

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Serving, accepting, and loving all.

Bulletin

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Lectionary 19, Year C

Introduction

Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” It is God’s promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the “little flock” of which we are a part in today’s assembly. Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (9:30am)

P: In the name of the Father,

and of the ✠ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A: Merciful God,

you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness,

and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds,

and show us the path of life.

Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of † Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG NO. 831 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of Abr'ham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love--

"I Am the One I Am"--
by earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
forever blest.

2 The God of Abr'ham praise!
At your supreme command
from earth I rise and seek the joys
at your right hand.
I all on earth forsake--
its wisdom, fame, and pow'r--
and you my only portion make,
my shield and tow'r.

3 The God of Abr'ham praise!
Your all-sufficient grace
shall guide me all my pilgrim days
in all my ways.
You deign to call me friend;
you call yourself my God!
And you will save me to the end
through Jesus' blood.

4 Your promise you have sworn;
I on your oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,
to heav'n ascend.
I shall behold your face;
I shall your pow'r adore,
and sing the wonders of your grace
forevermore.

Text: Thomas Olivers, 1725-1799, alt., based on the *Yigdal*, c. 14th cent.

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.**

SERVICE OF BAPTISM (8:00am)

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.

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 Jacob Peter Buzzelli and Lucy James Buzzelli to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with Jacob and Lucy among God's faithful people, bring Jacob and Lucy to the word of God and the holy supper, teach Jacob and Lucy the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in Jacob and Lucy's hands the holy scriptures, and nurture Jacob and Lucy in faith and prayer, so that Jacob and Lucy 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 Jacob and Lucy grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Jacob and Lucy in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help Jacob and Lucy 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 Jacob and Lucy and pray for Jacob and Lucy in their 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

Jacob Peter Buzzelli and Lucy James Buzzelli, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**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.

Laying both hands near the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:

Sustain Jacob and Lucy 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.

Jacob Peter and Lucy 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.**

BAPTISMAL HYMN

(to the tune of Morning Has Broken #556)

Jacob & Lucy 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.

Jacob & Lucy, 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE (9:30am)



☐ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, 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.



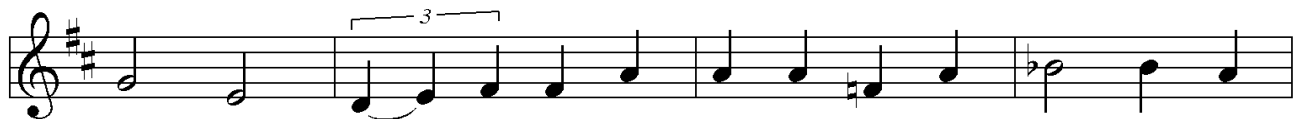
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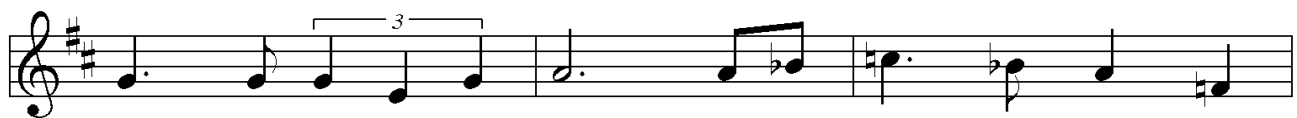
glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



☐ 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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

A reading from Genesis,

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:12-22

¹² Happy is the nation whose God [|] is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to [|] be God's heritage!

¹³ **The LORD looks [|] down from heaven,
and sees all [|] humankind.**

¹⁴ God sits firmly en- [|] throned and watches
all who dwell [|] on the earth.

¹⁵ **God fashions [|] all their hearts
and observes [|] all their deeds.**

¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size [|] of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by [|] their great strength.

¹⁷ **The horse gives vain [|] hope for victory;
despite its great strength it [|] cannot save.**

¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear [|] you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your [|] steadfast love,

- ¹⁹ **to deliver their | lives from death,
and to keep them alive in | time of famine.**
- ²⁰ Our innermost being waits for | you, O LORD,
our helper | and our shield.
- ²¹ **Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you,
for in your holy name we | put our trust.**
- ²² Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, | be upon us,
even as we place our | hope in you

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

A reading from Hebrews,

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

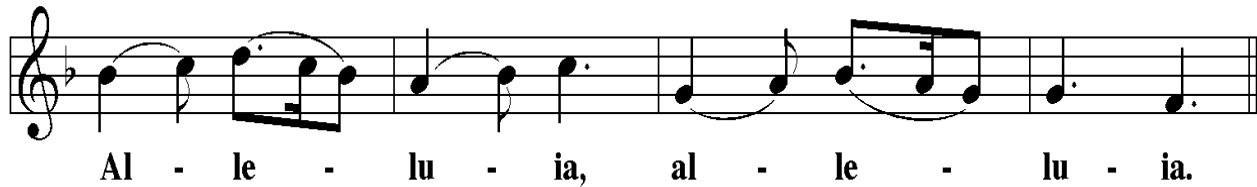
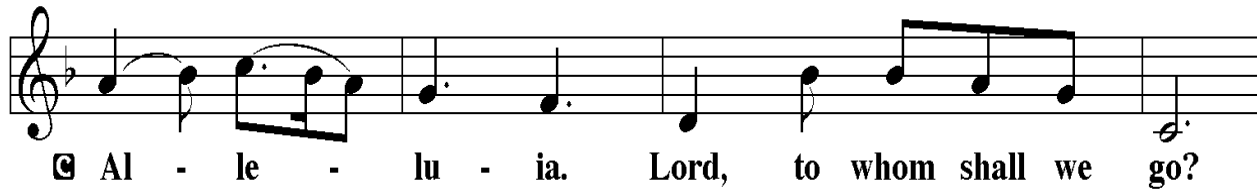
⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said:] ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON – The Rev. Ellen S. Lundie

HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 802 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
follow his example pure,
through a world that would deceive us
and to sin our spirits lure.

Onward in his footsteps treading,
trav'lers here, our home above,
full of faith and hope and love,
let us do our Savior's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where you guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus,
and with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
where he is there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
we shall reap celestial joy:
all discomforts that annoy
shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe;
help me there your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.

Since by death he conquered death,
he will free us from destruction,
give to us immortal breath.

Let us mortify all passion
that would lead us into sin;
and the grave that shuts us in
shall but prove the gate of heaven.

Jesus, here with you I die,
there to live with you on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.

He has risen from the dead
that to life we may awaken.

Jesus, you are now our head,
we are your own living members;
where you live, there we shall be
in your presence constantly,
living there with you forever.

Jesus, let me faithful be;
life eternal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626-1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.

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APOSTLES' CREED (9:30)

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

**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.**

**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

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be on those in need; especially those we name withing our hearts (*a moment of silence*). Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Global Refuge and other means of support and advocacy. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING - *Offering boxes are located in the narthex and in back of the sanctuary.*

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: Creator God,

**in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.**

**Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;**

through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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. Bless - ed is he who

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

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,

our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals,
the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.

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 acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, 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

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

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.

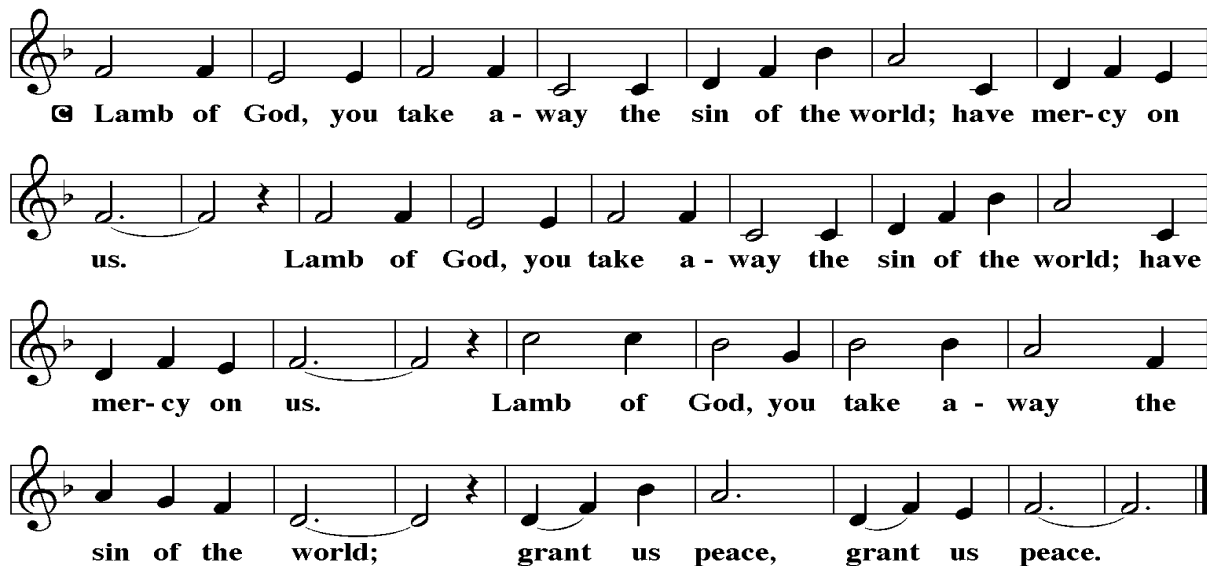
Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

COMMUNION *Gluten free wafers and grape juice available. Please ask the pastors or communion assistant.*

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 HYMN NO. 502 The King of Love, My Shepherd Is

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still;
thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life
and cup of salvation you have united us with
Christ, making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love
to the world and continue forever in the risen
life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG NO. 632 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Children's Space

We encourage children to worship in the sanctuary as much as possible. However, we know that some days, a break may be needed. Please stop in the lounge for shorter breaks where there are coloring activities and snacks provided. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The nursery is also available downstairs in Fellowship Hall with the ability to hear the service.



Here are some of the most desired foods:

Single serve Hormel meals small pkg. of Cereals Individual: fruit cups, or pudding cups
Pasta & Spaghetti sauce small size jars of Condiments Juice boxes
Boxes of Pop Tarts – that can be open to give 1 serving of 2 in a pkg.- to an individual person
Peanut butter & saltine crackers or club crackers snack size pkgs. cookies or granola bars
Tuna in foil pkg. for easy opening Individual bottles of Ensure can of carnation milk
small pkg. of instant mashed potatoes small pkg. muffin or brownie mix individual bags chips
Small size deodorants shampoo individual rolls toilet paper individual bars soap

NO MEDICATIONS OF ANY KIND

Of Note* When purchasing your items for donating, remember to please try and get flip off lids and small size packages to accommodate those who may come for food but have no can opener or anywhere to store what they take. Think grab and eat especially as we get to another school year.. Caretaker for our Blessing Box for August: Barb McQuaid

Monthly Special Offering for AUGUST is: Bethlehem Campership Fund

The Week at Bethlehem

Sunday, August 10th 8:00 am Worship & Communion/ Baptisms

*9:30am Worship & Communion

* Live streaming of worship service

Lemonade & Laughter following late service

Monday, August 11th 9:00a-2:30p PACC (Fellowship Hall)

11a-2p Passage to Recovery (Library)

7:00pm Fellowship Committee Meeting (Lounge)

Tuesday, August 12th 10:30-11:30a AA (Schmid Hall)

6:00-8:30pm NA (Fellowship Hall)

NO Council Meeting this month – see you all in Sept.

Wednesday, August 13th 10:30a-11:30a Memory Café (Lounge)

6pm-9pm Fellowship event @ Acrospire

Thursday, August 14th 6:00pm Evangelism Comm. Mtg. (Lounge)

Saturday, August 16th 2:00pm L.I.F.T. Group Party

(rain date -August 17th)

6:00pm Worship/Comm.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS will take place at all services on the weekend of August 17th. Children of all ages are welcome and encouraged to come forward for a special blessing as they prepare for the start of a new school year.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Sunday School Registration 2025-2026
(Sunday School begins on Rally Day, Sept.7th @ 9:15am)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Grade Entering: _____ Nickname: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Baptism: _____

Emergency Contact during Sunday School:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Relationship: _____ OR In the Building: _____

Food Allergies: _____

Helpful hints to help your child learn: _____

Special Needs: _____

Thank you,

Bethlehem Sunday School Staff

Please return the completed form to the church office!!



Summer Fellowship Event!

Acrospire Brewing Company
Wed, August 13
6:00-9:00 pm

Please join us for a fun evening of fellowship at our favorite local brewing company, **Acrospire!**

They will have beer for tasting and sale, and the Fellowship Committee will provide non-alcoholic beverages and light snacks. Please feel free to bring an appetizer to share if you'd like.



1702 MT. ROYAL BOULEVARD, GLENSHAW, PA 15116

www.acrospirebrewingco.com

Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to sign up.

Hope to see you there!

*2025 Madrigal Dinner 2nd
Interest and Organizational Meeting!*

Last year we had a great time pulling together our very first Madrigal Dinner production. Well, here we are, and it is time to continue making plans once again for this year's event. Our second organizational meeting will be held on ***Sunday, September 14th following our 10:30 worship service.*** And please know, there are all kinds of ways to get involved! We need dramatists and thespians, set designers and lighting experts, choristers and cooks, and a whole host of other things too! So, if you are ready to join the fun, please check out the weekly online announcements for the lists of areas where helping hands are needed. If you but cannot make the meeting, and are interested, please feel to reach out to Pastor Ellen or Pastor Dan and they will be sure to get you plugged in! The event will take place on Dec. 5th & 6th at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Members and/or potential members of the Fellowship Committee. Please be advised we are skipping our meeting for July. The next meeting scheduled will be held on, Aug 11 at 7pm. Please mark your schedule.



WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

With another Hymn Sing service planned for the fall, members are requested over the rest of the summer to take a moment to submit your favorite hymn to be included. Perhaps use the quiet time before the worship service begins to leaf through the sections of the hymnal to help recall those hymns that have a special meaning. And if you have more than one favorite, be sure to submit the form below.

HYMN SING REQUEST FORM

My favorite hymn Is: _____ No: _____

Name: _____



Bethlehem Book Club - September 2025

On the evening of September 23rd at 6:30 the Bethlehem Book Club will gather to discuss Robert Dugoni's, "Hold Strong." "Hold Strong," has been described as a "one of a kind novel," so join us for a meaningful conversation and let's discover the uplifting ways in which the things we are reading have the power to inform our lives of faith in meaningful ways. Thanks in advance for your participation!

Bethlehem's Summer Study

"C.S. Lewis, Uncle Screwtape, and a Reinvestment in Virtue"

The final summer bi-weekly gathering of this series will take place on August 20th as we have been making our way through portions of C.S. Lewis' classic, "The Screwtape Letters." With the help of Lewis' writing, pertinent pieces of scripture, and robust conversation we may just find our way to a deeper appreciation of personal Christian ethics and more virtuous lives; lives increasingly characterized by love, patience, and generosity. Pastor Ellen and Pastor Dan will offer study sessions at 10:30 and 7:00 as usual. Please do join us, as this wonderful way to engage the spiritual imagination and invest in serious faith formation wraps up for summer.

BETHLEHEM'S 95TH ANNIVERSARY

1930 -2025

Plans were made at a recent Worship Committee meeting to celebrate the 95th anniversary of the founding of Bethlehem in 1930, with a theme developed around Luther's 95 Theses. The Committee agreed to hold a single celebration service on **Reformation Sunday, October 26th** at the regular worship time of 10:30 a.m. All members are encouraged to join together as "one body in Christ" for worship. Our retiring Bishop Kurt Kusserow has accepted our invitation to preach. Plans are also underway for a celebratory luncheon following the service. Watch for further details as arrangements are finalized.

Music Angels for Reformation: Adding a special choral piece for the Anniversary service that would require brass musicians would be outside the planned Music Budget. In honor of the 95th anniversary, we are hoping that **95 'new Music Angels'** would consider donating \$5 each to cover this additional cost.

My music angel gift. - Given by NAME: _____ Amt.\$ _____

MOB – Men of Bethlehem Annual Steak Fry

Wednesday, August 27th Arrive around 5:30pm

Point Grove in North park.

The menu is: steak, chicken wings, salad, potato salad.
baked beans, dessert, and drinks. Cost per person: \$20.00

If you are planning to attend -- please sign-up by:
Aug.17th to allow enough time for shopping and prep.

Sign-up sheet can be found on the Bulletin board across from
the church on MoB Section.

Don't forget if you have horseshoes or wiffle ball or another
game please feel free to bring it along...Let's have some
friendly competition!!!



LEMONADE & LAUGHTER -- Please join us each Sunday in August following our 9:30am service, when one of our committees will provide lemonade and cookies. *You bring the good conversation and help create the laughter .*

*****8-10 Serving today is - Fellowship Committee***

8-17 Youth & Christian Ed

8-24 MoB/Stewardship

8-31 L.I.F.T. Group

Of note 8-3 Worship & Music Committee were our servers. (We apologize information missed getting to the office to be included into our weekly bulletin but we understand it was enjoyed by all who stay following worship)