



*Bethlehem Lutheran Church—William Penn  
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## **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Promotion Sunday

August 25, 2024



## Divine Service: Setting I

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

Pre-Service Music

### August Bible Verse

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me.’”

John 14:6

### Our Mission Statement

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

### *Ringing of the Church Bell*

OPENING HYMN

*Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide*

LSB 585



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bidē, For round us  
2 In these last days of great dis - tress Grant us, dear  
3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold Speak tongues of  
4 May glo - rious truths that we have heard, The bright sword



falls the e - ven - tide. O let Your Word,  
Lord, true stead - fast - ness That we keep pure  
fire and make us bold To shine Your Word  
of Your might - y Word, Spurn Sa - tan that



that sav - ing light, Shine forth un - dimmed in - to the night.  
till life is spent Your ho - ly Word and Sac - ra - ment.  
of sav - ing grace In - to each dark and love - less place.  
Your Church be strong, Bold, u - ni - fied in act and song.

- 5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride  
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside  
Or with some man-made thoughts or things  
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.
- 6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;  
Preserve our faith our whole life through—  
Your Word alone our heart’s defense,  
The Church’s glorious confidence.

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*Stand.*

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

**C** Amen.

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 CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**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.




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 SERVICE OF THE WORD

## INTROIT

*Psalm 26:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8*

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house  
**and the place where your glory dwells.**

Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity,  
**and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.**

Prove me, O LORD, and try me;  
**test my heart and my mind.**

I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O LORD,  
**proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.**

**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.**

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house  
**and the place where your glory dwells.**

## KYRIE

**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.



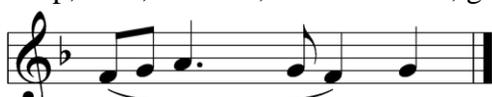
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**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:



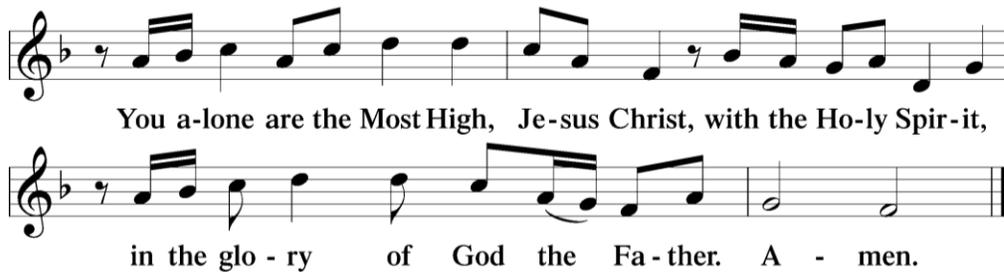
You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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** Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; 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

*Isaiah 29:11–19*

<sup>11</sup>And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot, for it is sealed.” <sup>12</sup>And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot read.”

<sup>13</sup>And the Lord said:

“Because this people draw near with their mouth  
and honor me with their lips,  
while their hearts are far from me,  
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,

<sup>14</sup>therefore, behold, I will again  
do wonderful things with this people,  
with wonder upon wonder;  
and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,  
and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.”

<sup>15</sup>Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel,  
whose deeds are in the dark,  
and who say, “Who sees us? Who knows us?”

<sup>16</sup>You turn things upside down!  
Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,  
that the thing made should say of its maker,  
“He did not make me”;  
or the thing formed say of him who formed it,  
“He has no understanding”?

<sup>17</sup>Is it not yet a very little while  
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,  
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

<sup>18</sup>In that day the deaf shall hear  
the words of a book,  
and out of their gloom and darkness  
the eyes of the blind shall see.

<sup>19</sup>The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,  
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

*Ephesians 5:22–33*

<sup>22</sup>Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. <sup>24</sup>Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

<sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup>that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup>so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup>In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup>because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup>“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup>This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand.*

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

*Mark 7:1–13*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, <sup>4</sup>and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) <sup>5</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,  
but their heart is far from me;

<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

<sup>8</sup>You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

<sup>9</sup>And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! <sup>10</sup>For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles

father or mother must surely die.’ <sup>11</sup>But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’ (that is, given to God)— <sup>12</sup>then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, <sup>13</sup>thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

**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 † everlasting. Amen.

Sit.

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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1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and  
 2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could  
 3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had  
 4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They  
 ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For  
 giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And  
 ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus  
 man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those  
 by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a  
 guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the  
 pure de - sires The spir - it of the  
 mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred  
 poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.  
 Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.  
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.  
 guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled  
 Or we must die despairing,  
 Christ came and has God's anger stilled,  
 Our human nature sharing.  
 He has for us the Law obeyed  
 And thus the Father's vengeance stayed  
 Which over us impended.

6 Since Christ has full atonement made  
 And brought to us salvation,  
 Each Christian therefore may be glad  
 And build on this foundation.  
 Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,  
 Your death is now my life indeed,  
 For You have paid my ransom.

7 Let me not doubt, but truly see  
 Your Word cannot be broken;  
 Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"

No falsehood have You spoken.  
 Baptized into Your precious name,  
 My faith cannot be put to shame,  
 And I shall never perish.

8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin  
 And makes us conscience-stricken;  
 But then the Gospel enters in  
 The sinful soul to quicken.  
 Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;  
 The Law no peace can ever give,  
 No comfort and no blessing.

9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone  
 And rests in Him unceasing;  
 And by its fruits true faith is known,  
 With love and hope increasing.  
 For faith alone can justify;

Works serve our neighbor and supply  
The proof that faith is living.

△10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise  
To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
The God who saved us by His grace;

All glory to His merit.  
O triune God in heav'n above,  
You have revealed Your saving love;  
Your blessed name we hallow.

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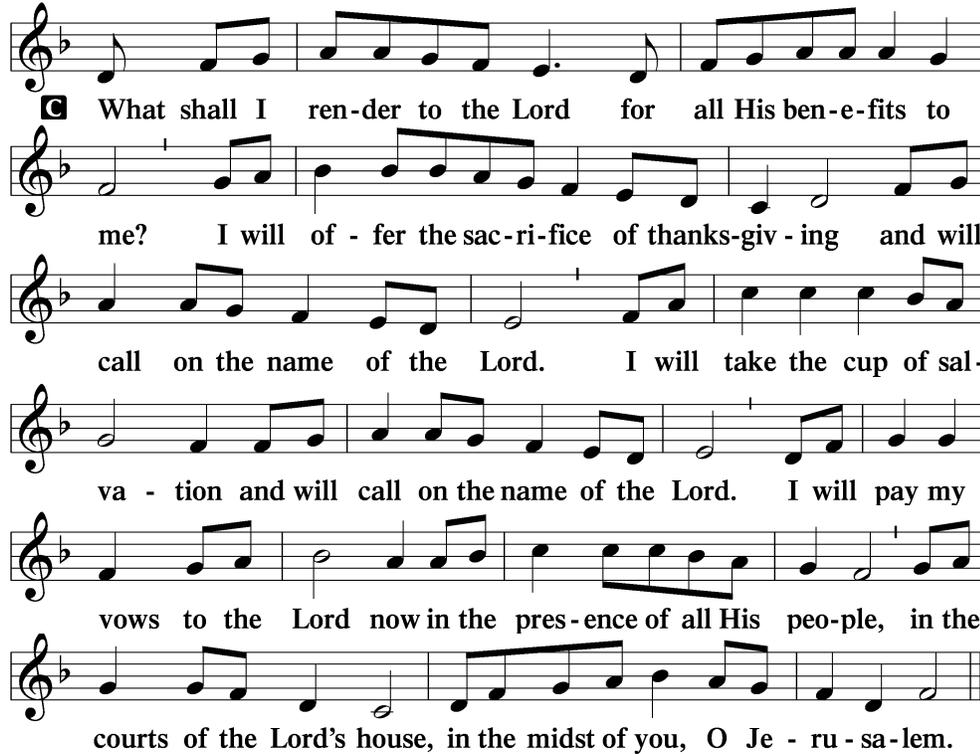
SERMON

*Reflecting Christ – Ephesians 5:22–33*

*Stand.*

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

*Sit.*

OFFERING

*Stand.*

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.

*Sit.*

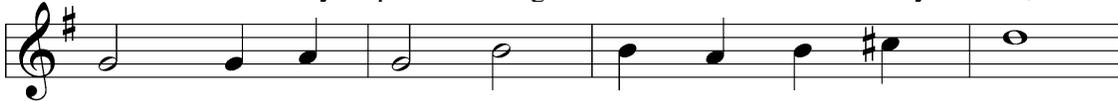
CLOSING HYMN

*Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise*

LSB 917



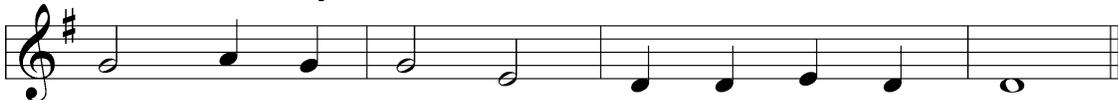
1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise  
 2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;  
 3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;  
 4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
 With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.  
 Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.  
 Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;



Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,  
 Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
 From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;  
 Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.  
 That in this house have called up - on Thy name.  
 For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.  
 Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

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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:** for Blake Powers, Edith Erwin, and Deloris Griffin; for our shut-in members: Renee Brinkmann, Mildred Holle, Lathel Norris, James Schoenemann, Roger & 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 in the war in Israel, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This Week's Schedule**  
**August 25 – September 1**

**Today:**

***Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost***  
***Promotion Sunday***



<b>9:00 AM</b>	Sunday School, Adult Bible Class
<b>10:15 AM</b>	Divine Worship: Setting I
Acolyte:	Marc Maya
Greeter:	Carin Landeck
Ushers:	Jason Ashorn      Kaisen Ashorn
	Melvin Ashorn      Daryl Dahman

**Monday:**

<b>8:30 AM</b>	Altar Guild Meeting
<b>6:30-8:00 PM</b>	Life With God—New Member Class

**Thursday:**

**6:30 PM**      Women's Bible Study

**Next Sunday:**

***Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

<b>9:00 AM</b>	Sunday School, Adult Bible Class
<b>10:15 AM</b>	Divine Worship: Setting I with Holy Communion
Acolyte:	Harlee Duckett
Greeter:	Becky Lueckemeyer
Ushers:	Doyle Dahmann      Michael Dieterich
	Landon Duckett      Tyler Gandy
<b>11:30 AM</b>	Youth League Meeting & Bible Study

**Serving in August: Elder** – Charles Meyer / **Trustee** – Doyle Dahmann  
**Serving in September: Elder** – Clinton Kettler / **Trustee** – Kevin Harrington

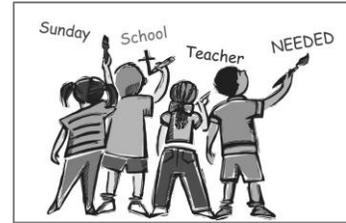
*If you have a question or thought concerning spiritual care or the church property, please contact the appropriate elder or trustee.*



*The flowers on the altar are given by Jeff and Sharon Schwartz in thanksgiving to God for their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

**Sunday School Teachers 2024-2025:**

As the new school year starts, so does our new Sunday School year! The Board of Education has a sign-up sheet in the parish hall for Teachers for the September 2024 to August 2025 school year. Teach for the full year or team teach (every other month). We appreciate everyone's assistance in getting these roles filled by Promotion Sunday.



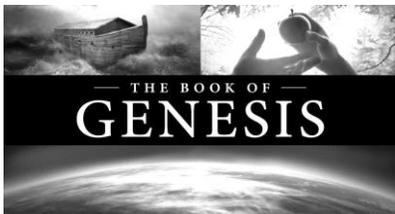
*Life Thoughts from Lutherans for Life*

The Gospel of Jesus Christ liberates us from living for ourselves alone. We reside in the hands of Almighty God like clay and potter (Isaiah 29:16). So we don't have to settle for "my body, my choice." Instead, we get to benefit from Him deciding life and death on our behalf. May our marriages and parenting replicate the magnificent way Christ and Church abandon themselves to one another (Ephesians 5:22-23). For more information, please visit <https://lutheransforlife.org/>.

***Sunday School Corner***

Parents, throughout the summer Sunday School, students will explore the connections between biblical characters and modern-day vocations. Today in Sunday School, the kids learned about "Titus, the Pastor." As God called Paul to the preaching office for the sake of His elect and their eternal life, so He also called Titus and the pastors Titus appointed in Crete as gifts to His Church. To reinforce this lesson for your kids, as a family, discuss, "How did God strengthen Titus for his service? Why has God given us a pastor?" And don't miss out on next week's exciting lesson as we begin our Fall quarter lessons with "Handmade – Adam and Eve." Also, parents, you can join Pastor Krieg in the adult Sunday School class. See you next week!

***New Adult Sunday School Lesson***



Genesis lays the foundation for all the events and doctrines of Holy Scripture. Studying its characters and events will prepare you for a much broader understanding of God's ways with humankind. Throughout Genesis, Moses emphasizes that these records apply not simply to Israel but to all nations and families of the earth. See in the patriarchs' weaknesses, struggles, and joys a mirror of families today. The Lord,

through promise and faith, makes all the difference for the patriarchs, and He will likewise bless and lead you. So join us as we begin our study of the book of Genesis. 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.

**Last Week at Bethlehem—August 18**

SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	GIFTS IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL
Sunday School	12	\$156.00
Youth Bible Class	3	
Adult Bible Class	27	
Sunday Worship Service	130	General Fund: \$9,620.00 Scott Hemann Memorial: \$200.00 Local Missions: \$25.00