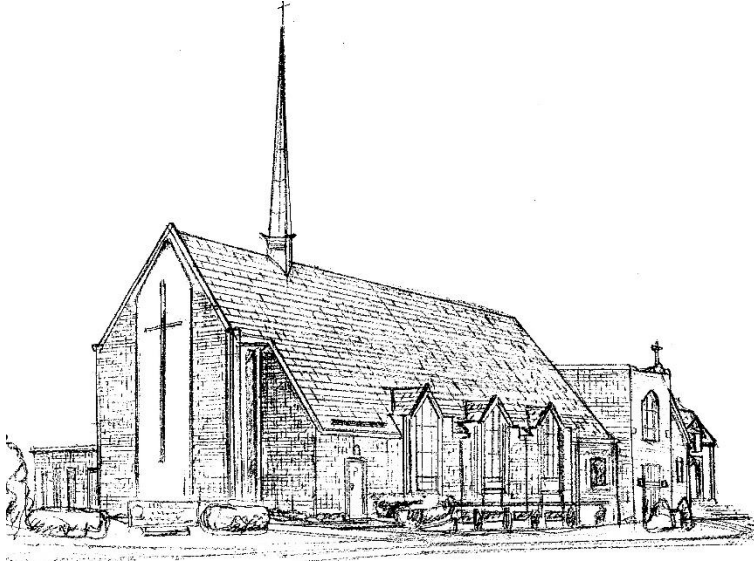


# **BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**



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# Sunday, September 11, 2022

## Lectionary 24

### Introduction

*The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.*

### **GATHERING**

### **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **A PRAYER FOR FIRST RESPONDERS**

### **PRELUDE**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

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

*The congregation may kneel as able.*

**L:** God of mercy and forgiveness,  
**C:** 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.

**C: Amen.**

## **GATHERING SONG NO. 504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might  
he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might!  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?

The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.

3 Though hordes of devils fill the land  
all threat'ning to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
they cannot overpow'r us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage;  
in battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.

4 God's Word forever shall abide,  
no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God himself fights by our side  
with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
though life be wrenched away,  
they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!

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## **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.

# HYMN OF PRAISE- GLORY TO GOD

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with many notes beamed together. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: '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'.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7-14**

*While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.*

A reading from Exodus,

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup>they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " <sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup>Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

<sup>11</sup>But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people.

<sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " <sup>14</sup>And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 51:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know | my offenses,  
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear | joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face | from my sins,  
and blot out | all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- | it within me**

## SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

*The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.*

A reading from 1 Timothy,

<sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received



mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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: Luke 15:1-10

*Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.*

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying,

“This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON – *The Rev. Ellen S. Lundie and The Rev. Daniel P. Smail***

**HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 824 This Is My Father’s World**

1 This is my Father's world,  
and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world;  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world;  
he shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

3 This is my Father's world;  
oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world;  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;  
God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901

## **APOSTLES CREED**

**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.*

Your people receive mercy and your grace overflows in our lives. Fill your church with faith and love and give understanding hearts to those who work to strengthen our ecumenical and interreligious commitments. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation groans as it suffers the impacts of pollution and lack of care. As the seasons change, renew in us the will to protect plants, animals, and habitats. Bless us with bountiful harvests that all may share. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your world is shattered and the nations rage. Remember us in your mercy. Teach wisdom to our elected leaders so that we know peace in our world, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your children wander homeless and the hungry cry for bread. Seek out those who are lost or lonely, anxious or depressed, or struggling with addiction or

illness. Provide for those in any need; especially those we name within our hearts (*a brief silence...*). God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your work is done in this congregation with our hands, feet, voices, minds, and hearts. Build up the ministries of this community, that we serve our neighbors and welcome the stranger in your name. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Your blessed saints who have died now rest in your presence. Give us thankful hearts for those who have been examples of faith in our lives and receive us with joy when we come to share eternal life with you. 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**

**L** Let us pray.

**C** 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

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.

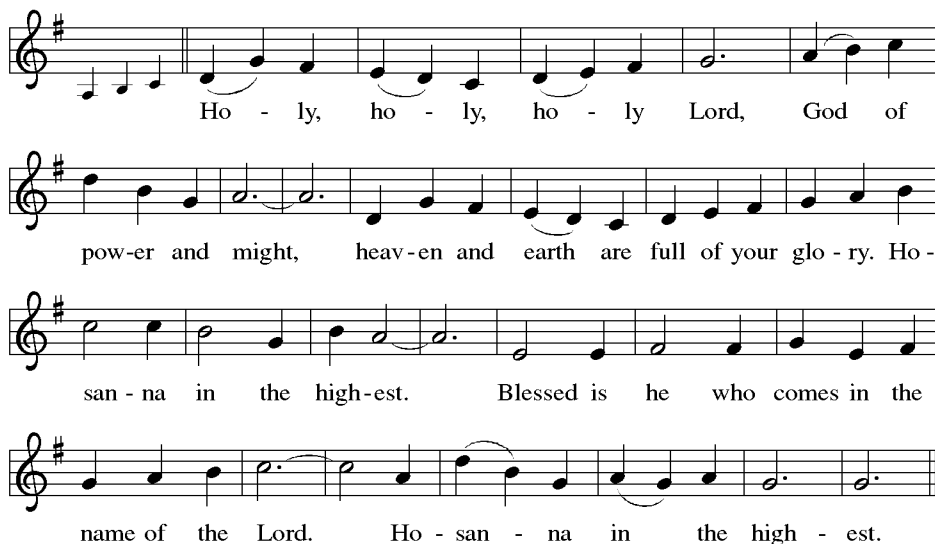
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The notes are as follows:  
Staff 1: The Lord be with you. (Notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5)  
Staff 2: And al - so with you. (Notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5)  
Staff 3: Lift up your hearts. (Notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5)  
Staff 4: We lift them to the Lord. (Notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5)  
Staff 5: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5)  
Staff 6: It is right to give our thanks and praise. (Notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5)

## PREFACE

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

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



## 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,**

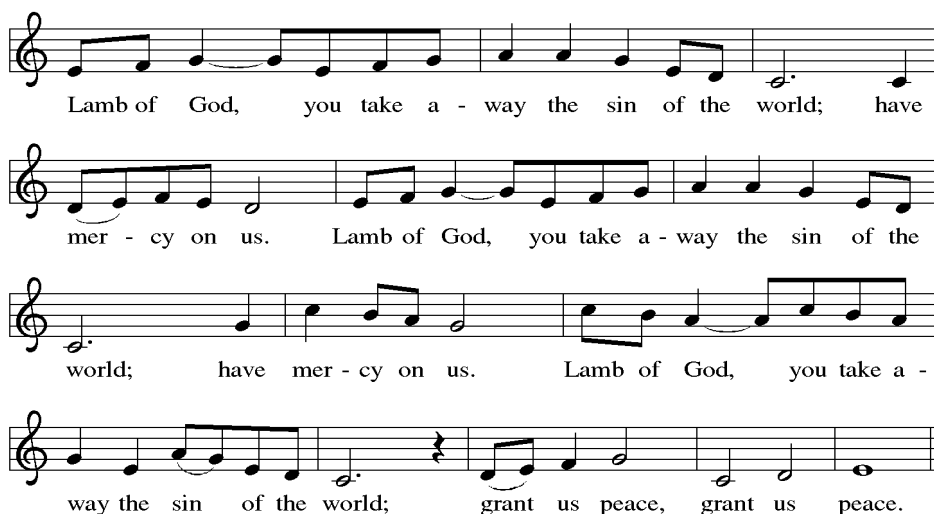


**and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Christ invites you to this table.  
Come, taste and see.

## **COMMUNION SONG**



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 HYMNS**

### **NO. 608 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling**

- 1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me.  
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.

### *Refrain*

"Come home, (Come home,)  
come home! (come home!)  
You who are weary, come home."  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*

3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909

### **NO. 887 This Is My Song**

- 1 This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
- 2 My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.  
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,

and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.  
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

3      This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,  
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.  
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,  
and hearts united learn to live as one.  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;  
myself I give you; let your will be done.

Text: Lloyd Stone, 1912-1993, sts. 1-2; Georgia Harkness, 1891-1974, st. 3

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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.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L Let us pray.

God of the abundant table,  
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  
with bread for the journey.

Give us your grace on the road  
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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. 763 My Life Flows On In Endless Song

- 1 My life flows on in endless song;  
above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

### *Refrain*

No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

- 2 Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

- 3 What though my joys and comforts die?  
The Lord my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain*

- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

## **DISMISSAL**

**L** Go in peace. Love your neighbors.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

We wish to thank trumpeter Ian Gordon for sharing his musical gifts with us this morning for worship!

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**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 my brother, Walter, given by Peter Nowakowski, and also in memory of grandparents, Jim & Theresa Ulrich and in honor of grandparents, Ron & Carolie Geyer, given by; The Ulrich Family

**Those Serving at worship this weekend**

**LECTORS**

6:00pm - Eric James

8:00am - Ginny Villani

10:30am - Judy Sparlin

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

6:00 pm - Eric James

8:00am - Ginny Villani

10:30am - Mike Sparlin

**LAY ASSISTANTS**

8:00am - Shirley Good

10:30am – Valerie Martincek

**Advancing the Slides**

6:00pm - Jill Mitchell

8:00am -

10:30am - Marty Burkett

**Ushers are: 8am - Russ Bennardo & Donna Tappe**

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.

Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> - ***RALLY DAY & “The Mystery Box”***  
Welcome Back to all our Sunday School Teachers, Aides and  
most of all to all our Students, both young and adults.

### **The Week at Bethlehem**

<b>Sunday, Sept. 11th</b>	8:00am Worship/Communion 9:15am Sunday School for Students & Adults *10:30 am Worship/Communion followed by Church Picnic *Live streamed worship service
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 13th</b>	6:00pm NA Mtg. in Fellowship Hall 7:30pm Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 14th</b>	10:30a & 7:00p Pastors Bible Study 10:30-11:30am Memory Café 7:00pm Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Saturday, Sept. 17th</b>	6:00pm Worship/Communion

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### **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!

***Bible Study Resumed!***



At Bethlehem we are passionate about the study and exploration of God's Word. And this fall we have turned to an informative and inspiring study to start off the programmatic year. We are engaging with Walter Brueggemann's, "Delivered Out of Empire: Pivotal Moments in the Book of Exodus." The first study was already held, but the remaining sessions will be held as follows: September, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and October 5<sup>th</sup>. We offer two options for your convenience: a 10:30 morning session and a 7:00 evening session. Please consider joining us, even if you can only make it to a close or two, we trust you will find your investment in this study to be enriching.



## 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 from September through mid-May.

**The Handbell choir** rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 PM and usually plays a couple of times in the fall and spring. The first rehearsal is on September 14th and the season ends in early May.

If you are interested in joining either of our choirs, or have questions, please feel free to reach out to Laura either by email: [l.henri@belc.org](mailto:l.henri@belc.org) OR phone: (412-486-0550 ext. 102) Not to late –you can still join in!!!!

Thank you!

## *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 2<sup>nd</sup> after the 10:30 service. And we will receive new members on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 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.





## 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

# 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.

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## Living Lutheran Subscription Order for 2023

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**MoB – Save the date of October 29<sup>th</sup> for our annual Men's Retreat 10a-12/noon. Additional details to follow shortly.**

**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](mailto: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... And, remember to watch your weekly bulletins for further details!

09/24/22: LIFT Day trip to Hartville, OH

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

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. 10<sup>th</sup> 9am & 11am Sessions.** Class will be taught once again by our own Dalton Crump.

*Would you like to volunteer in the community? Elfinwild Presbyterian Church is seeking kitchen help to dish out food and prepare the packages for the Home Meals which they regularly deliver to folks.. Interested or questions? Contact Mary Lee (412) 487-5654*

