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ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS (OBSERVED)

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10:15 AM



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St. Michael and All Angels (Observed)

September 27, 2026 – 10:15 AM

Divine Service: Setting I with Holy Communion

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

Pre-Service Music



September Bible Verse

“The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble;
He knows those who take refuge in Him.”

Nahum 1:7

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.

Ring of the Church Bell

Stand and turn to face the ✠ Cross for the Processional Hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken

LSB 521



1 Christ,	the	Lord	of	hosts,	un - shak - en	By	the	dev - il's
2 Mi -	chael	fought	the	heav'n - ly	bat - tle,	God - ly	an - gels	
3 Long	on	earth	the	bat - tle	ra - ges,	Since	the	ser - pent's
4 Je -	sus	came,	this	word	ful - fill - ing,	Tram - pled	Sa -	tan,

seeth-ing rage, Thwarts the plan of Sa - tan's min - ions;
by his side; Warred a - gainst the an - cient ser - pent,
first de - ceit; Twist - ed God's com - mand to Ad - am,
death de - fied; Bore the brunt of our temp - ta - tion,
Wins the strife from age to age; Con - quers sin and
Foiled the beast, so full of pride, Cast him earth-bound
Made for - bid - den fruit look sweet. Then the curse of
On the wretch - ed tree He died. Yet to life was
death for - ev - er; Slams them in their steel - y cage.
with his an - gels; Now he prowls, un - sat - is - fied.
God was spo - ken: "You'll lie crushed be - neath His feet!"
raised vic - to - rious; By His life our life sup - plied.

5 Swift as lightning falls the tyrant
From his heav'nly perch on high,
As the word of Jesus' vict'ry
Floods the earth and fills the sky.
Wounded by a wound eternal
Now his judgment has drawn nigh!

6 Jesus, send Your angel legions
When the foe would us enslave.
Hold us fast when sin assaults us;
Come, then, Lord, Your people save.
Overthrow at last the dragon;
Send him to his fiery grave.

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The sign of the ✠ Cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

LSB 151

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

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

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

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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

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

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 103:20–22; antiphon: v. 1

Bless the LORD, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Bless the LORD, O you his angels,

you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!

Bless the LORD, all his hosts,

his ministers, who do his will!

Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

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.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

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

This Is the Feast

LSB 155



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



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



1 — Wor-ty 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.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

C Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 10:10–14; 12:1–3

¹⁰And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.

¹¹And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. ¹²Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. ¹³The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, ¹⁴and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come. ...”

¹“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ²And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalms 91:11, 103:1

He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

⁷Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. ¹²Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

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

Luke 10:17–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” ¹⁸And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

LSB 158

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise

LSB 522



1 Lord God, to Thee we give all praise, With grate - ful
2 They shine with light and heav'n - ly grace And con - stant -
3 They nev - er rest nor sleep as we; Their whole de -
4 The an - cient drag - on is their foe; His en - vy



hearts our voic - es raise, That an - gel hosts Thou didst cre -
ly be - hold Thy face; They heed Thy voice, they know it
light is but to be With Thee, Lord Je - sus, and to
and his wrath they know. It al - ways is his aim and



ate A - round Thy glo - rious throne to wait.
well, In god - ly wis - dom they ex - cel.
keep Thy lit - tle flock, Thy lambs and sheep.
pride Thy Chris - tian peo - ple to di - vide.

5 As he of old deceived the world
And into sin and death has hurled,
So now he subtly lies in wait
To undermine both Church and state.

6 A roaring lion, round he goes,
No halt nor rest he ever knows;
He seeks the Christians to devour
And slay them by his dreadful pow'r.

7 But watchful is the angel band
That follows Christ on ev'ry hand
To guard His people where they go
And break the counsel of the foe.

8 For this, now and in days to be,
Our praise shall rise, O Lord, to Thee,
Whom all the angel hosts adore
With grateful songs forevermore.

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gebessert, 1543, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph KlugText and tune: Public domain

SERMON

The Accuser Has Lost

Revelation 12:7–12; Luke 10:17-20

Stand



C 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

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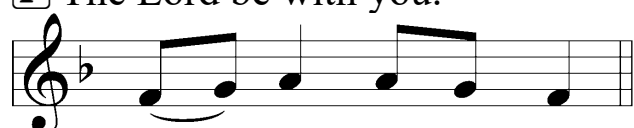
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Him Your majesty is praised by all the holy angels and celebrated with one accord by the heavens and all the powers therein. The cherubim and seraphim sing Your praise, and with them we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 162

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

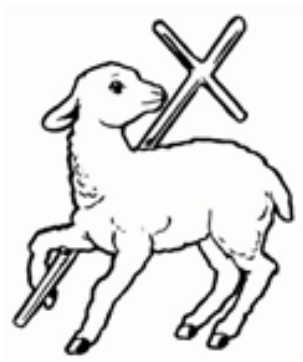


C A - men.

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

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

LSB 534



1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, First - be - got - ten
 2 Though the low - liest form now veil You As of old in
 3 Pas - chal Lamb, Your of - f'ring, fin - ished Once for all when
 4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, Strick - en rock with



from the dead, You a - lone, our strong de - fend - er,
 Beth - le - hem, Here as there Your an - gels hail You,
 You were slain, In its full - ness un - di - min - ished
 stream - ing side, Heav'n and earth with loud ho - san - na



Lift - ing up Your peo - ple's head. Al - le - lu - ia,
 Branch and flow'r of Jes - se's stem. Al - le - lu - ia,
 Shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le - lu - ia,
 Wor - ship You, the Lamb who died, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! We in wor - ship
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Cleans - ing souls from
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ris'n, as - cend - ed,



liv - ing bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
 join with them; We in wor - ship join with them.
 ev - 'ry stain; Cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.
 glo - ri - fied! Ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

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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!

Stars of the Morning, So Gloriously Bright

LSB 520



1 Stars of the morn - ing, so glo - rious - ly bright,
2 These are Your min - is - ters, these are Your own,
3 Then, when the earth was first poised in mid - space,
4 Still let them aid us and still let them fight,



An - gels in heav - en, re - splen - dent in light,
Lord God of Sab - a - oth, near - est Your throne;
Then, when the plan - ets first sped on their race,
Lord of an - gel - ic hosts, bat - tling for right,



These, where no dark - ness the glo - ry can dim,
These are Your mes - sen - gers, these whom You send,
Then, when were end - ed the six days' em - ploy,
Till, where their an - thems they cease - less - ly pour,



Praise the Thrice Ho - ly One, serv - ing but Him.
Help - ing Your help - less ones, Help - er and Friend.
Then all the sons of God shout - ed for joy.
We with the an - gels may bow and a - dore.

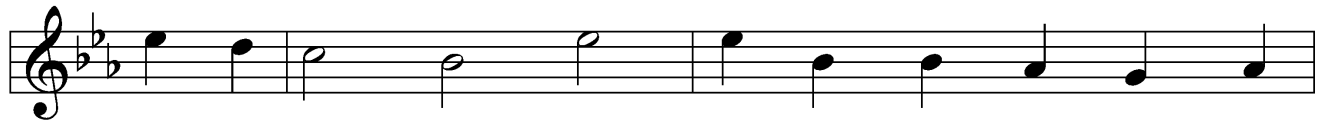
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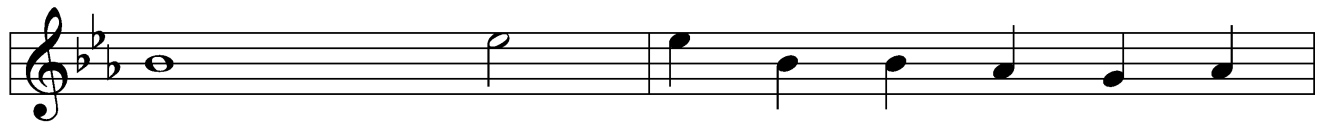
1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, Bright
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, More
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, Ye
 Δ 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, Su -



ser - apts, cher - u - bim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain:
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, Lead their prais - es:
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia,
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia,



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
 al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly Twelve, ye mar - tyrs
 al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, Vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
 Word, Most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
 strong, All saints tri - um - phant, raise the
 Son, And God the Spir - it, Three in



choirs: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 Lord: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 song: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 One: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

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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

LSB 166

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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



C A - men.

Continue standing, turning to gaze at the ✠ Cross for the Recessional Hymn.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

I Walk in Danger All the Way

LSB 716



1 I walk in dan - ger all the way. The thought shall nev - er
2 I pass through tri - als all the way, With sin and ills con -
3 And death pur - sues me all the way, No - where I rest se -
4 I walk with an - gels all the way, They shield me and be -



leave me That Sa - tan, who has marked his prey, Is
tend - ing; In pa - tience I must bear each day The
cure - ly; He comes by night, he comes by day, He
friend me; All Sa - tan's pow'r is held at bay When



plot - ting to de - ceive me. This foe with hid - den snares
cross of God's own send - ing. When in ad - ver - si - ty
takes his prey most sure - ly. A fail - ing breath, and I
heav'n - ly hosts at - tend me; They are my sure de - fense,



May seize me un - a - wares If I should fail to
I know not where to flee, When storms of woe my
In death's strong grasp may lie To face e - ter - ni -
All fear and sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, do



watch and pray. I walk in dan - ger all the way.
soul dis - may, I pass through tri - als all the way.
ty to - day As death pur - sues me all the way.
what they may, I walk with an - gels all the way.

5 I walk with Jesus all the way,
His guidance never fails me;
Within His wounds I find a stay
When Satan's pow'r assails me;
And by His footsteps led,
My path I safely tread.
No evil leads my soul astray;
I walk with Jesus all the way.

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;
Await, my soul, the morrow,
When God's good healing shall allay
All suff'ring, sin, and sorrow.
Then, worldly pomp, begone!
To heav'n I now press on.
For all the world I would not stay;
My walk is heav'nward all the way.



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.



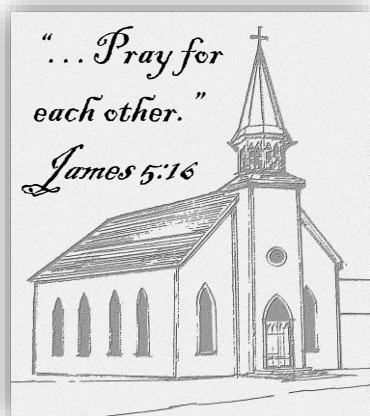
Congregation: recovery and healing from surgery for Steve Meyer (Dennis and Pat Meyer's son); strength and healing for Pauline Kettler; strength and healing for Mr. Thomas Scholz (Amy Schroeder's uncle) as he recovers

from a broken vertebra; strength and healing for Donna Hinze as she goes through cancer treatment; healing for Terry and Becky Lueckemeyer; for Tom Hayden's recovery after surgery and continued healing; for Adeline Platt's health; and Deloris Griffin; for our shut-in members: Renee Brinkmann, Elvera Schroeder, and others who are unable to come to church.

Community: blessings on William and Skylar Killinger as he prepares for his Holy Ministry; for Grace Lutheran School, that they may continue to be a place for the children of our community and congregation to learn and grow in their faith and knowledge of God's world; may our Lord continue to deliver to us favorable weather; for Brenham Pregnancy Center and those whose lives they touched; Faith Mission; families and individuals cared for by Child Protective Services.

World: for all those suffering through war, may God watch over and protect His children, and by His Holy Spirit, may they all come to know Christ as their Savior and thus enjoy eternity with Him, for those who have been led astray into false belief; for those facing crisis pregnancies, that they would find the strength to choose life for their unborn child; for the leaders of the nations, that they would make godly decisions for their people and countries.

Bethlehem at Prayer



Prayer is a vital part of our life together in Christ. To that end, *Bethlehem at Prayer* is a means to encourage more intentional prayer for one another. This is an opportunity for us to support one another in faith, lifting up each household by name before our gracious God. While members can always request prayers at any time, this effort ensures that every family at Bethlehem is prayed for regularly. We invite you to join us in encouragement and intercession, praying for our brothers and sisters in Christ each week.

Please remember these families in your prayers this week:

- Flisowski – Kevin, Kelly, Kaden
- Foster – Glenn, Connie
- Klussmann – Marilyn
- Klussmann – Wayne
- Schroeder – Mike, Sheryl
- Schwartz – Jeff, Sharon

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week's Schedule

September 27 – October 4



Today: *St. Michael and All Angels (Observed)*

- 8:00 AM** Outdoor Amphitheater Worship
9:00 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:15 AM Divine Service: Setting I with Holy Communion
Acolyte: Dillion Nowicki
Crucifer: Norman Krieg
Greeter: Shirley Ashorn
Ushers: Delwin Gaskamp Kevin Goessler
 Keith Huber Stanley Haferkamp

CPR/AED

Tuesday:

- 7:00 PM** CPR/AED Certification



Wednesday:

- 4:30 PM** Confirmation Class 7th/8th Grades



Thursday:

- 6:00 PM** Elders' Meeting



- 6:30 PM** Ladies Bible Study



Saturday:

- 7:30 AM** Men's Club Breakfast, Bible Study, & Meeting



Next Sunday: *LWML Sunday*

9:00 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

9:00 AM Youth League Meeting

10:15 AM Divine Service: Setting I with Holy Communion

Acolyte: Taylor Hinze

Greeter: Vickie Ashorn

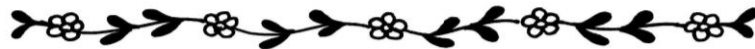
Ushers: Connor Gresham Ryan Gresham

David Hodge Keith Huber

Serving in September: Elder – Chris Smitherman / Trustee – Michael Schroeder

Serving in October: Elder – Clinton Kettler / Trustee – Doyle Dahmann

*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 Shirley Ashorn.



LWML Bluebonnet Zone Gathering will be held on Sunday, October

4th at: Bethel Lutheran Church

4221 Boonville RD

Bryan, TX 77802

Cost is \$12.00 which includes supper at 5 PM. Check-in time is 1:30 PM. The program is from 2 PM to 5 PM. **Please RSVP no later than TODAY by calling Joyce Sutherland at 979-224-1349 or by email throughfaith2016@gmail.com.** The offering to be collected is for Mites Mission Grants. Childcare will be provided, if requested when you RSVP. Please provide the children's ages.

CPR/AED

CPR/AED Certification class will be held this Tuesday, September 29th at 7:00 PM in the Parish hall. If there are any questions, please contact Doyle Dahmann at 979-277-5375 or email ddahmann@outlook.com



The elders' meeting for **October** will be **this Thursday at 6:00 PM.**



The Men's Club Breakfast, Bible Study, & Meeting for **October** will be **this Saturday at 7:30 AM.**

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR



The 2026 Flower Chart is posted in the Parish Hall foyer. There are several openings available in the months of **October and November.** Please sign up for that special occasion. The church secretary will remind you of your upcoming commitment via email or phone call. The Bethlehem LWML appreciates your support.



Members, if you are using Vanco and would like to go back to using envelopes or if you do not want envelopes and want to use Vanco, please let Jackie Kankel know **by October 4th** via cell (979-251-2136) or email cjkan84@gmail.com



Updated Choice Dollars® rules

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have designated Thrivent Choice Dollars® have until December 31, 2026 to direct any remaining 2026 Choice Dollars®.



Under the updated program rules, 2026 Choice Dollars® are now available up front so you can direct the entire amount anytime until December 31, 2026.

Key program updates for 2026 are a new timeline and expanded eligibility. Unlike previous years, funds accrued gradually and ran through March 31st of the following year. All 2026 Choice Dollars® became available in full at the beginning of the year and may be directed anytime until December 31, 2026. All Thrivent clients with membership are eligible to participate.

Eligible Thrivent members can assign their Choice Dollars® online via the Thrivent Choice location and portal or by calling 1-800-847-4836 and saying “Thrivent Choice” after the prompt. If you have questions, call an area associate @ 979-836-0693.

Grant Funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice Dollar program can help support Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Don't let your designated Thrivent Choice Dollars expire!



Traditionally celebrated the first Sunday in October, we will have a special worship service to celebrate the work of Lutheran Women in Mission **next Sunday, October 4th at 10:15 AM.** *As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.* For Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2026, we focus on **Supporting Missions.**

Christ Jesus our Lord asks us to be wise stewards of His good gifts. St. Paul, while proclaiming the Gospel, was also concerned for those who suffered. There were so many mission efforts taking place. As believers today, we also are eager to follow the example of Christ and aid those in need. The Spirit of God places that eagerness to serve upon our hearts. We can't be everywhere to aid the missions, firsthand, that are set before us. The Lord does allow us to support those efforts that go forth in His name. May the Lord grant to us supportive hearts.



St. Paul Lutheran Church in Austin is hosting a Young Adult Conference this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday; October 2nd – 4th for ages 18-35. Tickets are \$10.00. Join fellow Lutheran young adults for a weekend of fellowship. For more information and/or to register, scan the QR code.



Through our congregation's participation in the Adopt-a-Seminarian program, we have been blessed to be paired with seminarian William Killinger and his wife, Skylar. We will continue to collect gifts all year long, sending them each quarter. Simply place your gift in the offering plate and designate it for "Seminarian William Killinger".

Lutheran Education Scholarship Announcement



If you would like to support the LESF and help encourage faithful Lutheran education, you may contribute by placing your gift in the offering plate and designating it for the Lutheran Education Scholarship Fund. For more information, please see Pastor Krieg.

Sunday School Corner



Our Fall unit begins a deeper study of the Old Testament. The unit begins with creation, and the last lesson falls during the reign of King David. Today in Sunday School, the kids studied the lesson “A Promising Dream - Jacob.” Jacob undeservedly receives his father’s blessing—he and his offspring will dwell in the land of Canaan. As the days of Isaac’s life approach their end, Jacob rightly fears for his life. Following the urging of Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob sets out for the house of his uncle Laban. Along the way, Jacob dreams of a staircase reaching to heaven, with the Lord Himself standing at the top. The preincarnate Christ repeats God’s promise to give this land to Jacob and his descendants. To reinforce this lesson for your kids, as a family, discuss: Can you think of how communication has changed throughout history? What’s your favorite way to talk or communicate with other people? How does God communicate with us today? How do you talk to God? Also, parents, you can join Pastor Krieg in the adult Sunday School class. See you next week!

New Adult Sunday School Lesson



Join us as we begin a new Adult Sunday School study: One Truth, Many Lies New Adult Bible Study — Join Us!

We invite you to join us as we begin our new Adult Bible Study exploring some of the ancient heresies that challenged the Christian Church in its earliest centuries, and why those same errors still matter today. We’ll examine what the Church confessed in response to false teaching and learn how to recognize similar distortions of God’s Word today.

Come strengthen your understanding of the truth of Holy Scripture and grow in your ability to recognize and confess the faith once delivered to the saints.



September 29 – St. Michael and All Angels (Observed)

– The world we walk in today is a battlefield. As such, it is filled with messages from the enemy which attempt to convince us of the Lord’s weakness and defeat. Those with

fears about an unplanned pregnancy, a terminal diagnosis, or confusion about their identity are told there are no paths to peace and wholeness. But God’s Word speaks of His faithful and powerful servants, the angels, who fight for the Lord, protect His people, and conquer in the name of Jesus Christ. So, may the Lord work in us humble childlike faith that rejoices in Christ’s victory and the safety that He provides as He rescues us through the finished work of the Cross.



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

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	GIFTS IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL
Sept. 20	Sunday School	12	\$70.25
	Youth Bible Class	3	
	Adult Bible Class	24	
Sept. 20	Worship Service	101	\$3,366.03 Mildred Holle Memorial \$50.00 Lutheran Scholarship Fund \$100.00 Seminarian William Killinger \$100.00 Appliance Donation \$171.31