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Divine Service: Setting One

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

Pre-Service Music

October Bible Verse

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11:28

Our Mission Statement

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

Ringing of the Church Bell

OPENING HYMN

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

LSB 912



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,
△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;

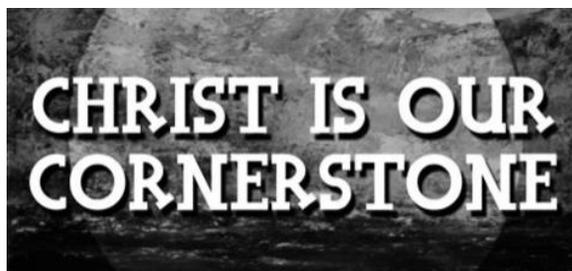


With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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

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

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

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 118:22–24; antiphon: v. 1

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**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.**

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

KYRIE

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

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



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



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

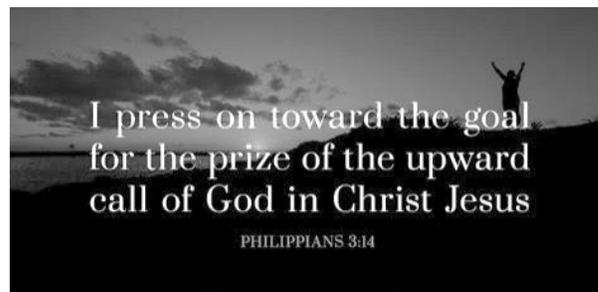
P Let us pray.

C Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

¹Let me sing for my beloved
 my love song concerning his vineyard:
 My beloved had a vineyard
 on a very fertile hill.
²He dug it and cleared it of stones,
 and planted it with choice vines;
 he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
 and hewed out a wine vat in it;
 and he looked for it to yield grapes,
 but it yielded wild grapes.
³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem
 and men of Judah,
 judge between me and my vineyard.
⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard,
 that I have not done in it?
 When I looked for it to yield grapes,
 why did it yield wild grapes?
⁵And now I will tell you
 what I will do to my vineyard.
 I will remove its hedge,
 and it shall be devoured;
 I will break down its wall,
 and it shall be trampled down.
⁶I will make it a waste;
 it shall not be pruned or hoed,
 and briars and thorns shall grow up;
 I will also command the clouds
 that they rain no rain upon it.
⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
 is the house of Israel,
 and the men of Judah
 are his pleasant planting;
 and he looked for justice,
 but behold, bloodshed;
 for righteousness,
 but behold, an outcry!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



EPISTLE

Philippians 3:4b–14

^{4b}If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But

whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

COMMON ALLELUIA

LSB 156

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33–46

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³³[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes”?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

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 \dagger everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S HYMN

Children come forward during Children's Hymn

Jesus Loves Me

LSB 588



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

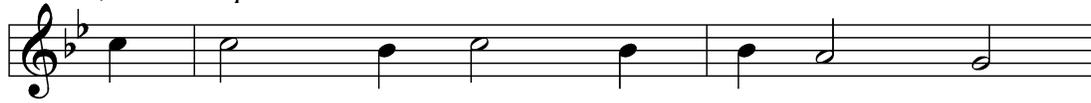
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Love, How Deep

LSB 544



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
 2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
 3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore
 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
 Of high - er or of low - er place,
 His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;
 For us His dai - ly works He wrought,



That God, the Son of God, should take
 But wore the robe of hu - man frame,
 For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;
 By words and signs and ac - tions thus



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
 And to this world Him - self He came.
 For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
 For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
 He bore the shameful cross and death;
 For us He gave His dying breath.

6 For us He rose from death again;
 For us He went on high to reign;
 For us He sent His Spirit here
 To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

△ All glory to our Lord and God
 For love so deep, so high, so broad;
 The Trinity whom we adore
 Forever and forevermore.

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SERMON

Same Song, New Ending – Matthew 21:33–46

OFFERTORY

LSB 159



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



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

OFFERING PRAYER

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

LSB 540



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of
 2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,
 3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of
 4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
 food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,
 Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es
 lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You
 Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the
 To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to
 Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our
 food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our
 You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful
 Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.
 thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.
 branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.
 God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

- 5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing
 To the Father's home on high,
 Christ, the truth that frees the captive,
 Christ, the life that cannot die.
 Mediator to the Father,
 Sacrifice and great High Priest:
 Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,
 There to share Your wedding feast.

- △6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
 Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
 Christ, the life and resurrection,
 Christ, the Church's glorious head:
 Praise and thanks and adoration
 And unending worship be
 To the Father and the Spirit
 And to You eternally.



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.



In order to be good stewards of the gifts God has given us, the newsletter will now be emailed to you directly to save on the cost of printing and postage. To ensure you continue receiving the newsletter, scan the QR code to the right to verify your email address.



Congregation: for the family and friends of Lorine Schroeder, as they mourn her death, may they not mourn like those without hope, but find comfort in God’s love and promise of salvation in Christ Jesus; for Blake Powers, Edith Erwin, Deloris Griffin, and Roger Schroeder; our Shut-in members: Renee Brinkmann, Mildred Holle, James Schoenemann, Floris Whittaker, Lathel Norris, and others who are unable to come to church

Community: for all those who still need rain, that the Lord would bless our lands so that they may produce in abundance; for Brenham Pregnancy Center and those whose lives they touch; for the 40 Days of Life campaign that began on Sept. 27, that it may be successful and people will turn away from a culture of death towards a culture of life in Christ Jesus; Faith Mission; St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church (vacancy); families and individuals cared for by Child Protective Services

World: 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; for peace in Ukraine

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week’s Schedule
October 8 – October 15

Today:	<i>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Confirmation, & Adult Bible Class
	10:15 AM	Divine Worship: Setting I
	Acolyte:	Lyla Kettler
	Greeter:	Laura Fisher
	Ushers:	Caleb Klussmann Melvin Ashorn Westin Ashorn Daryl Dahman
Monday:	10:00 AM	Worship Online
Tuesday:	6:30 PM	Women’s Bible Study
Wednesday:	8:30 AM	Sonshine
	4:30 PM	Midweek Confirmation Class
	7:00 PM	Church Council

Thursday: 7:30 PM Men's Club Meeting

Saturday: 10:00 AM 40 Days for Life Campaign

Next Sunday: *Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*
 9:00 AM Sunday School, Confirmation, & Adult Bible Class
 10:15 AM Divine Worship: Setting III with Holy Communion

Acolyte:	Lane Borgstedt	
Greeter:	Brenda Flisowski	
Ushers:	Ben Holtkamp	Michael Dieterich
	Landon Duckett	Delwin Gaskamp

Serving in September: Elder – Charles Meyer / Trustee – Robert Kettler

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 in memory of Lorine Schroeder by her family.

The Lutheran Witness Subscription

It's that time of the year again! Please let us know by emailing us at office@bethlehemwmpenn.org by **next Sunday, October 15** if you'd like to make a change to your *Lutheran Witness* subscription. **No action is necessary if you do not wish to make a change to your subscription.** While the church budget covers the cost of each member household's annual subscription, we kindly ask that you give \$22.50/subscription to help offset this expense. Thanks!



**Reformation
Sunday**

Attention!

Because Soup for the Group and the Reformation Celebration are scheduled on the same day, *we have decided to combine them into one great party!* So on Sunday, Oct. 29th, we will have a Reformation celebration to commemorate the 506th anniversary of the nailing of the 95 Theses. This will be a fundraiser for the Youth League as they raise money for their summer trip to Arkansas. The students will bring soup, and we ask the congregation to bring desserts. We invite you to stay after the church service for food, fun, and fellowship. There will be games and a movie for the kids, and a short study over the Reformation for the adults. For more information, please contact Pastor Krieg.

Although this is a Youth League activity, Pastor would like to extend the invitation to all members of Bethlehem. Stand with our youth as they stand for life!

**Stand
for
Life!**

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church
William Penn**



**40 DAYS
FOR LIFE**

WEDNESDAY, Oct 14
AT 10AM-12PM | College Station

On October 14th, in College Station, Bethlehem Lutheran Youth League will be participating in the 40 Days for Life campaign. We will be standing up for life from 10 am-12 pm. We will meet at church at 9:00 am. Afterwards we will have lunch in College Station before heading home. Please let Pastor know if your youth will be attending. If you want more information about this event, please contact Pastor Krieg or go to www.40daysforlife.com/en/collegestation.

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(across the street from TAMU's east
entrance) in front of the restaurants Layne's
Chicken Fingers, Torchy's Tacos and Raising
Cane's..

For more information on 40 Days for Life:
www.40daysforlife.com/en/collegestation



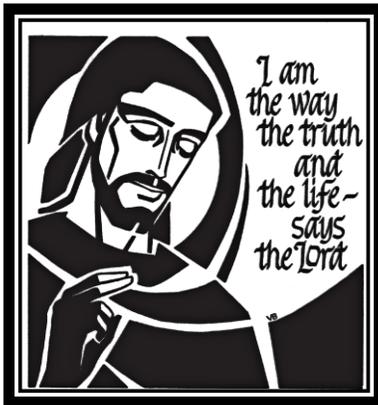
The psalmist openly rejoices that Almighty God cherishes every human life He creates. “Let your hand be on ... the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself” (Psalm 80:17). The same Lord invites us to delight in receiving one another as gifts and privileges—no matter what size, skills, or circumstances. Why settle for bloodshed when we can have justice (Isaiah 5:7)?

For more information, visit <https://lutheransforlife.org/>.

Sunday School Corner

Parents, next week in Sunday School, the kids will study the lesson, “Fiery Directions.” Miraculously rescued through the waters of the Nile by Pharaoh’s daughter, Moses escapes the condemnation pronounced on the other Hebrew boys. Leaving behind his life of privilege, Moses flees to Midian, where he encounters the living God in a burning bush. Through this encounter, God directs and equips Moses to rescue His chosen people from their slavery in Egypt. To prepare your kids for this lesson, as a family, discuss how we are saved through the waters of Baptism. So don't miss out on this exciting lesson, and parents, you can stay and join Pastor Krieg in the adult Sunday School class. See you next week!

New Adult Sunday School Lesson



What is the natural condition of man? What role does the Holy Spirit have in conversion, faith, and sanctification? Why are some saved and not others? These are just some of the questions we began to answer as we started our study of Unit 7, Conversion and Sanctification – The Work of the Holy Spirit, this morning. Next week, we will continue with Unit 7. If you could not attend today, please join us next Sunday during the Adult Bible Study hour before church, starting at 9 a.m., to learn the answers to these questions and so much more. 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. And if you would like a free digital copy of the Life with God book, you can get it here:

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<https://storage.snappages.site/HBG39K/assets/files/LifeWithGod-part2.pdf> (part 2)



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Last Week at Bethlehem

SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	GIFTS IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL
10-01 Sunday School	25	\$57.96
10-01 Youth Bible Class	3	
10-01 Adult Bible Class	31	
10-01 Worship Service	116	General Fund: \$4,942.00 Local Missions: \$25.00 Men’s Club: \$150.00