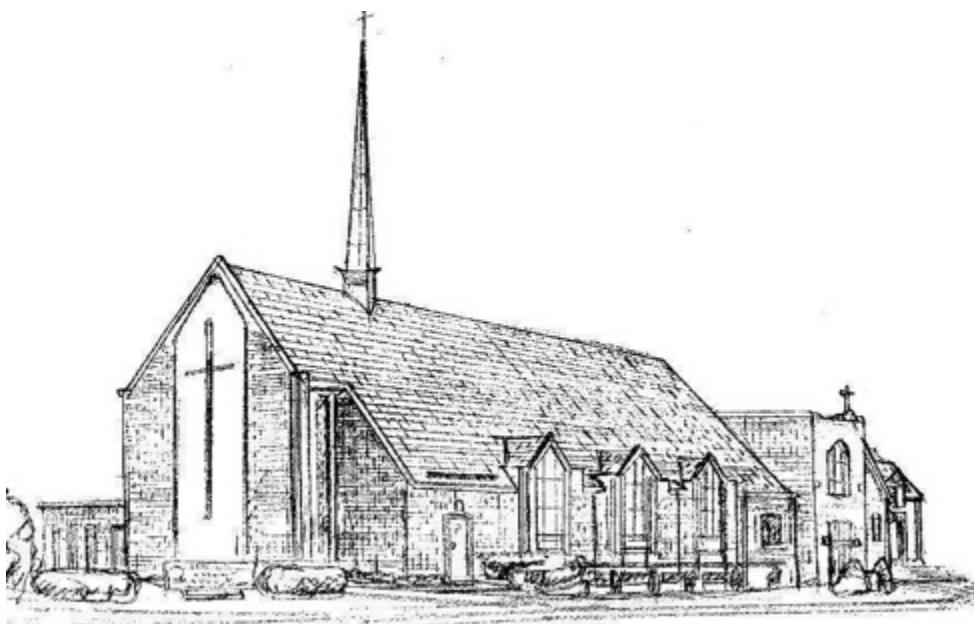


BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Serving, accepting, and loving all.

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Lectionary 27, Year B

Introduction

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Senior Choir - *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*, arr. Craig Curry

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sins,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

A: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(The assembly may kneel as able)

A: Gracious God,
Have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need,

**And turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
Your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG NO. 880 O God Beyond All Praising

1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

2 The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory.

3 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,

and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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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

NO. 723 Canticle of the Turning (Verses 1 and 4)

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.

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*

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other “one flesh.” The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

A reading from Genesis,

¹⁸The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8 (Sung responsively by whole verse)

¹O | LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens**

out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;

you have set up a fortress against your enemies,

to silence the foe | and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,

the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,**

human beings that you should | care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them little less | than divine;

with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;**

you have put all things un- | der their feet:

⁷all | flocks and cattle,

even the wild beasts | of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,**

and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.

⁹O | LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

A reading from Hebrews,

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
⁸subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

NO. 516 ALMIGHTY GOD, YOUR WORD IS CAST (VERSE 1)

1 Almighty God, your word is cast
like seed into the ground;

now let the dew of heav'n descend
and righteous fruits abound.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – The Rev. Ellen S. Lundie

HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 654 The Church's One Foundation (Verses 1, 4, 5- All, Verse 2- low voices, Verse 3- high voices)

- 1 The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,

and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

APOSTLES CREED (ELW p. 104)

**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

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

God of our ancestors, we give thanks for the church in all times. May we listen for the prophets of this age who bear messages that stir the church toward renewal and justice. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Creator of every creature on earth, direct our lives toward the renewal and sustaining of cattle, birds of the air, animals of the field, and those who share our homes. Reveal the ways we can work alongside creation for the health and well-being of all. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Sovereign God, we give thanks that you are mindful and benevolent to even us, mere mortals. Accompany us when hardness of heart gets in the way of justice between people and nations. Endow leaders with minds for justice and hearts for compassion. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering; especially those we name within our hearts (*a moment of silence...*). Work through medical professionals to diagnose, ease pain, and give life to all who seek their wisdom and experience. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Unifying God, humans were created for relationship with the earth, its creatures, and one another. Forgive us when division threatens companionship, mutual support, and unity among us. May your love inspire us to build supportive communities of faith where all are cherished. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of resurrection, you prepare a place in the kingdom through Christ's death and resurrection. We give thanks for the saints who have taken their place at your heavenly banquet. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.
Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 574 Here I Am, Lord

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them.

They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send?" Refrain

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide

till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send?" Refrain

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MEAL

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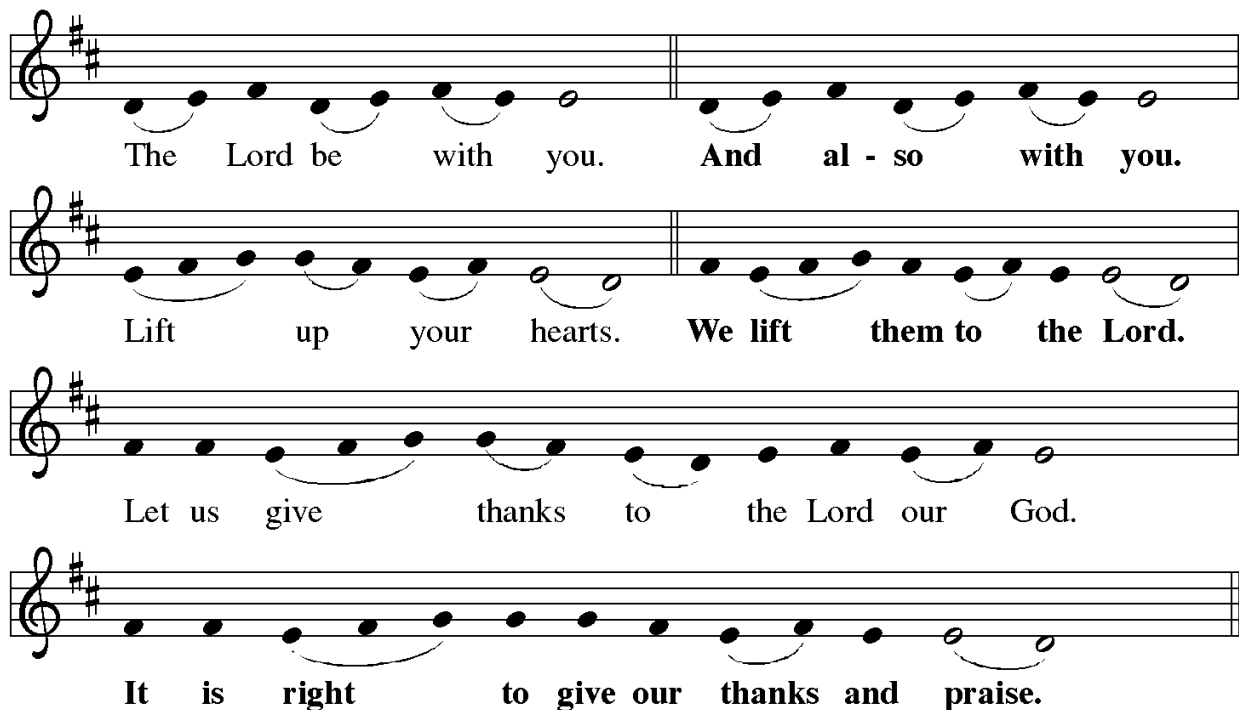
OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.

**By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another
and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 NO. 413 (VERSES 1, 4)

1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

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

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

COMMUNION

Gluten free wafers and grape juice available. Please ask the pastors or communion assistants.

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 HYMNS

Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

- 1 Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free—
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me
Is the current of His love—
Leading onward, leading homeward
To His glorious rest above.
- 2 Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—
Spread His praise from shore to shore!
Praise His mercy, praise His goodness;
Praise His love forevermore.
How He watcheth o'er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own;

How for them He intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from His throne.

- 3 Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—
Love of ev'ry love the best—
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing;
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
Lifts me up eternally.

NO. 732 Borning Cry

- 1 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

- 2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."

- 3 "In the middle ages of your life,

not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
with just one more surprise."

4 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.
Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE The Trees of the Field

The Trees Of The Field

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Music by
Stuart Dauermann

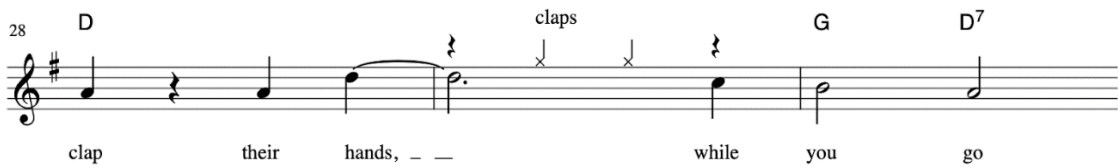
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**SENDING
BLESSING**

God all mighty,

God most merciful
✚ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.
C: Amen.

SENDING SONG NO. 731 Earth and All Stars

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

Refrain

God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!

2 Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

3 Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

4 Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

5 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

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.

Monthly Special Offering for October is:

Northside Common Ministries

The Week at Bethlehem

Sunday, Oct. 6th 8:00 am Worship & Communion
 9:15am Sunday School
 *10:30am Worship & Communion
 11:45am Confirmation Lunch (for
 Confirmands and their families) in Fellowship Hall
* Live streaming of worship service

Monday, Oct. 7th 11a-2p Passage to Recovery (Library)
 5-7pm 1st Monday Meal (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30-8:00p Girl Scouts Mtg. (Schmid Hall)

Tuesday, Oct. 8th 10:30-11:30a AA (Schmid Hall)
 6:00-8:30pm NA (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00pm Council Mtg. (Lounge)

Wednesday, Oct. 9th 10:30a & 7:00p Bible Study (Schmid Hall)
 10:30a Memory Café (Lounge)
 7-8:30p Boy Scouts Mtg. (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, Oct. 10th 10am Stained Glass & Other Crafts (Music Rm.)
 4:30-6:30pm ACT-1 (Fellowship Hall & Classrooms)

Friday, Oct. 11th Shelter Meal

Saturday, Oct. 12th 6:00pm Worship/Comm.

Are You Interested in Becoming A Member at Bethlehem Lutheran?

Dear friends, as we enter the autumn months this is a time think about new starts and blessed beginnings. Have you been visiting Bethlehem, considering becoming a member of the congregation? Do you have questions about our congregation or the ministry we share here? Please feel free to reach out to one of our pastors (Pastor Dan, d.smail@belc.org or Pastor Ellen, e.lundie@belc.org), they would be delighted to spend some time with you, answer your questions, and faithfully discern the next steps. Thank you for being an important part of this joy filled family of faith!

Bethlehem Book Club!

Dear friends, the Bethlehem Book Club will be gathering for their next get together on October 22nd at 6:30. This month's book is Geraldine Brooks', "Horse." Read some or all of this selection and join us for a robust conversation. Even if you don't finish the book, feel free to join us. This is the perfect time to give Bethlehem Book Club a try!



Our Blessing Box

Our outdoor food pantry has been a blessing to our community providing needed items to those who are food insecure. Your generosity shows your commitment to do God's work but still day after day the box is being emptied by those in need. Here are some of the most desired foods:

Single serve meals Cereals small packages Individual: fruit cups, rice pkg., potato pkg.
Spaghetti sauce Condiments Juices individual bottles
Pasta / spaghetti cheese Hash Peanut butter -- crackers small sized boxes
Hearty soups with lift off tops Tuna—in foil packages Ensure individual bottles

NO MEDICATIONS OF ANY KIND

Get yours today!
While supplies last!
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REFORMATION RAG



Price: \$15

(If you're feeling really generous) \$15.17

**All proceeds benefit this year's production of
Bethlehem's Madrigal Dinner*

Name: _____

Number of Reformation Rags: _____

Total contribution: _____

Thank you in advance for your
kind support of our shared ministry!





SOCK IT TO ME!



GET READY! This **Sept. – Oct.** we will once again be collecting socks for those being released from the Allegheny County Jail. Thus, we can help send our brothers and sisters in Christ home dressed with warmth and dignity.

The chaplain has notified our Health & Wellness Team that the jail has a great need for socks for both men and women to wear home as they are released. Both ankle socks and crew length socks are needed. So as part of our outreach efforts we will be collecting socks:

Sept. – Oct. 2024.

Socks must be:

- ✓ **New**
- ✓ **Any color**
- ✓ **Any size**
- ✓ **Any style**
- ✓ **Mostly for men**

LIFT UPCOMING EVENT

LIFT Movie + Appetizer Night Coming Soon -- to a Fellowship Hall near you!!

Join the LIFT group for an evening of appetizer and movie viewing on Friday, October 18th in our own Fellowship Hall, beginning at 7 pm. Please bring an appetizer to share and a comfy folding chair, if you choose! Movie TBD -- but it will be a good one!

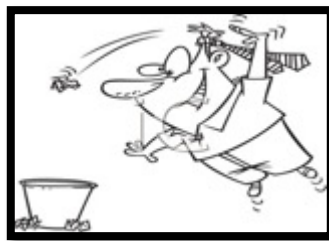
Look for a signup sheet in the Narthex. Hope you can join us!



HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

Have YOU ever considered being a part of our handbell choir?

We meet in the Music Room on Wednesdays at 7:15 PM
Sept 25 - Dec 4th. We will NOT rehearse Oct 23 or
Nov 27th.



DON'T THROW THOSE AWAY!

Have you started receiving 2025 calendars yet? How many can one family use?
We will begin collecting 2025 calendars **Oct. 1 and continue thru Nov 30.** to be
distributed to local food banks. So please save them for our drive. Thank you for your
continued support of Bethlehem's many social ministry projects.

BIBLE STUDY

We are continuing our Bible Study sessions each Wednesday through the
month of October and our class is continuing to explore the Gospel of
Luke. As usual, we will hold a 10:30am and a 7:00pm on the 9th, 16th, 23rd,
and 30th. If you can't make it each week, feel free to drop in as your
schedule allows.

Annual Discipleship Retreat – You are invited... November 1 – 3

For this year's fall discipleship retreat we will focus on creation and how we are encouraged, empowered, and equipped to care for it. Our group will take time to consider our wonder, awe, and gratitude for God's wisdom, creativity, and blessings that fill the natural world as well as the groaning of God's good creation. During our retreat, we hope to gain a deeper awareness and understanding of our connection to creation and discover new ways to live into God's hope and guidance for our lives and world. Surrounded by nature, we're excited to take on this important learning and reflection.

Please consider joining us November 1st through the 3rd at Camp Sequanota's Bowersox Retreat Center, in the beautiful Laurel Highlands, for a truly transformational experience of study, worship, and fellowship. The retreat center is a one level building. Each room has its own bathroom with tub/shower. Our weekend begins Friday evening, ending after lunch on Sunday. There will be free time scheduled for Saturday afternoon to visit the 911 Memorial, shop in nearby Ligonier, hike the trails or take a nap. We will worship together on Sunday in the retreat center. Registration information is below. Questions can be referred to Barb Nugent or Pr. Ellen Lundie.

Cost includes three meals on Saturday and two meals on Sunday, WiFi, coffee and tea service.

Cost per person (double occupancy) \$180

Cost per person (single occupancy) \$220

Registration for Discipleship Retreat 2024

Name _____

Cell Phone to connect for retreat only _____

Dietary restrictions _____

If you are rooming with someone other than your spouse/partner, please give their name

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Registrations MUST be in before October 14th.

Checks payable to Bethlehem Lutheran church and put in the offering box.



YOUTH NEWS:

OCTOBER 6: CONFIRMATION LUNCH (FOR CONFIRMANDS AND THEIR FAMILIES)
FOLLOWING LATE WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP HALL

OCTOBER 13: CONFIRMATION CLASSES/HIGH SCHOOL HANGOUT AND
GA-GA (6:30 – 8:30 P.M.)

OCTOBER 20: CONFIRMATION CLASSES / HIGH SCHOOL HANGOUT AND
CLUE (6:30 – 8:30 P.M.)
J.A.M. Group Night (6:30 – 7:30 P.M.)

OCTOBER 27: CONFIRMATION CLASSES / HIGH SCHOOL HANGOUT AND
PHANTOM OF THE CHURCH (6:30 – 8:30 P.M.)

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Next Fellowship Committee Meeting

Monday, November 11th at 7pm

Church Lounge

*** Of Note The Fellowship Committee will now hold their meetings typically on the second Monday of the month since the 1st Monday meal happens each month and several members assist with that meal and can't attend our meetings.

Many hands make for lighter work... Have you ever considered to join the Fellowship Committee.. ALL ARE WELCOME!

You're Invited!!!

1st Monday Meal – Free Community Dinner
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
1719 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw, PA 15116

The next 1st Monday meal Bethlehem Lutheran Church will be hosting, is going to be held **TOMORROW, October 7th**

Featuring an



Themed Meal

Our Free Community Dinner is from 5-7 pm. in Fellowship Hall.
Dinners will continue the first Monday of each month throughout 2024

Please feel free to join us for dinner and fellowship!

Any questions, please contact the church office at

412-486-0550.

Hope to see you there!

Time to get a jump start in purchasing your needed supplies for the:

Nancy Price Memorial Wreath Party

Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, December 1, 1 p.m.

Many years ago, Nancy Price began hosting wreath parties in her Cleveland basement. After moving to Pittsburgh, she brought the tradition to Bethlehem, where for decades, friends gathered to ring in the holiday season with Christmas tea, cookies, music and wreath making. Please join us to honor her memory and continue this timeless tradition!

A few things to remember:

- The wreath party is informal - wear old clothes!
- Bring your own greens (see list of recommended nurseries if not cutting). Pieces should be at least eight inches long. Fill a laundry basket (packed) and keep outside to stay fresh.
- Frazier, Balsam, Douglas and Scotch are the easiest pines to work with. Blue Spruce and White Pine are not recommended.

What should I bring?

- Greens
- Wire cutters
- Rose clippers
- Garden gloves
- Decorations
- Garbage bag for trash
- A friend!
- CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Where should I buy pine?

- Glenshaw Feed
- LMS Greenhouse & Nursery (Allison Park)
- McTighe's Nursery (Glenshaw)
- Overbeck's Nursery & Landscaping (Blawnox)

NOTE: One bale of greens or a small tree (approximately \$15) should make two 20" wreaths.

**Available to purchase at the event: 16" and 18" frames for \$2.50 and \$3,
as well as wire for \$2.**

Register also available online at <https://tinyurl.com/2vp5b9c3>