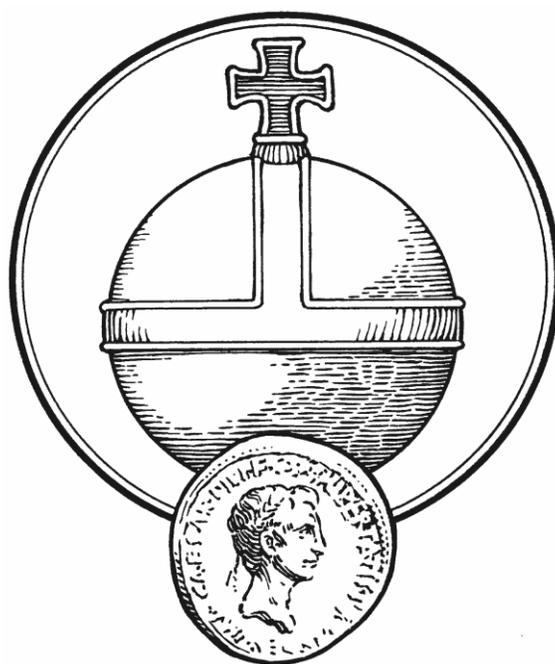




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## **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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To our Congregation,  
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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

#### *Praise the Almighty*

LSB 797



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!  
2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;  
3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er  
4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,  
△ 5 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and  
Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their  
Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -  
Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the  
Of Him who does such won - drous things! All that has



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as  
coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark  
va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in  
wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful  
be - ing, to praise Him sole - ly, With hap - py



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and  
grave en - gulfed its prey. Since mor - tals can no  
hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in  
God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren  
heart its a - men sings. Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.  
help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.  
in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.  
an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!



Al - le - lu - ia,                      al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia,                      al - le - lu - ia!  
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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Psalm 121:1–4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 5*

The LORD is your keeper;

**the LORD is your shade on your right hand.**

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

**From where does my help come?**

My help comes from the LORD,

**who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved;

**he who keeps you will not slumber.**

Behold, he who keeps Israel

**will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The LORD will keep you from all evil;

**he will keep your life.**

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in

**from this time forth and forevermore.**

**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.**

The LORD is your keeper;

**the LORD is your shade on your right hand.**

**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*

**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** O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 45:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
 whose right hand I have grasped,  
 to subdue nations before him  
 and to loose the belts of kings,  
 to open doors before him  
 that gates may not be closed:  
<sup>2</sup>“I will go before you  
 and level the exalted places,  
 I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
 and cut through the bars of iron,  
<sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness  
 and the hoards in secret places,  
 that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
 the God of Israel, who call you by your name.  
<sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
 and Israel my chosen,  
 I call you by your name,  
 I name you, though you do not know me.  
<sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other,  
 besides me there is no God;  
 I equip you, though you do not know me,  
<sup>6</sup>that people may know, from the rising of the sun  
 and from the west, that there is none besides me;  
 I am the LORD, and there is no other.  
<sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness,  
 I make well-being and create calamity,  
 I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

*1 Thessalonians 1*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers,

<sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. <sup>9</sup>For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,

<sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

**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 22:15–22*

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

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. <sup>16</sup>And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus,

aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?”

<sup>21</sup>They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**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.**

## CHILDREN'S HYMN

*Children come forward during Children's Hymn*

*Seek Ye First*

*LSB 712*

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
And His righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added unto you!  
Allelu, alleluia!
- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
Seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,  
Allelu, alleluia!
- 3 Man does not live by bread alone,  
But by ev'ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,  
Allelu, alleluia!

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

LSB 940



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -  
 3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred  
 4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet  
 △ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,  
 above are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
 born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,  
 three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy  
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with  
 And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to  
 As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the  
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
 set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.  
 bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.  
 bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

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## SERMON

*The Image of God – Matthew 22:15-22*

## OFFERTORY

LSB 159



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



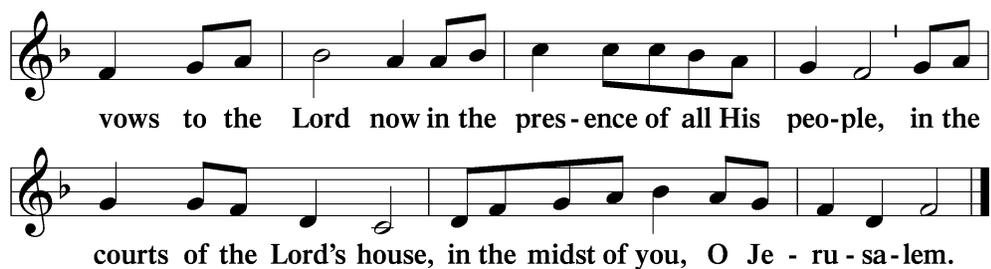
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



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

OFFERING

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.

— — — — —  
 May the Lord bless you and keep you;  
 May the Lord make His face shine  
 upon you and be gracious to you;  
 May the Lord lift up His favour upon  
 you and give you His peace.  
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CLOSING HYMN

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

LSB 850



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple  
 2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -  
 3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils



pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;  
 sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion



Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,  
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,  
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,  
 Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this  
 grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these  
 grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's  
 grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -



hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
 days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
 goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.  
 dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

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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.*



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 Blake Powers, Edith Erwin, and Deloris Griffin; for 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 family and friends of Sarah Farell (Millie Harmann's daughter), as they mourn her death; 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 which began on Sept. 27, that it may be successful and people will turn away from a culture of death to 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 Israel, as they face war and the terrorist attacks, bring a quick end to the violence and peace to the region; 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 22 – October 29**

<b>Today:</b>	<i>Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Outdoor Amphitheater Worship Service
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Sunday School, Confirmation, & Adult Bible Class
	<b>10:15 AM</b>	Divine Worship: Setting I
	Acolyte:	Harlee Duckett
	Greeter:	Brenda Gaskamp
	Ushers:	Caleb Kettler      Kaden Flisowski Greg Gaskamp      Kevin Goessler
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Sisters in Christ Bible Study
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Worship Online
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	Women's Bible Study
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>	Midweek Confirmation Class
	<b>7:30 PM</b>	Voters' Meeting
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	<i>Reformation Sunday</i>	
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Sunday School, Confirmation, & Adult Bible Class
	<b>10:15 AM</b>	Divine Worship: Setting I with Holy Communion
	Acolyte:	Connor Gresham
	Greeter:	Karen Gaskamp
	Ushers:	Caleb Klussmann      Stanley Haferkamp Tom Hayden      Craig Kankel
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	Reformation Celebration with Soup for the Group



**Reformation Sunday**

**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 to the Glory of God by Brenda Gaskamp.*

## voters' meeting

Please note that there is a regularly scheduled **Voters' Meeting** *this Wednesday, October 25 at 7:30pm.*



## Reformation Sunday

### Attention!

Because Soup for the Group and the Reformation Celebration are scheduled on the same day, *we have combined them into one great party!* **After church NEXT Sunday, October 29**, we will have a Reformation celebration to commemorate the 506<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Food Drive!

The Sunday School and Board of Ed are collecting canned goods *until November 12.*

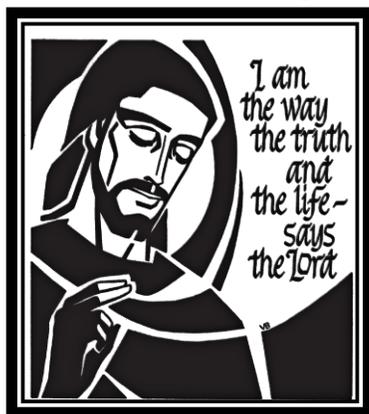
**Member of the congregation are encouraged to bring items for this cause, too.** Please leave canned goods in the box in the Parish Hall. *Thank you!*



## Sunday School Corner

Parents, next week in Sunday School, the kids will study the lesson, “A Loving Law – The Ten Commandments.” Months into their wilderness wanderings, the Israelites arrive in the wilderness of Sinai. God comes to the mountain in clouds and thunder—fire and smoke—as He establishes His covenant with His people through Moses, His chosen intermediary. There on the mountain, God gives Moses His Ten Commandments. To prepare your kids for this lesson, as a family, talk about why the Ten Commandments are still important in our lives today. 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 continued our study of Unit 7, Conversion and Sanctification – The Work of the Holy Spirit, this morning. Next week, we will start Unit 8. 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:

<https://storage.snappages.site/HBG39K/assets/files/LifeWithGod-part1.pdf> (part 1)

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*Life Thoughts from Lutherans for Life*

Taxes and politics may belong to Caesar, but every human life belongs to God from fertilization to forever. He made our bodies—and those of our neighbors—in His own image (Matthew 22:19-21).

And since He retains responsibility for deciding the manner of our life and the timing of our death, abortion and euthanasia are choices no one needs to make. For more information, visit <https://lutheransforlife.org/>.



*Online Giving*

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

**Last Week at Bethlehem**

SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	GIFTS IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL
10-15 Sunday School	24	\$34.87
10-15 Youth Bible Class	0	
10-15 Adult Bible Class	23	
10-15 Worship Service	90	General Fund: \$6,544.00 Lutheran Witness: \$22.00 Building Fund: \$500.00