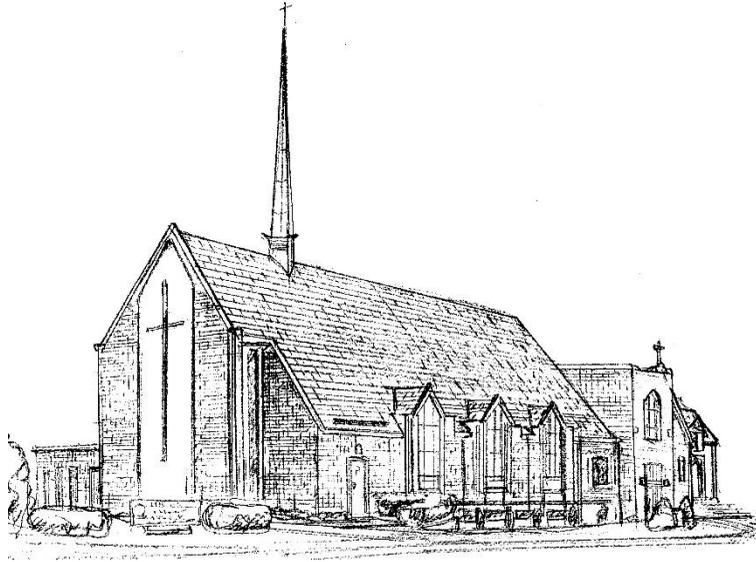


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Lectionary 26

Introduction

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

GATHERING

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (6:00 and 8:00)

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.

C Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.

**Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.**

P Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole.
God points the way to new life in Christ,
who meets us on the road.
Journey now in God's abiding love
through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG NO. 532 Gather Us In

- 1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,

gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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SERVICE OF BAPTISM (10:30am)

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of

Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors in turn, present the candidate:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring Connor to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that Connor may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Connor grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Connor in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Connor and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

The assembly stands.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? *Response:*

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

BAPTISM

Connor James, I baptize you in the name of the Father,*
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**C Blessed be God, the source of all life,
the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give
your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to
eternal life.

Sustain Connor with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom
and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge
and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and
forever.

Amen.

Connor James, child of God, you have been sealed
by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

SONG OF WELCOME (To the tune of: Morning Has Broken#556)

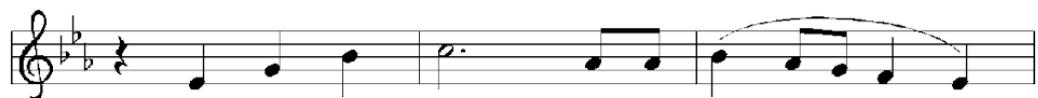
Connor, we greet you on this glad morning. Your day of life we now recognize. God is our maker, we are God's people. Sing we our praises, to Christ our Lord. Connor, we name you, and with thanksgiving, offer our prayer and sing you this song. We are the church, your spiritual family. Sing we our praises, to Christ our Lord. Children we all are of the Creator, risking and loving, daring to see the Heavenly Kingdom growing among us. Sing we our praises, to Christ our Lord.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p.99) (8:00)



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

A reading from Amos,

^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,

and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,

and lounge on their couches,

and eat lambs from the flock,

and calves from the stall;

⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,

and like David improvise on instruments of music;

⁶who drink wine from bowls,

and anoint themselves with the finest oils,

but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,

and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146

¹Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

³Put not your | trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there | is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,
and in that day | their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;
who keeps promis- | es forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to | those who hunger.
The LORD sets the | captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;
the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;
the LORD | loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares | for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall | reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

A reading from 1 Timothy,

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it;

⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 102)

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: 16:19-31

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.

²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – *The Rev. Daniel P. Smail*

HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 715 Christ, Be Our Light

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

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APOSTLES CREED (6:00 and 8:00)

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill; especially those we name within our hearts (*a brief silence...*). Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Enfold the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

C Let us pray.

Gracious God,

in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,

and make us ready to share with all in need;

through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW p.107)



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE (ELW p. 108)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 108)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God,

our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
 you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.
 You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
 and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.
 You sent your Son to eat with sinners
 and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.
Come to the banquet

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 112)



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
C Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS

NO. 712 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.

- 2 Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.

- 3 As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.

4 Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.

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NO. 479 We Come to the Hungry Feast

- 1 We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied
the love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

- 2 We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a world released
from hungry folk of ev'ry kind,
the poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

- 3 We come to the hungry feast
hungry that the hunger cease,
and knowing, though we eat our fill,
the hunger will stay with us; still
we come, we come to the hungry feast.

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POST COMMUNION CANTICLE ELW 204

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L Let us pray. Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

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

C Amen.

SENDING SONG NO. 723 Canticle of the Turning

1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,

and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.

Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

3 From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
not a stone will be left on stone.

Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.

The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

4 Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:

God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.

This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. *Refrain*

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DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Love your neighbors..

C Thanks be to God.

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It is with joy this weekend that at our 10:30am service Connor James Miller will be baptized. Connor is the son of Melissa (Evert) and Kevin Miller .

God Bless Connor James as he begins his faith journey.

Altar Flowers The flowers in the Sanctuary this weekend are dedicated to the Glory of God and the adornment of His House in memory of Our Mother, Johanna Bittner, given by Lori Matz and Karin Talarico and in honor of my wife Deborah's birthday, given by Peter Nowakowski.

Those Serving at worship this weekend

LECTORS

6:00pm - Terri Begenwald
8:00am - Karen Fleischman
10:30am - Luanne Kremer

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

6:00 pm - Terri Begenwald
8:00am - Karen Fleischman
10:30am - Lianne Kremer

LAY ASSISTANTS

8:00am - Tom Platt
10:30am – Dalton Crump

Advancing the Slides

6:00pm - Judy Begenwald
8:00am -
10:30am - Miriam Kerr

ACOLYTE 10:30am - Dylan Edgerton

Ushers are: 8am - Donna Tappe & Russ Bennardo
10:30am – Rich McHale

Monthly Counting Team:

Bruce & Luann Letterle Jim & Suzi Fisher, and Bob Kenst

Monthly Benevolence for September is: Lutherlyn

Your special envelope may be placed in the offering basket at any Worship service, or they can be mailed directly to the church office. Thank you for your generous support.

The Week at Bethlehem

Sunday, Sept. 25th	8:00am Worship/Communion 9:15am Sunday School Students & Adults *10:30 am Worship/Communion/ Baptism of Connor Miller *Live streamed worship service
Tuesday, Sept. 27th	6:00pm NA Mtg. in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, 28th	10:30a & 7:00p Pastors Bible Study 7pm Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday, Oct. 1st	8:30a-1p Council Fall Clean -up Event 6:00pm Worship/Communion

Would You Be Willing to Help?

Dear friends, as members of Bethlehem Lutheran we care for one another deeply and want our members and visitors to have a meaningful experience every time they attend worship or participate in a church function. In a recent conversation with our ushers, we discerned it might be helpful to have some members who were medical professionals that would be willing to help if someone needed medical assistance – until first responders arrive. If you would be willing to serve in this capacity, please contact the church office. We'd be more than happy to incorporate you into this important work. Thank you so very much for your faithful collaboration and kind consideration!



BELC MUSIC MINISTRY

The adult choir rehearses on Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:15 AM and will begin rehearsals on Rally Day, September 11th. The choir sings several times per month at the 10:30 service. The choir season runs through mid-May.

The Handbell choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:15-8:15 PM and usually plays a couple of times in the fall and spring and the season ends in early May.

Attendance Books

Dear friends, at the end of each pew you will discover a little red folio pad. Inside that folio, you'll find attendance sheets. If you could take a moment to make note of your participation in worship this week and pass it along to the next person or family in your pew, that would be greatly appreciated. These pads help us track attendance, those who have communed, connect with visitors, and faithfully address the concerns of our members. Thank you so very much for your help!

Interested in Membership?

Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Glenshaw is a vibrant community of faith. We take our lives in Christ seriously, and we seek to connect our members with God's grace and provide meaningful opportunities to grow in faith. If you'd like to be a part of Bethlehem, this is the perfect opportunity. We will have a new member orientation on Sunday, October 2nd after the 10:30 service. And we will receive new members on Sunday, October 9th at the 10:30 service. We enjoy fellowship and a reception after worship. If you have questions about membership, or would like to be included in these events, please reach out to Pastor Dan or Pastor Ellen. We would be grateful to have you as a member of our congregation!

NORTHSIDE COMMON MINISTRY'S FOOD BANK

In Need of Reusable Grocery Bags

Bethlehem has been part of Northside Common Ministry for years. Along with community outreach, this is the organization that helps to support the men's shelter to which we provide dinners twice a month. We have a member on the board of directors and workers in the food bank pantry. The food pantry, which is the largest PA pantry west of Philadelphia, has put out a call for cloth grocery bags or sturdy ones from different sources. The common thin plastic bags will not be accepted.

Bethlehem will be collecting the reusable bags in September and October.

All bags must be new or slightly used and clean.



MoB – Save the date of October 29th for our annual Men's Retreat 10a-12/noon. Additional details and sign up on the board in the Narthex. Take a moment to check it out and consider joining us on the 29th...



Check out the fall dates for the Bethlehem Young Families!

(Plan ahead and mark these event on your calendar and join us)

All are welcome to attend these activities but they are geared towards families with children ages birth-kindergarten.

Sunday, October 23, 1 p.m.:

Zoo Boo at the Pittsburgh Zoo

Meet at the main entrance for a trick-or-treat adventure at the Pittsburgh Zoo! Come in costume and bring a bag to collect treats!

Sunday, November 6, 1 p.m.:

Fall Hike at Fall Run Park

Meet at the trailhead. We will hike at least to the waterfall and decide if the little hikers are able to go further.

**If you plan to attend any of these events, text Carrie at (412)-708-259

HELP A NEIGHBOR IN NEED...

New Start is in desperate need of sofas (7' or smaller) love seats, mattress and box springs (no King), end tables, coffee tables, vacuum cleaners, microwaves, TVs (flat screen).

Please contact Larry Nugent at 412-897-0117 if you have any of these items that are in good working condition.

FINAL WEEKEND TO ORDER YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

Time to order “Living Lutheran”

Your willingness to be good stewards of our church funds has resulted in a savings of approximately \$1,500 for Bethlehem for each of the past 9 years! Those who wished to have “Living Lutheran” delivered to their homes pay only \$12.95 for the year. This is quite a bargain for a monthly magazine that keeps you abreast of the ELCA nationwide, offering many thought provoking articles plus ideas that can be implemented in our own congregation.

Once again, for our next subscription cycle, we will order “Living Lutheran” magazine based on your order. ***Please complete the form below, enclose payment and return to the church by September 25, 2022*** to have the Living Lutheran delivered to your home starting with the 2023 subscription year. We will keep some copies of the Living Lutheran in the church library for your convenience.

Living Lutheran Subscription Order for 2023

Name: _____

Address: _____

Number of copies: _____ @ \$12.95/yearly subscription Amount paid: _____

*PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK ONE OF THESE CATAGORIES:

___ I am a member who is doing a reorder ___ I am a member doing a brand new subscription

FINAL weekend to reach out to Shari

Attention all college student families!!

As we approach the next academic year, the Hope & Compassion Committee is seeking your help in collecting current addresses for our college students, so we can send some words of encouragement throughout the school year. Please send your student's address to Shari Manges at ronandshari@gmail.com or 412-638-2445 by the end of September. Thank you for helping us to maintain connections with our college students

LIFT - SAVE THE 2022 DATES FOR UPCOMING EVENTS:

Looking forward to the rest of the year, please put these events/dates on your calendar and plan to join us for fun and fellowship...

10/02/22: LIFT – lunch at E-Town Bar in Etna, PA

11/12/18: LIFT day trip to Harmony PA's German-style Christmas Market

11/27/22: Nancy Price Memorial Wreath Making Party

CPR CLASS If you missed our last **CPR classes**, there will be another opportunity. Mark your calendar from now... Yes it is in December – but reserve some time for this from now!! **Sat. Dec. 10th 9am & 11am Sessions.** Class will be taught once again by our own Dalton Crump.

Save the date!

Oktoberfest -- Saturday, October 22 4-7:30pm.

The Fellowship Committee is looking for volunteers of all kinds to help put on a successful Oktoberfest. We will need bakers, cooks, servers and more. If you are interested in contributing your time and talents, please sign up on the Oktoberfest volunteer board in the Narthex or contact the church office. We will be having a planning meeting on Monday October 3rd at 7pm. All are welcome!

CALLING ALL YOUTH OF BELC

Today, September 25th (11:30am-12:30pm)

National Youth Gathering Informational meeting,
with Pizza Lunch Grades 6th-12th welcome

Tonight, September 25th 6:30-7:30pm

J.A.M. (Jesus & Me) Youth Ministry

Grades 3rd-5th welcome

Games, Crafts, Food and Faith

Monday, September 26th 7:00pm

Senior Youth Ministry Grades 8th -12th welcome

Cookie's Creamery (Babcock Blvd.)

CHURCH BUILDING FALL CLEAN-UP EVENT

At our May meeting, council decided to host a church building clean-up event on an Saturday morning in the summer which had to be put on hold because of a funeral.

After reviewing church schedules and availabilities, we have rescheduled it for **Saturday, Oct. 1st starting at 8:30am.**

This should be an impactful event since we will have a critical mass to make decisions on some older items that no individual or committee may know what to do with. Please come with work clothes and work gloves, as necessary. We expect to work until 12:30 or 1:00pm. Food/drink will be available for those able to stay a bit later.

Feel free to invite your committee members or other family/friends to the event to help with reorganizing our church materials and disposing of unneeded items. We will have a dumpster available to haul away items for disposal.

Please respond back to Marianne during this upcoming week if you or others you may know will be participating. Looking forward to the event and thanks so much for your leadership and support in the maintenance and appearance of our church property.

