

October 26, 2025

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod 14531 Old Olga Road Fort Myers, FL

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Almighty God is our strength.

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you reach out to someone who feels their life is in turmoil?

Martin Luther wrote the Small Catechism for the head of the household to teach to the members of

the household. There is a daily morning and evening blessing that includes making the physical sign of the cross. As a reminder of the Reformation, add this ritual to your mornings and evenings. As you make the sign of the cross on your chest or forehead, say: God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit watch over me. Amen. (Luther's Small Catechism)



IT IS GREAT TO HAVE YOU IN WORSHIP Welcome 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 pew and place in the offering plate. 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!

ATTENDING COMMUNION AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and

because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of Bethlehem Lutheran Church LCMS and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are invited to speak with Pastor Karl Glander.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 26, 2025

PRELUDE

+ ORDER OF WORSHIP +

HYMN OF INVOCATION

744 AMAZING GRACE

(Stanzas 1-5)

- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound— That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!
- 2 The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;

- He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
- 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease, Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

(Please rise)

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION + INVOCATION

- PIn the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- CAmen.

LSB 151

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

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 151

- PLet us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.

ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

PAlmighty 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.

CAmen.

(Please be seated)

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

RESPONSIVE PSALM God Is Our Fortress

Psalm 46

- P God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
- P though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

- There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
- P God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.
- The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- P The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth.
- P He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.
- "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth!"

P The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

(Please rise)

KYRIE LSB 152

- 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 wellbeing 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.

JITHIS IS THE FEAST J

LSB 155

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- PThe Lord be with you.
- **C**And also with you.
- PLet us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6–7

The Messages of the Three Angels

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

LThis is the Word of the Lord.

CThanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

The Righteousness of God Through Faith

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

CThanks be to God.

(Please rise)

JALLELUIA AND VERSE,

LSB 156

CAlleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

PThe Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

The Truth Will Set You Free

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

- PThis is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C**Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON HYMN

657 A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

(Stanzas 1–4)

1 A mighty fortress is our God,

A sword and shield victorious;

He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod

And wins salvation glorious.

The old satanic foe

Has sworn to work us woe.

With craft and dreadful might

He arms himself to fight.

On earth he has no equal.

2 No strength of ours can match his might.

We would be lost, rejected.

But now a champion comes to fight,

Whom God Himself elected.

You ask who this may be?

The Lord of hosts is He,

Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us, We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpow'r us. Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage. His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it; For God Himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day. The Kingdom's ours forever!

SERMON

"Be Still"

. . . Pastor Karl

(Please rise)

NICENE CREED

CI believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of
the virgin Mary
and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Lord, in Your mercy
- **G** Hear our prayer.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

JOFFERTORY RESPONSE J

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.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

LSB 160

- PThe Lord be with you.
- **C**And also with you.

- PLift up your hearts.
- **C**We lift them to the Lord.
- PLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- CIt is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

J<u>SANCTUS</u>J

LSB 161

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

PBlessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with

the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

PLord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

COur 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

POur Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had

given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ⅓ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My

blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

LSB 163

PThe peace of the Lord be with you always.

CAmen.

JAGNUS DEIJ

LSB 163

CLamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

556 <u>DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL,</u> <u>REJOICE</u>

(Stanzas 1–4)

- 1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing, And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing, Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the vict'ry won. What price our ransom cost Him!
- 2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me. Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me. But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living hell, So firmly sin possessed me.

3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or merit gaining; Free will against God's judgment fought, Dead to all good remaining. My fears increased till sheer despair Left only death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suffered.

4 But God had seen my wretched state
Before the world's foundation,
And mindful of His mercies great,
He planned for my salvation.
He turned to me a father's heart;
He did not choose the easy part
But gave His dearest treasure.

(Please rise)

JTHANK THE LORD

LSB 164

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

PLet us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.

(Please be seated)

HYMN TO DEPART

924 LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING

1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace;

Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

- 2 Thanks we give and adoration For Your Gospel's joyful sound. May the fruits of Your salvation In our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful To Your truth may we be found.
- 3 Savior, when Your love shall call us From our struggling pilgrim way, Let not fear of death appall us, Glad Your summons to obey. May we ever, may we ever Reign with You in endless day.

BENEDICTION LSB 166

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE



Go and Serve the Lord

Preacher: Rev. Karl P. Glander

Organist: Holly Bell

Flutist: Nancy Rybak

The Sound System: Jeff Kirsch

Elder: Greg Murray

Altar Guild: Emmy Larson, Betty Willis

Ushers: Klaus and Mickie Naumann

Reader: Greg Murray



Signup Sheets in the Fellowship Hall. This is your chance to get involved in worship.

Our Response to God's Love

Worship Service - 49

Adult Bible Class – 18

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CALENDAR October 26, 2025 – November 2, 2025

TODAY 10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion

SUNDAY: 11:30 a.m. Voter's meeting

October 26

MONDAY:

October 27

TUESDAY:

October 28

WEDNESDAY: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study

October 29

THURSDAY:

October 30

FRIDAY: 5-9 p.m. Trunk or Treat

October 31

SATURDAY:

November 1

NEXT 10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion

SUNDAY: 11:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Pastor

November 2



Today, Sunday – October 26, 2025 Voter's meeting will be held after the service. Please plan on staying. No Bible study or Sunday school.



Trunk or Treat will be happening on Friday, October 31st from 5-9 p.m.

We need people to sign up to participate in this Outreach. We need Trunks decorated or undecorated, LOTS of CANDY. Please Prayerful consider helping in some way.



LWM fall rally will be held on November 8th from 11:15 to 3 p.m. at St. Michael in Ft Myers. All ladies are invited to attend

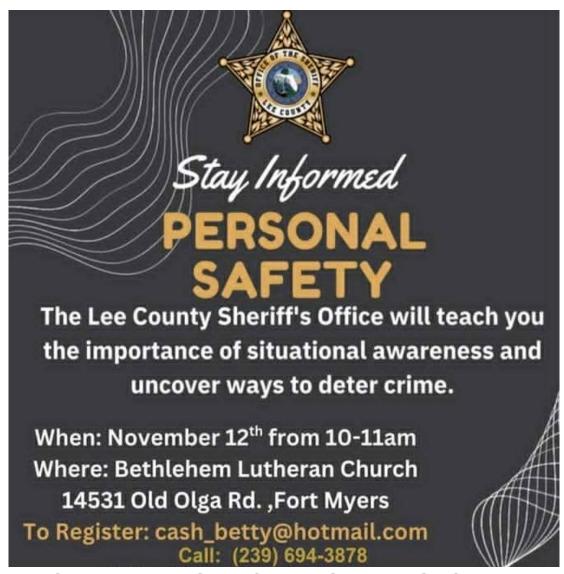
with the registration fee being paid by our LWM group. We will meet here at Bethlehem parking lot at 10:30 for anyone that would like to carpool. Please contact Micki or Terri if you would like to attend.

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

FRANCE This year, as in the past we will provide Holiday food baskets. This year we have 72 needy families in our community. We will collect food items, organizing and packing them in December and then distributing food baskets in December 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. We are 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. National collection week is Nov. 17-24. We need to start collecting money to ship OCC boxes in November. Last year

we had over 100 boxes and we expect to do at least that many, but probably more. \$10.00 is needed to ship each box. This also includes Christian education material. Money can be donated to Mickey, Terry, Mary or myself at any time. Please contact Betty Willis with any questions. 239-240-5972.



Our Special Prayers and Intercessions

Accidents – Chico and Grandfather, Iris Smith, Rusty

Cancer – Andy, Anonymous, Ava, Barbara, Becky, Billie, Cannon, Chelsea, Cole, David, David, Don, Gail, Holly, Jenn, Joan, Joe, Judy, Ken, Larry, Rachel, Richard, Rick, Ron, Sal Jr., Sharon, Sharon Rowe, Steve, Susan, In Remission – Annette, Cammy, Haven, Sandi, Tina

Convalescing: Betty, Bill, Chester, Debi, Dick, Edison, Joyce, Norma, Rick, Shirley, Ted

Eye - Bob, Carol, Sal, Sarah

Fighting for their lives - Barb, Dennis' mom, Jack Kirsch, James, Julie, Lisa, Lola, Rita, Robert's mom, Samuel Albritton, Scott, Shannon

Guidance – Amy, Anonymous, Chade, Holly, Kaden, Paul, Sean, Steven, TA

Head Injuries – Iris Smith, Jena, Ken

Health Issues – Barb, Bob, Bruce, Carol, Christine, Dave, Edison, Gary, Jana, Jeff, Jessica, Joe, Kurt, Pam, Pat, Richard, Sal, Sam, Samantha, Sharon, Tamara, Tara, Terri, Tim, Yvonne

Heart Issues – Andy, Brad, Carol, Eddie, Holly, JoAnn, Ken Hult, Kenny, Linda, Sharon

Hospice - Jean

Hospitalized – Heather, Judy, Liliana, Lynn, Martha, Randy, Rick, Rita, Ron, Rosa Aguirre, Rosa

Long-term Illness/Treatment: Alan, Ann, Bella, Betty, Bill, Bob, Brian, Buck, Charleen, Chip, Daphne, Darlene, David, Debi, Dennis, Doug, Dylan, Edison, Ellen, Elizabeth, Jake, James, Jene, Jennifer, Jonathan, Judy, Julianna, Julie, Katie, Kim, Kim Lewis, Les, Lidia, Lillie Anne, Lisa, Liz mom, Lizzy, Madden, Mehlia, Mike, Millie, Myra and family, Nathan, Neil Fiore, Nicole, Pam, Phillip, Rebecca, Richard, Richard, Rick, Rita, Sandy, Terri, Theresa, Timmy, Trace Ryan

Memory Care - Dorothy

Mental illness – Giney, Lisa, Viola

Natural Disasters: Texas

Our Homebound - Edison and Karen Johnson, Chester and Linda Rust

Physical health and Rehab – Chip, Iris Strengthening of faith – Carolyn, Paul **Suffered a stroke:** Adrian, Doug, Ed, Gary, Joan, Kevin, Shirley, Theresa

Anonymous – prayer for discernment whether to move back to Midwest, finding the right path.

Dave – for health and salvation

For mom – trip to Florida in December

Anonymous – pray for a healthy pregnancy

For Those Who have recently lost loved ones: The family and friends of Joy Kulbacki, The family and friends of Nancy Mihich, The family and friends of Chris Jensen

Chicken breast Dinner



Thursday, November 13th, 4-7 pm

Delicious boneless chicken breast, mashed potatoes/gravy, coleslaw, green beans, bun, drink, and delicious dessert

\$10.00 adult \$5.00 child

Eat in or take out

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