



*Bethlehem Lutheran Church—William Penn  
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## **ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**

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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

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

### 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.

## Ringing of the Church Bell

### OPENING HYMN

*For All the Saints*

LSB 677



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;  
 3 Oh, may Thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,  
 4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy  
 Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;  
 Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And  
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
 win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!  
 all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of Glory passes on His way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

△8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*Stand.*

INVOCATION

*LSB 151*

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

**C** Amen.



CONFESSIO 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.

**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 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b*

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.**

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

**in your righteousness deliver me.**

For you are my rock and my fortress;

**and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.**

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

**you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

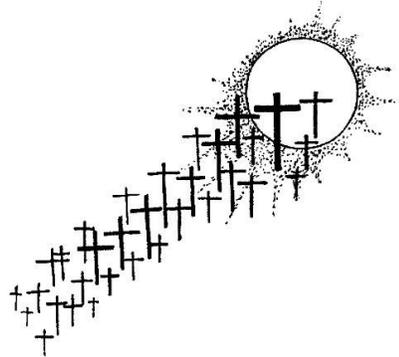
**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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.**



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.

*This Is the Feast*  
*Refrain*

**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*



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



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

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al-so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Sit.*

## FIRST READING

*Revelation 7:2–17*

<sup>2</sup>Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea,

<sup>3</sup>saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on

their foreheads.”<sup>4</sup> And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

- <sup>5</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
- 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
- 12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
- <sup>6</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
- 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
- 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
- <sup>7</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
- 12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
- 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
- <sup>8</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
- 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
- 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “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.

<sup>15</sup>“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

*1 John 3:1–3*

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

**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

*Matthew 5:1–12*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



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

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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



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

NICENE CREED

*LSB 159*

**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.**

*Sit.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Behold a Host, Arrayed in White*

LSB 676



1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, Like thou - sand  
2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; But now, how  
3 O bless - ed saints in bright ar - ray Now safe - ly



snow - clad moun - tains bright! With palms they stand; Who  
glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, A  
home in end - less day, Ex - tol the Lord, Who



is this band Be - fore the throne of light? These are the  
priest - ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. On earth they  
with His Word Sus - tained you on the way. The steep and



saints of glo - rious fame, Who from the great af -  
wept through bit - ter years; Now God has wiped a -  
nar - row path you trod; You toiled and sowed the



flic - tion came And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood  
way their tears, Trans - formed their strife To heav'n - ly life,  
Word a - broad; Re - joice and bring Your fruits and sing



Are cleansed from guilt and shame. They now serve God both  
And freed them from their fears. They now en - joy the  
Be - fore the throne of God. The myr - iad an - gels

day and night; They sing their songs in end - less light. Their  
 Sab - bath rest, The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; The  
 raise their song; O saints, sing with that hap - py throng! Lift  
 an - thems ring As they all sing With an - gels shin - ing bright.  
 Lamb, their Lord, At fes - tive board Him - self is host and guest.  
 up one voice; Let heav'n re - joice In our Re - deem - er's song!

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SERMON  
*The Saints – Revelation 7:2–17*



**REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

*The LSB Agenda, pg. 152*

**P** In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before the Lord our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith and all those who are in our hearts and minds this day.

*(The names of those who have died in the faith during the past 12 months are read.)*

*[A bell toll will follow the reading of each name.]*

NAME	BORN	GLORIFIED
Jon Siemsglusz	August 27, 1937	November 26, 2023
Carl Dimoush	January 18, 1927	January 12, 2024
Floris Whittaker	February 22, 1934	February 11, 2024
Fred Schwartz, Jr.	November 8, 1935	June 2, 2024
Scott Hemann	April 11, 1958	June 6, 2024

**P** Let us pray.  
 Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who loved and served You in Your Church on earth and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

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



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

from the Lutheran Service Book, page 160

PREFACE

LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.



**R** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**R** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

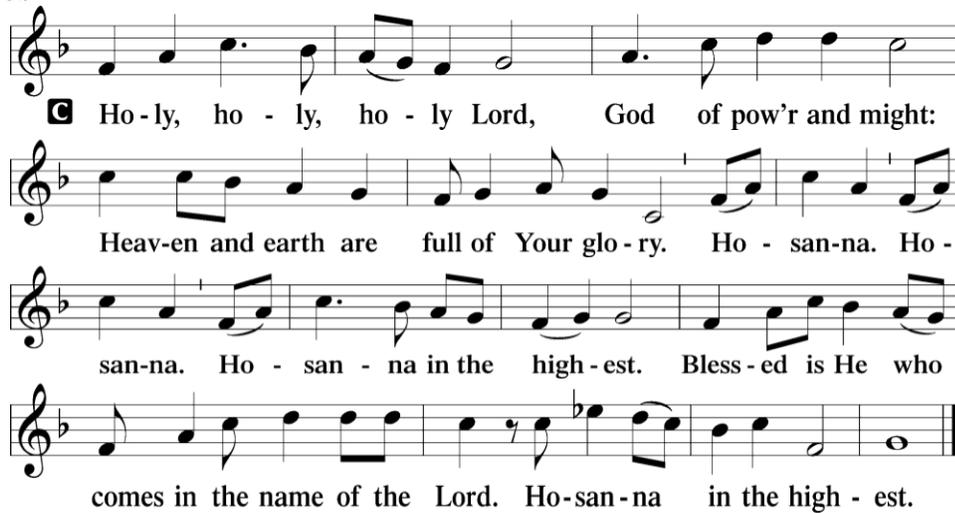


**R** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**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:

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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

AGNUS DEI

**C** 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 HYMNS

*Wide Open Stand the Gates*

1 Wide o - pen stand the gates a - dorned with pearl, While  
2 He speaks the Word the bread and wine to bless: "This  
3 The cher - u - bim, their fac - es veiled from light, While  
round God's gold - en throne The choirs of saints in  
is My flesh and blood!" He bids us eat and  
saints in won - der kneel, Sing praise to Him whose  
end - less cir - cles curl, And joy - ous praise the Son!  
drink with thank - ful - ness This gift of ho - ly food.  
face with glo - ry bright No earth - ly masks con - ceal.  
They watch Him now de - scend - ing To vis - it wait-ing earth.  
All hu - man thought must fal - ter— Our God stoops low to heal,  
This sac - ra - ment God gives us Binds us in u - ni - ty,  
The Lord of Life un - end - ing Brings dy - ing hope new birth!  
Now pres - ent on the al - tar, For us both host and meal!  
Joins earth with heav'n be - yond us, Time with e - ter - ni - ty!

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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 - gulf 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!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bid, 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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1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty  
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -  
 3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the  
 4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in  
 deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through  
 mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'  
 on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.  
 these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
 lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.  
 ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

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*Stand.*

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

*Thank the Lord*

*LSB 164*



**C** 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.



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, since You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us unto Yourself, grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the Good News of Your salvation that all who hear may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**C** Amen.

BENEDICTION

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**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

*Sing with All the Saints in Glory*

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1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -  
 2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has  
 3 Life e - ter - nal! Heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who



rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,  
 yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing  
 once was dead. Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es!



To the for - mer days be - long. All a - round the  
 Nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,  
 Child of God, lift up your head! Life e - ter - nal!



clouds are break - ing; Soon the storms of time shall  
 Christ pre - pares it; There on high our wel - come  
 Oh, what won - ders Crowd on faith; what joy un -



cease; In God's like - ness we a - wak - en,  
 waits. Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it,  
 known, When, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders,



Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.  
 Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.  
 Saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

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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.*



## Remembering Reformation



Our 2010 Anniversary Banner serves well as our Reformation Banner. We have Luther's Rose (or Reformation Rose), our congregation, and an open Bible. Luther's white rose is centered around a black cross of sin, which is surrounded by a red heart of God's love. As the steeple of our church (our faith and our belief) rises through the rose, it overshadows the black cross of sin and is encompassed by the red heart of God's grace. The cross-topped steeple then enters the white rose of innocence and purity, which, because of God's grace, through our faith, is how God now sees us. At the banner base, we have the open Bible (Scripture) with the reading from Psalm 79:13—*"But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise."*

## Bethlehem Prayer Vigil: Seeking God's Guidance for Our Nation

*Are you worried about the coming election?*

*Wish there were something you could do?*



Join us in the Bethlehem Prayer Vigil! From the beginning of October until the election, we invite you to come and pray for our country daily in the sanctuary. Let's unite in prayer and seek God's wisdom and protection during this crucial time.

### **How It Works:**

- **Dates:** October 1st - Election Day
- **Location:** Church Sanctuary
- **Goal:** At least one congregation member praying each day



**Sign-Up:** To ensure each day is covered, please sign up on the form in the parish hall or use the QR code above for the day and time you wish to come and pray. Others may join you during your chosen time if they would like. A booklet will be available in the narthex to help guide you if you so desire.



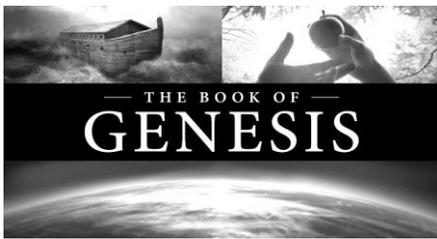
The Board of Education is preparing for the Christmas Eve children's program. The service will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the church on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. **Please let us know if your child or grandchild will be participating by November 17<sup>th</sup>.** Parts will be distributed on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Practices** will be held on **December 1<sup>st</sup>, December 8<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup> and December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m** with a small breakfast being served after for the kids. If you have any questions, please contact the Board of Education.

## *Sunday School Corner*

In our Fall unit, we begin a deeper study of the Old Testament. This unit begins with the creation of man and woman and leads to the exodus of the children of Israel from Egypt. Today in Sunday School, the kids studied the lesson “A Basket of Hope – Moses is Born.” Three hundred years after the death of Joseph, Egypt’s new pharaoh despises the Hebrews. Pharaoh demands greater work output from the Hebrew slaves while seeking to reduce their population through infanticide. Moses’ mother manages to hide baby Moses until he is three months old, when she finally sets him afloat in a basket. Discovered by Pharaoh’s daughter, Moses enters a life of privilege. To reinforce this lesson for your kids, as a family, discuss, “God uses ordinary women, the midwives Shiphrah and Puah, to keep many Hebrew babies safe. He uses an ordinary basket to keep Moses safe in the water. How do you see God using ordinary people and things to keep us safe in our lives today? God had a plan for Moses. God has a plan for your lives. The most important part of His plan for you includes your salvation through Jesus. How has God carried out His plan in your life?” And don't miss out on next week’s exciting lesson as we continue our Fall quarter lessons with “Signs of the True God – Moses and the Plagues.” 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—October 27**

SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	GIFTS IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL
8:00 Worship Service	42	General Fund: \$615.00
Sunday School	12	\$87.00
Adult Bible Class	24	
10:15 Worship Service	95	General Fund: \$1,613.73 Samaritan’s Purse: \$200.00