



Eagerly Waiting for Him

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class: 11:30 AM

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With the advent of social media, many false messages and hopes are offered as true. Such messaging and propaganda can raise fears and sow divisions among people. Serve your neighbor by resisting extreme messages and social anxiety. Speak words of trust in God that calm one's soul and offer hope and peace to others.

Psalm 16:7 says, *"I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me."*

When we read or listen to God's Word at the end of the day, our hearts and minds are filled with thoughts that carry us through the night. Even as we sleep God's Spirit is at work, ministering to us and leading us. This week, take time to read or listen to God's Word before you go to sleep. For children, use a storybook Bible. After reading, say this blessing: **May the Lord make you lie down in safety and may you sleep in peace.** (Psalm 4:8)



IT IS GREAT TO HAVE YOU IN WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

Here at Bethlehem Lutheran, we believe in the teachings of the Bible as taught by Jesus and the apostles and strive to live our lives in accord with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are all fellow sinners who live together in the mercy and grace of Jesus. Jesus is the heart and center of all that we say and do as we serve Him and live in Christian love with one another.

If you would like to learn more about this church, or are looking for a church family, please talk to our pastor or one of the ushers or elders. They would be happy to talk with you! Regardless of whether you join or not, we welcome you and your

family to worship with us any time! Please sign our guest register in the lobby and fill out the Communication Card in the bulletin and place in the offering plate in the Narthex. Please include your local contact information and email.

Members, please fill in your name for attendance. Thank you!

Should you have something we could privately pray about for you this week, we invite you to let our pastor or one of our members know so we can seek the Lord's face together.

Come visit us again sometime soon and may the Lord richly bless you!

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 14, 2021

PRELUDE

✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

HYMN OF INVOCATION

515 REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS

- 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing,
And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising
And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
At midnight comes the cry.
- 2 The watchers on the mountain
Proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go forth as He approaches
With alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting;
The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
The Bridegroom is at hand.
- 3 The saints, who here in patience
Their cross and suff'rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever
When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
The Lamb they shall behold;

In triumph cast before Him
Their diadems of gold.

4 Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for,
O'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption
That sets Your people free!

(Please rise)

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION ✠

PIn the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

CAmen.

PIf we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

CBut if we confess our sins, God, who is
faithful and just, will forgive our sins and
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

[P] Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

[C] Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

[P] Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

(Please be seated)

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 16

You Will Not Abandon My Soul

[P] Preserve me, O God,
for in you I take refuge.

[C] I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.”

[P] As for the saints in the land,
they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.

[C] The sorrows of those who run after another
god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour
out
or take their names on my lips.

[P] The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

C The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

P I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

C I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

P Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

C For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.

P You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

(Please rise)

KYRIE

PIn peace let us pray to the Lord.

CLord, have mercy.

PFor the peace from above and for our salvation
let us pray to the Lord.

CLord, have mercy.

PFor the peace of the whole world, for the well-
being of the Church of God, and for the unity of
all let us pray to the Lord.

CLord, have mercy.

PFor this holy house and for all who offer here
their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

CLord, have mercy.

PHelp, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious
Lord.

CAmen.

♪GLORIA IN EXCELSIS♪

**1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit**

Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 12:1–3

The Time of the End

¹“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time

your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ²And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 10:11–25

¹¹Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws on their hearts,
and write them on their minds,”

¹⁷then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless
deeds no more.”

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no
longer any offering for sin.

The Full Assurance of Faith

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence
to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by
the new and living way that he opened for us
through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and
since we have a great priest over the house of
God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full
assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean
from an evil conscience and our bodies washed
with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession
of our hope without wavering, for he who promised
is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one
another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting
to meet together, as is the habit of some, but
encouraging one another, and all the more as you
see the Day drawing near.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please rise)

♪ ALLELUIA AND VERSE ♪

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus Foretells Destruction of the Temple

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!”

²And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

Signs of the Close of the Age

³And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.

⁹“But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. ¹¹And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the

Holy Spirit. ¹²And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. ¹³And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

563 JESUS, THY BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty,
Was also shed in love for me.
- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.
- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

SERMON **“Bloody Days”** . . . *Pastor Karl*

(Please rise)

APOSTLES' CREED

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the
dead.**

**He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in Your mercy

C Hear our prayer.

OFFERING

♪OFFERTORY RESPONSE♪

805 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

(please rise)

△ **1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth

as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. **Refrain**

**ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;

In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. **Refrain**

**ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

3 His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. **Refrain**

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! **Refrain**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be
gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give
you peace.

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE



Serving the Lord with Gladness

Rev. Karl P. Glander

Organist: Holly Bell

Elder: Paul Rugenstein

Altar Guild: Pam Rugenstein, Betty Willis

Ushers: Paul Rugenstein

Reader: Emy Larson

Acolyte: Jake Stecklein



The Flowers at our altar this morning were given to the *Glory of God* this morning was given by Harrison Kimbrell in celebrating the 246th birthday of the US Marine Corps



Refreshments were provided by Harrison Kimbrell. Thank you!

Stewardship & Attendance

Monthly Giving

Offerings: \$8333

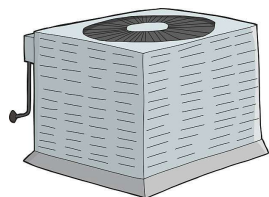
Expenses: \$9937

Weekly Attendance

Worship Service – 51

Bible Class –17

Confirmation - 2



Air Conditioning Fund:

Air Conditioning Fund: The air conditioning units for the sanctuary were installed about 15 years ago. They have required more frequent maintenance and repair in the last year. We have begun raising funds to replace these units. The estimated replacement cost is approximately \$25,000. We have raised \$14,115. so far. Please label your donations as “A/C Fund “.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



**ADULT BIBLE CLASS TODAY, SUNDAY ~
NOVEMBER 14, 2021, at 11:30 a.m.**



**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
Monday November 15th, 2021
10:00a.m.**

The Challenges of Grief

\$20.00 (Includes workbook)



**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY ~ NOVEMBER
17, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.**

LOOKING AHEAD



**SUNDAY ~ NOVEMBER 21, 2021
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship**



**ADULT BIBLE CLASS WILL SUNDAY ~
NOVEMBER 21, 2021, at 11:30 a.m.**



**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
Monday November 22nd, 2021
10:00a.m.**

The Challenges of Grief

\$20.00 (Includes workbook)



**No Wednesday Bible study on November
24th and December 29th.**



Wednesday, November 24th starting at 6:00 p.m. Celebrate Thanksgiving Eve with us at Bethlehem Lutheran Church! Thanksgiving Potluck at 6:00 p.m. turkey will be provided by the Pastor Glander's family, just bring side dishes. Followed by a Thanksgiving Eve worship service with Holy Communion and giving thanks to God our Father for the blessings which we experience in our lives.



Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 24th, 2021
at 7:00 P.M.

Giving with a thankful heart blesses both the giver and the receiver of one's generosity.



Decorate the Church for Christmas
Sunday, November 28th, 2021 right after service. Join in some great fellowship!



Mark your calendars for the upcoming Christmas Services coming up next month.

Christmas Eve Service

Friday, December 24th at 7:00 P.M.

New Year's Eve Service

Friday, December 31st at 7:00 P.M.



Holiday Food Baskets

This year, as in the past we will provide Holiday food baskets for 60 needy families in our community. We will collect food items, organizing and packing them on December 5th, and then distribute food baskets December 6th to the Buckingham Exceptional Student Center. We are truly blessed to have so many who continue to support feeding the needy and we thank you for your generosity. Suggested items are canned vegetables, instant/canned/scalloped potatoes, gravy, peanut butter & jellies/jams, pasta/sauce, canned soup, mac & cheese, rice/beans, tuna fish, hot chocolate packets, dessert, puddings, box of crackers, jar of nuts. Were also in need of cash donations for turkeys and hams. So, if you're not able to be here but would like to help please make out a check to Bethlehem and put holiday basket in the memo, it will be very much appreciated. Thank you!

Prayer Focus: Please help us pray for the tangible and evident love of Christ to be made

known as these baskets and meals are provided. Please help us pray for a boldness for the giver to share the message of Christ and His great love for us and for the receiver to have open ears to hear it, and an open heart to receive it!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth - we are building shoeboxes again this year. Boxes and instructions are available at church, online at Samaritanspurse.org, or even Hobby Lobby. National collection week is Nov. 15-22. If you'd like to build a box online, please visit samaritanspurse.org/buildonline. Each box requires \$9.00 shipping and handling, but don't let that deter you as LWML is covering that cost whenever needed. Please contact Terri Gerlach with any questions. 239-243-8733.



Flower Calendar: The 2022 Flower Chart is up in the narthex. The flowers decorating the chancel at Bethlehem are placed there as an act of worship and devotion to glorify God.

They are also, an expression of the beauty and

goodness of God. Members of the congregation may donate altar flowers as an expression of thanksgiving to God, in remembrance of departed loved one, on the occasion of a special event, such as a baptism, birthday, wedding anniversary, or simply to praise God. If you wish to donate flowers for use on the chancel, the cost is \$40.00 for two vases, if you would like to just purchase 1 vase at \$20.00 that's okay, but please put up there 1 vase and someone can sign up with you for the other. It is also tax deductible. Please place money in an envelope marked flowers in the offering basket.

Prayer Chain: Life presents challenges to all of us, but sometimes those challenges can feel like it's just too much. If you are experiencing situations, whether physical, emotional, or spiritual, you may give your prayer requests to Linda Kirsch 239-693-5026 or e-mail: jlkirsch3@comcast.net or call or email Linda if you would like to become a part of our Prayer chain. "Hear my prayer, O Lord; listen to my cry for mercy."



Bertha Bos
Vi Hacker
William and Nancy Weyl



At Christmas, we decorate the church in celebration of the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you would like to present a poinsettia in honor, memory, or celebration of a person or event, please fill out this form and place it, with payment, in the offering plate. Each poinsettia costs \$8.00. All poinsettia donations will be acknowledged in the Christmas Eve Worship Bulletin. We need your order by November 28th, 2021.

_____ Poinsettia @ \$8.00 each = _____

Presented by:

Please note whether this/these plant(s) are: In Loving
Memory of

In Honor of

In Celebration of

To the Glory of God for

Place this form with proper payment in an envelope and
place in offering plate or send to Bethlehem Lutheran
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