and governors for the sake of Jesus’ name and the truth that every life is precious in God’s sight, just like Jesus warned (Luke 21:10-12). But don’t be afraid! “This is your opportunity to bear witness” (Luke 21:13)! We can go out “leaping like calves from the stall” (Malachi 4:2), proclaiming the sanctity of all life because we know that God promises to “give you a mouth and wisdom” (Luke 21:15) and that the “sun of righteousness” shall soon “rise with healing in its wings” (Malachi 4:2).



“Praise the LORD! *I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart*, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.” *Psalm 111:1*

Please make plans to worship with us **Wednesday, November 26th at 7:00pm**. We will praise and thank our Lord with worshipful music and celebrate The Lord’s Supper.



The ladies of the LWML will be having their annual ornament exchange and dinner. The event will be held on **Tuesday, December 2nd at 6:30**. If there are any ladies who would like to attend this social we would love to have you. Please **RSVP to Vickie Ashorn at 979-277-4393**. Bring a wrapped ornament to exchange.



Wednesday Advent Meals

Midweek Advent Worship Services begin **Wednesday, December 3rd at 7:00pm.** Before these services, we will gather for a meal in the Parish Hall. Please sign up on the form in the Parish Hall to help with these meals. Please note there are funds available from Thrivent to help with the meals. **Please contact Diane Jaehne for additional information 979-251-0248.** Thank you!

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.



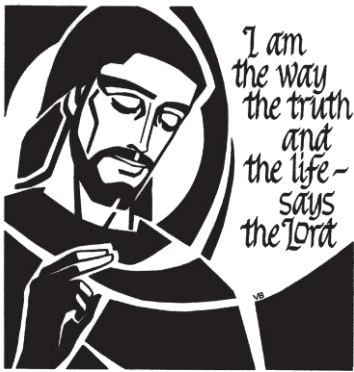
Board of Missions Canned Food Drive – Supporting Bread Partners of Washington County

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 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!



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 Matthew Matter – Jesus Calls Matthew." Jesus encounters Matthew sitting at his tax booth. He tells Matthew to follow Him, and Matthew responds immediately, inviting Jesus to his home. There, Jesus and His disciples dine with other tax collectors and sinners

despite the criticism of the Pharisees. When Jesus hears their comments, He reminds them that only those who recognize the sickness of their sin rejoice in the healing He alone can provide. To reinforce this lesson with your kids, as a family, discuss: Matthew was a bit of a leader before Jesus called him. He had authority to direct the soldiers about the taxpayers. But Jesus comes along and Matthew follows Him. How does Jesus lead us? How does Jesus serve us? Do you ever feel unworthy? How does being a child of God change that? The Pharisees were quite steadfast in their following of the Law, but Jesus fulfilled the Law and they hated Him. How does God's Law in the Ten Commandments make you different from or similar to the Pharisees? When you're sick, do you like going to the doctor? What if your doctor never came into the same room with you? How would that work? Talk about Jesus' words in Matthew 9:12. Also, parents, you can join Pastor Krieg in the adult Sunday School class. See you next week!

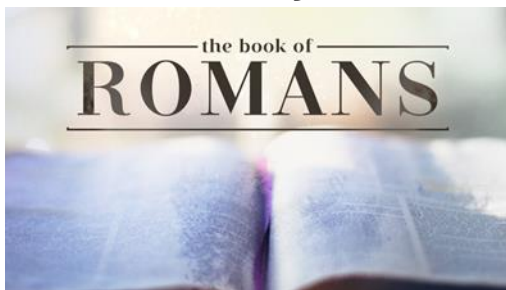
High School Lesson

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 3 – Wife? What Wife? (Genesis 12:10-20)

In this week's study our High School Sunday School class looked at Abraham's deception in "Wife? What Wife?" When fear and doubt led Abraham to lie about Sarah being his sister, we saw how even the father of faith faltered. Yet God remained faithful. Students discussed how sin twists even good intentions and how God's promises never depend on our perfection. Just as God protected Sarah and kept His covenant plan moving forward, He also guards His people today through Christ, the true and faithful Son of Abraham, who never failed in obedience and whose righteousness covers all our sin.

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



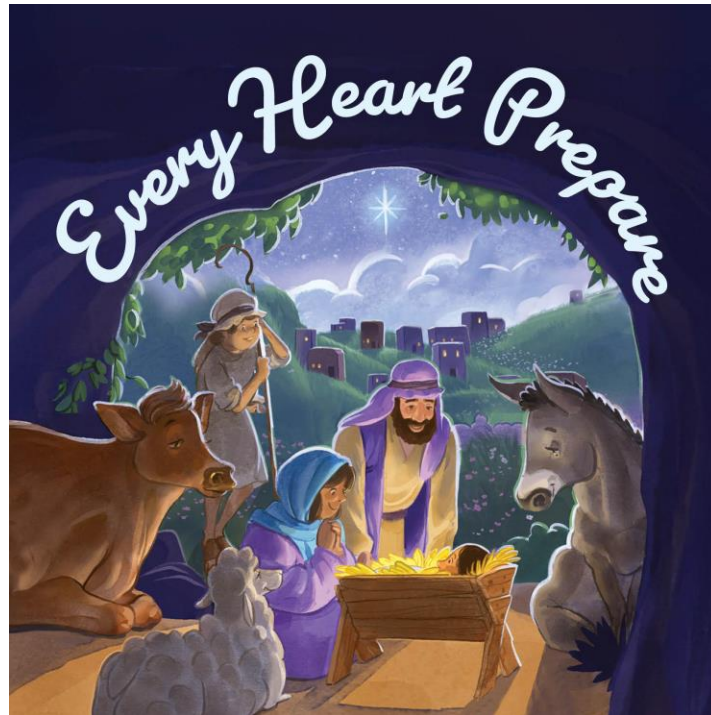
You may give tithes and offerings online by clicking the “Give” tab on our website (<https://www.bethlehemwmpenn.org/>), or just scan the QR code to the left.



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 16th. Cell 979-251-2136 or email cjkan84@gmail.com

Last Week at Bethlehem

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	GIFTS IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL
Nov. 9	Sunday School	14	\$ 43.00
	Youth Bible Class	1	
	Adult Bible Class	27	
Nov. 9	Worship Service	117	\$ 5,946.12
			James Schoenemann Memorial \$40.00
			Milton Schwartz Memorial \$590.00



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: _____