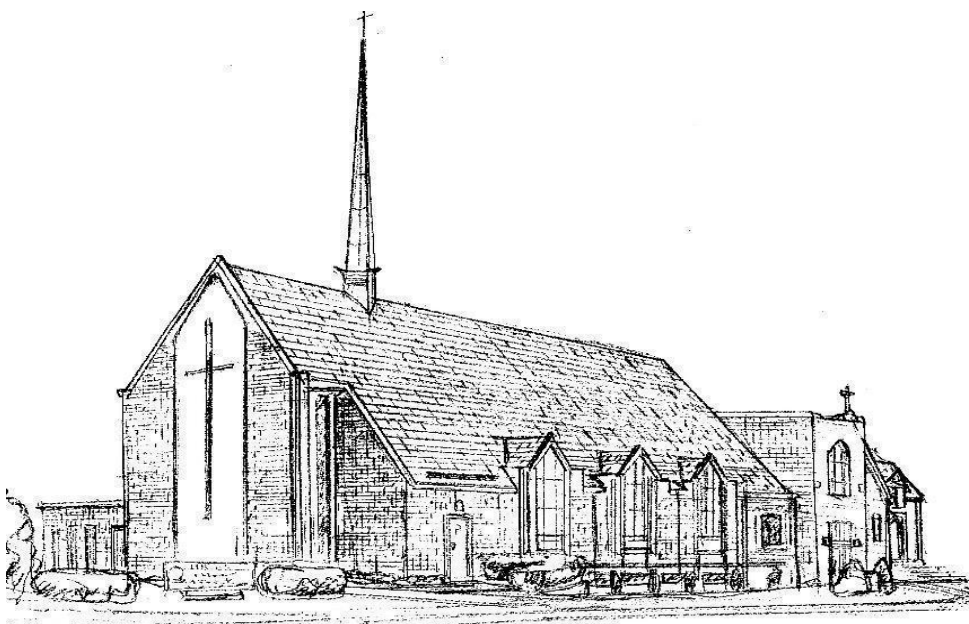


BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Serving, accepting, and loving all.

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Lectionary 27, Year A

Introduction

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,
✠ Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.
Amen.

A: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A: Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A: Steadfast and faithful God,
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.
We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.**

**We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.
For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.
For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.
Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
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. 858 PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY (1 VERSE)

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us
your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us,
and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the LORD among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.

A reading from Exodus,

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 25:1-9

¹To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of

your good-ness, O LORD.

⁸You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.

⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

A reading from Philippians,

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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.

Text: John Cawood, 1775-1852, alt.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they

answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON - SEMINARIAN WENDY FARONE

HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 773 PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

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APOSTLES CREED

**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

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A brief silence.

We put our trust in you as we pray for the church. Give bishops, pastors, deacons, and teachers the gifts of wisdom and discernment. Be with them in bold truth and faithful witness. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Lead us in your truth as we pray for creation. Empower us to look to the interests of others as we make choices that impact the environment. Summon us to be advocates for healthy waterways, habitats, and air. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Lead us in justice as we pray for those in government, the military, and other positions of authority. Give them humble and willing hearts, looking to the needs of others. We pray also for our enemies. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Trusting your goodness, we pray for all caregivers and people who are sick or suffering in any way; especially those we name within our hearts (*a brief silence...*). Give them encouragement and consolation in your presence. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Teach us your paths as we pray for this congregation. Be at work in us and unite us in your love as we labor together for the sake of the gospel. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for all the saints who died secure in the knowledge of salvation. Keep us fearless in our faith and certain of your resurrection. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN

NO. 652 BUILT ON A ROCK (VERSES 1, 3)

1 Built on a rock the church shall stand,
even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
bells still are chiming and calling—
calling the young and old to rest,
calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting.

3 Christ builds a house of living stones:
we are his own habitation;
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
granting us life and salvation.
Where two or three will seek his face,
he in their midst will show his grace,
blessings upon them bestowing.

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MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.

**We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.**

**Form us into the body of your Beloved,
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 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!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.

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 invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

NO. 488 SOUL, ADORN YOURSELF WITH GLADNESS

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
come into the daylight's splendor,
there with joy your praises render.
Bless the one whose grace unbounded
this amazing banquet founded;
Christ, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet him,
eagerly and gladly greet him.
There he stands already knocking;
quickly, now, your gate unlocking,
open wide the fast-closed portal,
saying to the Lord immortal:
"Come, and leave your loved one never;
dwell within my heart forever."
- 3 Now in faith I humbly ponder
over this surpassing wonder
that the bread of life is boundless
though the souls it feeds are countless;
with the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
pledge and seal of my salvation.
- 4 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
truest friend, and dearest treasure,
peace beyond all understanding,
joy into all life expanding:

humbly now, I bow before you,
love incarnate, I adore you;
worthily let me receive you,
and, so favored, never leave you.

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SENIOR CHOIR - *A JOYFUL CALL TO PRAISE*

COMMUNION HYMNS

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.
Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, alleluia.
We do not live by bread alone, but by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God, Allelu, Alleluia.

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NO. 396 SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain*
- 2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain*

- 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain*
- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain*

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

SENDING BLESSING

The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

NO. 729 THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN EVERY AGE

- 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.
- 2 Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry

for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.

3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

4 For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.

5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.

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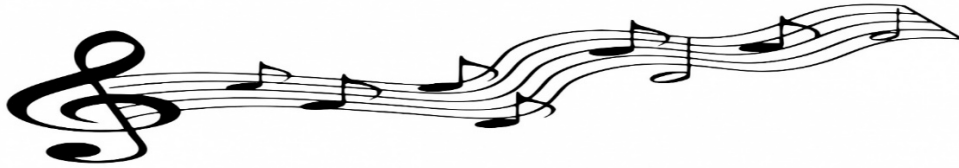
L: Go in peace. God is at work in you

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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A new Season of Choir and Handbells

We are blessed to have started up our rehearsals and our singing/playing but, we are always looking for more new members.

Interested or have questions ?

Contact: Laura Henri in the church office on Extn. 102, she will be happy to assist you.

Choir Rehearsals -- Sunday mornings at 9am

Handbells rehearse -- Wednesday evenings at 7:15pm.

Monthly Special Offering for October is: Lutherlyn To contribute, please use your special envelope and place it in one of the offering boxes in the Narthex at any worship service, or it can be mailed to the church office.

Thank you for your generous support.

The Week at Bethlehem

Sunday, October 1st	8am Worship/Communion 9am Choir Rehearsal 9:15am Sunday School * 10:30am Worship/Communion *with Live Steaming
Monday, October 2nd	9:00a-2:30p PACC (Fellowship Hall) 11a-2p Passage to Recovery (Library) 7:00p Fellowship Committee Mtg. (Lounge)
Tuesday, October 3rd	10:30-11:30a AA Mtg. (Fellowship Hall) 6:00-8:30pm NA (Fellowship Hall) 7:00p Council Mtg.
Wednesday, October 4th	10:30 a & 7:00p Bible Study (Schmid Hall) 7:15pm Handbell rehearsal 7-8:30pm Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, October 5th	4:30-7pm ACT-1 Theatre School
Saturday, October 7th	9:30a Hope & Compassion Comm. Mtg. 6:00pm Worship/Comm.

BELC Stained Glass Group

A Stained Glass Group is being formed at Bethlehem Lutheran. The group will meet on Thursdays from 10:00 pm to 2:00 pm beginning Thursday, October 26. Both people with experience and also beginners are welcome.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America **LIVING LUTHERAN MAGAZINE**

Each year at this time the Evangelism Committee of Bethlehem Lutheran church Would provide our congregation members with an opportunity to subscribe to the ELCA magazine, Living Lutheran. However, the Living Lutheran is now an e-publication. This means you Can now simply sign up for stories to be delivered to your email inbox in weekly, biweekly, or monthly intervals.

To sign up, go

<http://www.livinglutheran.org> and click on “subscribe” at the bottom of the page.

You will then be directed to complete a short form to sign up and choose how often to receive stories from the Living Lutheran e-digest. If you need any assistance signing up, please contact the office and a member of the Evangelism Committee will be happy to assist you.

The big question is: BOXERS OR BRIEFS??

Well, in this case – BOTH! Northside Common Ministries has made us aware of the need for new (in packages) men’s underwear in EITHER style! The most needed sizes are LARGE and EXTRA LARGE. If you would like to pick up a package or two, when you’re out shopping for clothes for the upcoming fall season, your donation will be much appreciated! Please place your donations in the large box that will be in the Narthex beginning the first weekend in September!

The collection will continue thru the end of October.

As always, NCM is so thankful for the generosity of the good folks at Bethlehem.

and we’ll let you know, based on the BELC collection, whether Boxers or Briefs are the most popular style!

Annual Discipleship Retreat – You are invited... November 3 – 5

For this year's fall discipleship retreat we will be spending some time with the work of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. We will consider Bonhoeffer's brilliant biblical insights, passion for the Gospel, and commitment to Christ... and most importantly we will discover how this faithful servant who was martyred in 1945 still has the power to enliven our faith and inspire lives of courageous discipleship. While on retreat we will consider the profound significance of the beatitudes, Bonhoeffer's critical distinction between "cheap" and "costly" grace, as well as the inherent power of the Christian community. Please consider joining us November 3rd through the 5th 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. Each room has a minimum of two twins beds. 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 Val Martincek. 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) \$200

Registration for Discipleship Retreat 2023

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 15th.

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

October 14th L.I.F.T

Join us for the event on 10/14 as we explore the Pittsburgh Botanical Garden with a self-guided/self-paced walk throughout the beautiful display of gardens, woodlands and exhibit areas. Following our exploration of the Gardens, we will conclude our visit with lunch at the Visitor Center's Canopy Café which serves coffee, assorted pastries, sandwiches, salads, soups, and rotating seasonal specials. Also within the Visitors Center, there is a gift shop "Forage and Finds" which sells botanical and garden themed merchandise, local goods and native plants as well as an art exhibit: "Unearthed: EcoArt in the Landscape" an exhibition of artworks created using found objects, repurposed materials otherwise heading to a landfill, and/or natural materials from the Allegheny Plateau ecoregion.

Admissions/Tickets - available at the Visitor Center for \$15 (\$13 for seniors)

Location: The Pittsburgh Botanic Garden is centrally located between Pittsburgh International Airport and Downtown Pittsburgh, 799 Pinkerton Run Road Pittsburgh, PA 15071, approximately 30 – 40 minutes from BELC. Please note: We will be meeting at the church for carpooling as parking at the Botanical Gardens is somewhat limited due to renovations being made to their main parking lot. We will depart from the church at 9:30 a.m. so please plan to arrive by 9:15 a.m. in order to organize the carpools.

For our visit, please note the following:

- Pittsburgh Botanic Garden is intended to be a walking experience and most pathways are fully outdoors.
- Pathways may have a paved, woodchip or fine gravel surface depending on location. You may encounter steps and/or slopes on certain walkways.
- The Gardens are designed to visit as many or as few of the various sections and pathways as you choose. For further information, please refer to the Pittsburgh Botanical Gardens website: <https://pittsburghbotanicgarden.org/plan-your-visit/> <https://pittsburghbotanicgarden.org/plan-your-visit/> and [Pittsburgh Botanic Garden Map](#) for details about path surfaces.
- Benches are placed along paths to provide a place to rest.
- To leisurely walk through the entire set of gardens and woodlands will take approximately 1 – 1 and ½ hours



YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH – OCTOBER CALENDAR 2023

Oct 1 No Youth

Oct 8 Confirmation Lunch (following late worship service)

Oct 15 Ga-Ga & 4 Square (7:30–8:30 p.m.)

High School Hangout and Confirmation Classes (6:30-7:30 p.m.)

Oct 22 Clue (7:30–8:30 p.m.)

J.A.M. Night (6:30-7:30 p.m.)

High School Hangout and Confirmation Classes (6:30-7:30 p.m.)

*Oct 24 SENIOR YOUTH: Movie Night (6:30-8:30 p.m. @ BELC)

Oct 29 Reformation Sunday – Youth helping at late worship service

Phantom of the Church (7:30–8:30 p.m.)

High School Hangout and Confirmation Classes (6:30-7:30 p.m.)

Pictorial Directory Announcement

We are pleased to announce that we will be compiling a 2023 church family pictorial directory with Universal Church Directories.

Directory photos will be taken Thursday, November 30, 2023 through Saturday, December 2, 2023.

Sign-ups to schedule your photography session will take place prior to and following services in late October and November.

Look for more details to come in your weekly bulletin inserts and on our website and Get Connected announcements.