

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Serving, accepting, and loving all.

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Lectionary 28, Year C

Introduction

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE HANDBELL CHOIR (10:30)

***JOYFUL, JOYFUL*, ARR. V. STEPHENSON**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (8:00 am)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence
of God and of one another.

(The assembly may kneel as able)

A: Merciful and loving God,

C: we are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found. Amen.**

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.

In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG NO. 865 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

2 Praise him for his grace and favor
to our forebears in distress.
Praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

3 Tenderly he shields and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely as his mercy flows.

4 Angels help us to adore him,
who behold him face to face.

Sun and moon bow down before him;
all who dwell in time and space.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847

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 (10:30am)

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

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

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

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

Elsie Ann Swope, 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 Elsie 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.

Elsie Ann – 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)

Elsie 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.

Elsie, 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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,
Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all
creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in
body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would
have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

WORD

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

A reading from 2 Kings,

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean."

¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult,

would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a, b, c} Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111 (The psalm will be sung responsively by whole verse)

¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with [|] my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the [|] congregation.

² **Great are your [|] works, O LORD,**
pondered by all who de- [|] light in them.

³ Majesty and splendor [|] mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- [|] dures forever.

⁴ **You cause your wonders to [|] be remembered;**
you are gracious and full [|] of compassion.

⁵ You give food to [|] those who fear you,
remembering forev- [|] er your covenant.

⁶ **You have shown your people the power [|] of your works**
in giving them the lands [|] of the nations.

⁷ The works of your hands are faithful- [|] ness and justice;
all of your pre- [|] cepts are sure.

⁸ **They stand fast forev- [|] er and ever,**
because they are done in [|] truth and equity.

⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded
your cove- [|] nant forever;
holy and awesome [|] is your name.

¹⁰ **The fear of the LORD is the begin- [|] ning of wisdom;**
all who practice this have a good understanding.
God’s praise en- [|] dures forever.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

A reading from 2 Timothy,

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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 17:11-19

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – The Rev. Daniel P. Smail

HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 617 We Come to You for Healing, Lord

1 We come to you for healing, Lord,
of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by your Spirit's touch
we may again be whole.

2 As once you walked through ancient streets
and reached toward those in pain,
come, risen Christ, among us still
with pow'r to heal again.

3 You touch us through physicians' skills,
through nurses' gifts of care,
and through the love of faithful friends
who lift our lives in prayer.

4 When nights are long with wakefulness,
through days when strength runs low,
grant us your gift of patience, Lord,
your calming peace to know.

5 We come to you, O loving Lord,
in our distress and pain,
in trust that through our nights and days
your grace will heal, sustain.

APOSTLES CREED (8:00am)

**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

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing; especially those we name within our hearts (*a moment of silence*). God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERTORY - Handbell Choir

Abide with Me, arr. J. Endean

MEAL

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

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

**C: Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

C: 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.

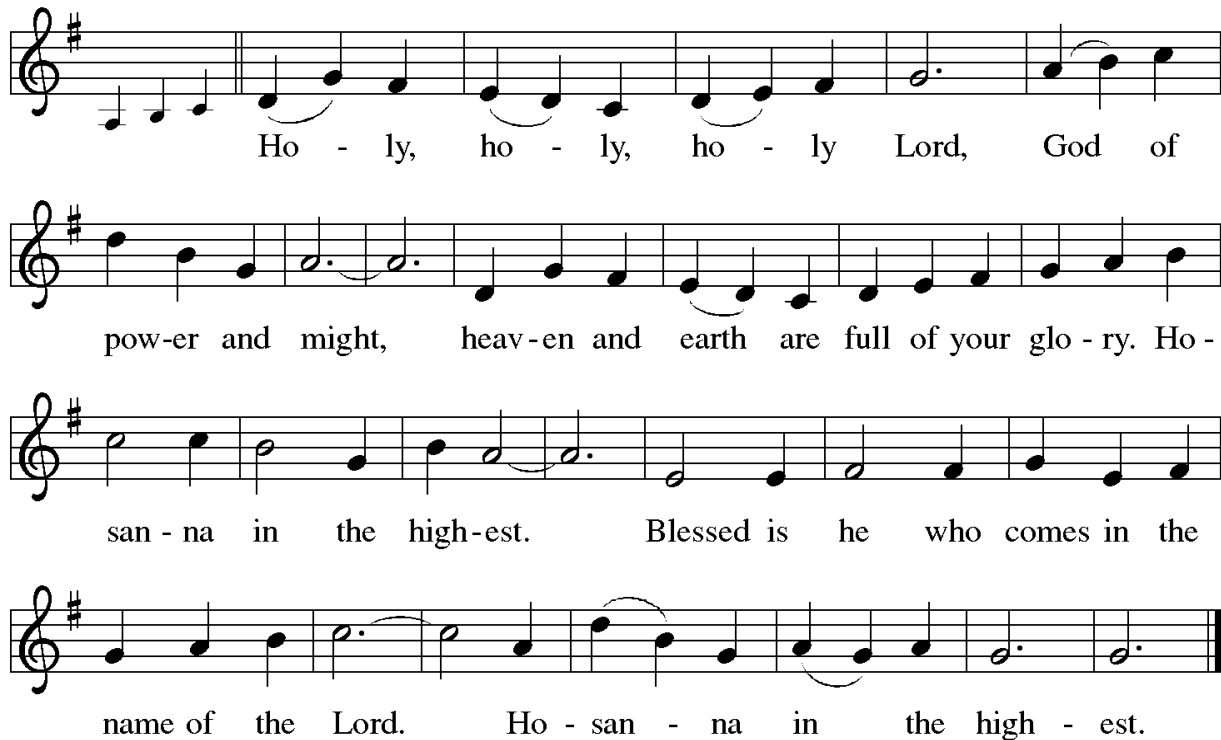
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW P. 108)



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.**

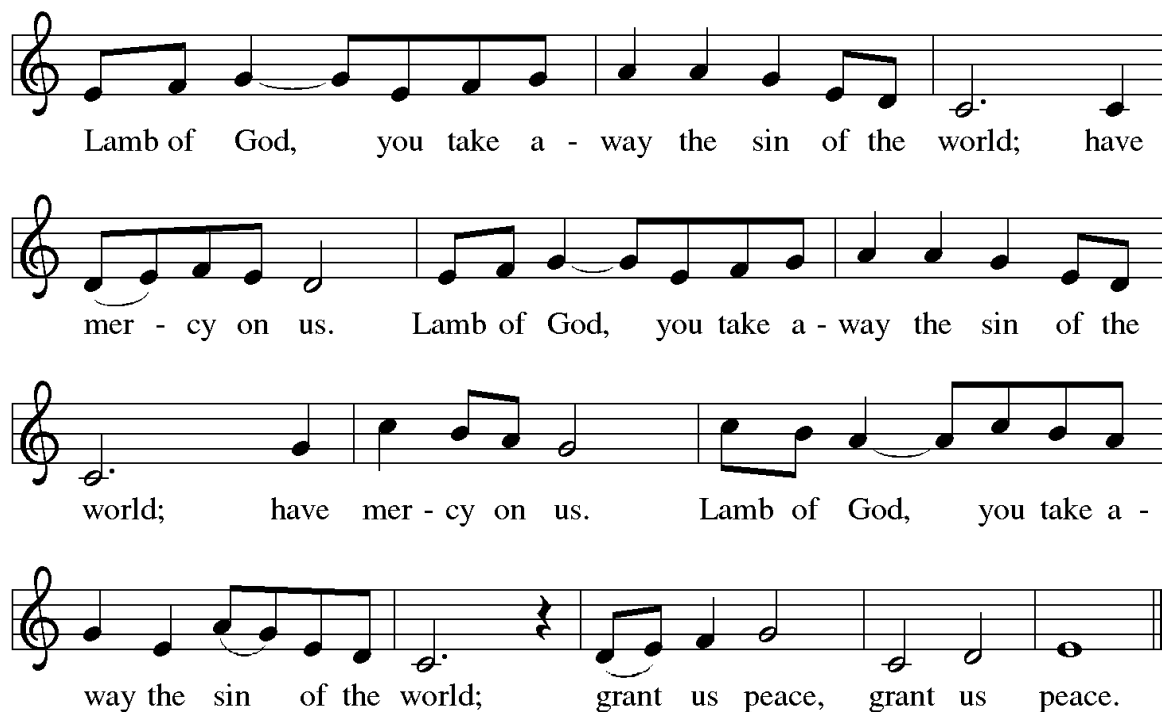
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

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 HYMN NO. 733 Great is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG NO. 840 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.
- 3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

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.

October Book Club:

This month, Bethlehem's Book Club will be considering Kathleen Norris', "Amazing Grace." This is an engaging text that raises and entertains critically important concepts within the Christian faith in an inviting and accessible way. Our group will be gathering on October 21st at 6:30, please do consider joining us for a meaningful conversation. This promises to be an enlightening time together!

Special Offering for October is: Lutherlyn



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

Remember when buying items, think flip top lids, and individual serving size items. Not everyone has access to a can opener or even a place to store the items they are taking. Some simply take things for immediate consumption.

The installation of Bishop Melissa Stoller will take place on **Saturday, October 18**. To celebrate this special occasion, Bethlehem will host a family-friendly watch party (starting at 12:30 p.m.) featuring snacks, activities and special additions from the

Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod for those viewing from afar. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Marianne in the church office: office@belc.org

The Week at Bethlehem

Sunday, Oct. 12th

8:00 am	Worship & Communion
9:15am	Sunday School
*10:30am	Worship & Communion
5:30pm	Madrigal Dinner Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
6:30-7:30pm	J.A.M. Youth
6:30-7:30pm	Confirmation Class
6:30-7:30pm	High School Hangout
7:30-8:30pm	Youth Group

* Live streaming of worship service

Monday, Oct. 13th 9:00-2:30p PACC (Fellowship Hall)
7:00pm Fellowship Comm. (Lounge)

Tuesday, Oct. 14th 8:00am-11:30am AA (Schmid Hall)
6:00-8:30pm NA (Fellowship Hall)
7:00pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 15th NO Bible Study today or tonight
7-8:30p Boy Scouts Mtg. (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, Oct. 16th 10:00am Stained Glass & Other Crafts Class(Music Rm.)
4:30-6:30pm ACT-1 (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, Oct. 17th 5-7:30pm L.I.F.T. Group Katie's Clay Studio w/bite to eat following

Saturday, Oct. 18th 12:30pm Watch Party – Bishop’s Installation
6:00pm Worship/Comm.

LIFT Night at Katie's Clay Studio – Friday, October 17th 5-7:30 pm.

Join the LIFT group as we 'get creative' at Katie's Clay Studio (5562 William Flinn Hwy., Gibsonia, PA 15044 724-502-4700) on Friday evening, October 17 from 5 – 7:30 pm. Katie's has a very large assortment of pottery pieces to paint (and leave at the Studio to have 'fired' for a later pick-up). Cost starts at \$29 (which includes your class fee and varies depending on the pottery you choose). Please look for the sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board to sign up and plan to join us for a fun, creative evening. Perhaps we'll go out for a bite to eat after class is over. Hoping to have a good turn-out! Please feel free to invite a friend.

Who Is My Neighbor?



Second Harvest, a community thrift store, is located at **624 Clay Street, Sharpsburg just 3.1 miles from our church**. It is not only a community thrift store but the location of a freezer, refrigerator, and pantry where all are encouraged to:

“Take what you need” and “Leave what you don’t.”

One of the urgent needs of the pantry is baby diapers and baby wipes.

This October, your Health and Wellness Team will be collecting unopened boxes of these much needed products for the babies in our neighboring communities. Please just deposit them in the labeled bin located in the narthex. The team will see that they are delivered to the pantry at Second Harvest.

Collections will be received October 5th – 26th.

GA-GA TOURNAMENT

FUNDRAISER

OPEN TO ALL AGES

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE YOUTH TRIP FUND

Please join us on

Sunday, October 19th from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. for a
night of Ga-Ga, Giggles, and Snacks

Entry Fee \$5.00

Age Levels (Please Select One):

_____ 12 years old and under;

_____ 13 years old to 18 years old;

_____ Over 18 years old.



SAVE THIS IMPORTANT DATE

You are invited to attend a brief congregational meeting on 2025 October 19 immediately following 10:30am worship service. We will be discussing and seeking approval of a church council motion to renovate Schmid Hall and ancillary areas of the church.

We welcome your attendance to hear about this exciting new project proposal and to cast your vote.



SAVE THE DATE Saturday, October 25, 2025

Join your friends and family at the Fundraiser/Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Northside Common Ministries on Saturday, 10/25/25 from 4-7 pm. The dinner will be held at Northmont Presbyterian Church (8169 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15237). Dinners can be 'dine in' or "to go". There will be a freewill offering to cover cost and one of our 'famous' basket raffles! Hope you'll be able to join us!



Bethlehem Lutheran Church *Celebrating our 95th Anniversary*

1930-2025

*Please join us for a Festival Worship Service,
united as one body in Christ, on
Reformation Sunday, October 26th, 2025 - 10:30 am
(i.e., No Saturday or Sunday 8:00 am services!)*

A Luncheon to Follow

Menu: Roasted Pork Tenderloin, Potatoes au gratin,
Glazed Carrots, Tossed Salad

With a FREE WILL OFFERING

To enable all members / families to attend

Suggested donation: Adults - \$12.50

Children under 12 – No charge.

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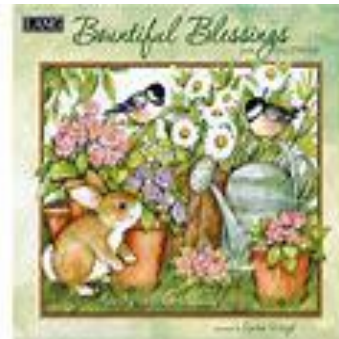
5th Anniversary Luncheon Reservation

Return to the Church Office, Deadline: Sunday, October 19th

Name _____

No. Adults: _____ **No. Children:** _____ **Offering Enclosed:** _____

2026 Calendars Are Being Collected



for the “North Hills Community Outreach”
Collection will begin October 1st and
continue through December 14th.
Calendars can be placed in the labeled box
in the Narthex.

Thank You for your continued support
of this social ministry project.

Save the Date!

Fall Discipleship Retreat, November 7th through the 9th

Our fall discipleship retreat is scheduled for November 7th through the 9th at Camp Sequanota in the beautiful Laurel Highlands. Every year this time away provides an impactful opportunity to pray, worship, study, reflect, and connect in meaningful ways with our siblings in Christ. And this year, we have an important focus: we'll be considering how to sustain our commitment to Christ over the long haul. We will be honest about the ups and downs inherent in spirituality and service; and with the help of the Holy Spirit and the writings of J.R.R. Tolkien we will work together to reignite a sense of adventure in our lives of discipleship. Need a boost, need to recharge, need a fresh perspective to power through the months ahead? Then, this weekend away might be just the time you have been hoping for! "Campership funds are available for those who need them".

Do you already know you are planning to attend? Then, simply reach out with your registration and we will be glad to reserve your spot. Thanks in advance for your consideration!

Retreat Registration form

Registration and fee is due by October 26.

Registration includes meals, bedding, pillows, towels, WiFi.

Double occupancy - per person \$210

Single occupancy - per person \$330

Name - _____

Cell phone - _____

Email address - _____

Dietary restrictions - _____

Roommate - _____