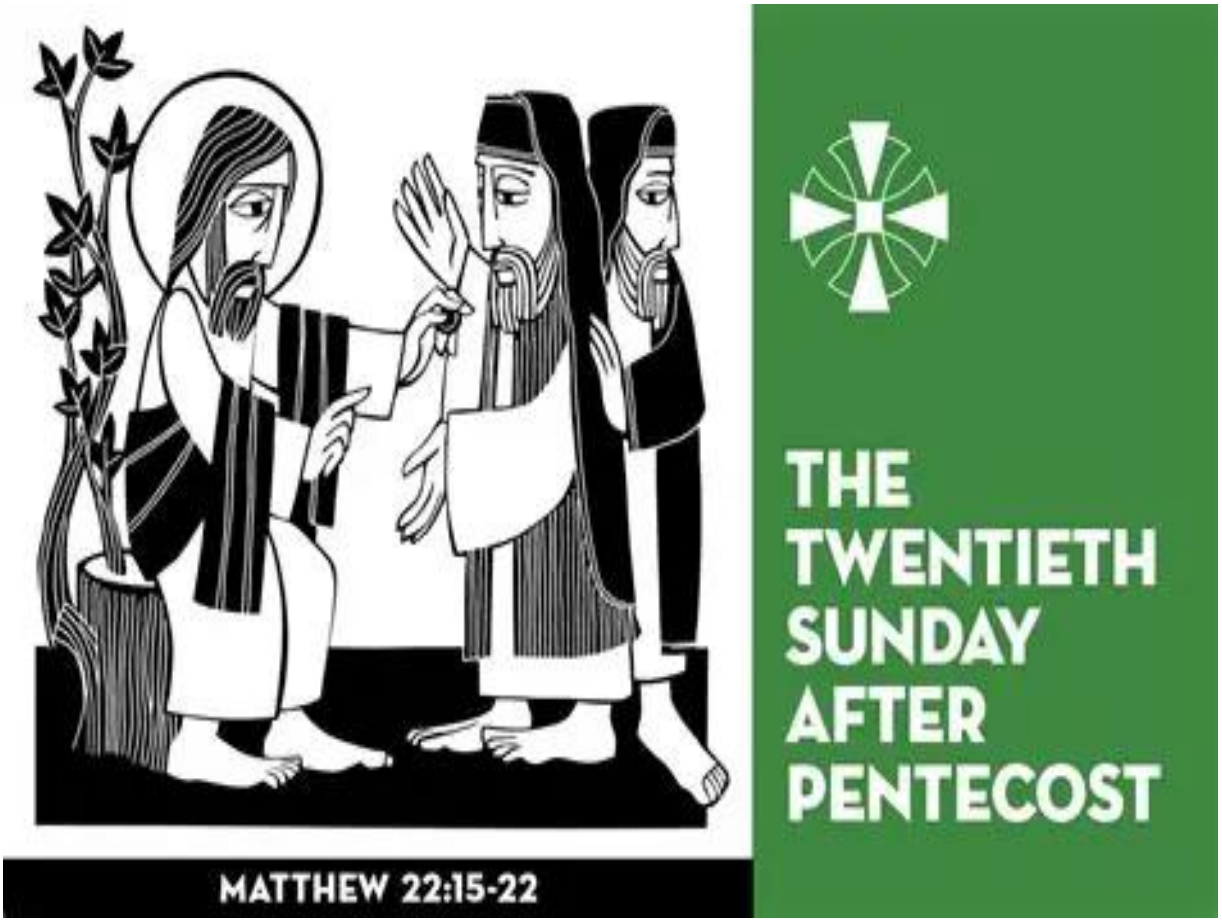
Bethel Lutheran Church
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026



Adult Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
Kids Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Lectionary Study	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

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ENTER TO WORSHIP – LEAVE TO SERVE
"Setting Three"

*Congregation Stands
Congregation responses in bold

WELCOME

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" by Larken

*BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

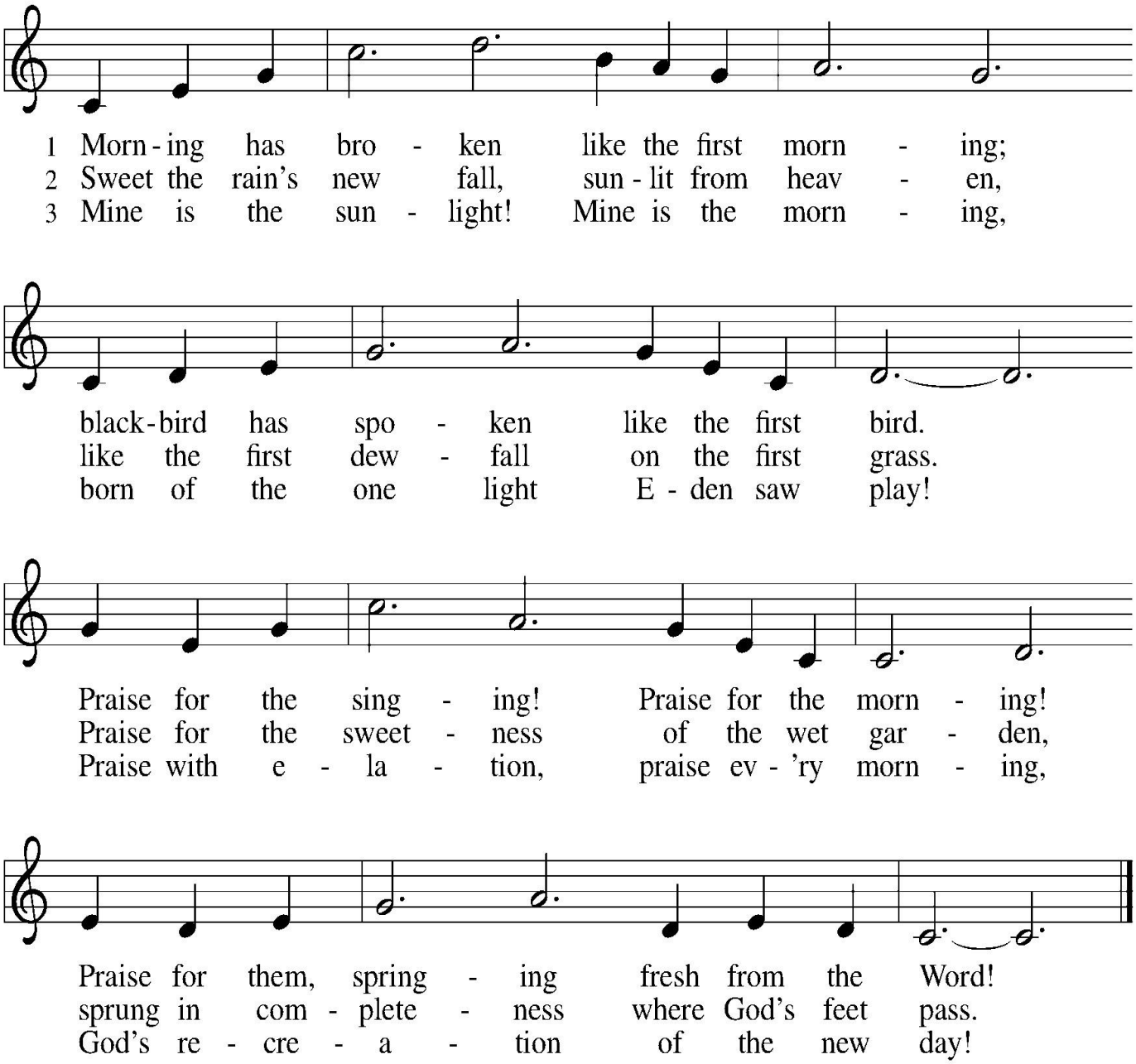
Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn "Morning Has Broken" intro by Hopson ELW #556

Morning Has Broken



Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune
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*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*Kyrie



*Canticle


Assisting minister
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
All
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

***Prayer of the Day** Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated

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THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading Isaiah 25:1-9

A reading from the twenty fifth chapter of Isaiah

1 O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
2 For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. 3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. 4 For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
5 the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. 7 And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; 8 he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. 9 It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 Congregation will read responsively

[1] The LORD | is my shepherd; I shall not | be in want.
[2] **The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures**
and leads me be- | side still waters.
[3] You restore my | soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.
[4] **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**
[5] You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.
[6] **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,**
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.

Second Reading Philippians 4:1-9
A reading from the fourth chapter of Philippians.

[1] My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
[2] I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. [3] Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.
[4] Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. [5] Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. [6] Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7] And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
[8] Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9] As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



***Holy Gospel** Matthew 22:1-14

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[1] Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: [2] "The kingdom of heaven
may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. [3] He sent his
slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would
not come. [4] Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited:
Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' [5] But they made
light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, [6] while the rest
seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. [7] The king was enraged. He
sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. [8] Then he said to
his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. [9] Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.'
[10] Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both
good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

[11] "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who
was not wearing a wedding robe, [12] and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get
in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. [13] Then the king said to
the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness,
where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' [14] For many are called, but
few are chosen."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon Kara Thurston
Children's Church Linda Trier

Sermon Dr. Peggy Terhune

***Hymn of the Day** "This Is My Father's World" ELW #824
intro by Bisbee

This Is My Father's World



Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901
Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

*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

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain. Empower the World Council of Churches and all those working across religious difference, that the world may know your undivided love.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise of green pastures and quiet waters. Preserve all places of natural beauty and restore our relationship with the land.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise to not abandon us amid storm and disaster. Renew all communities facing disasters and give your courage to those leading relief efforts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise to wipe away every tear. Heal and console all who are sick or suffering (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise of a banquet open to all people. Challenge this congregation to open wide our doors and welcome everyone to the table. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise to swallow up death forever. We give thanks for those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Peace**
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

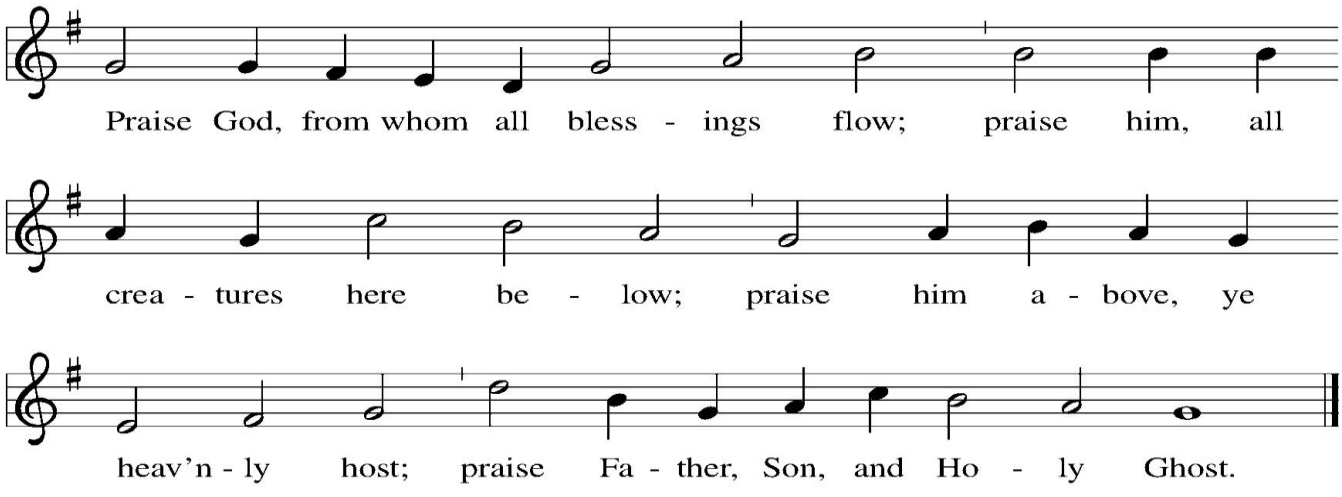
The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say "Peace be with you" *or similar words.*

The congregation is seated.

Offering

Anthem "Holy Manna" by Raney

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

***Offertory Prayer** God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **Amen.**

***Lord's Prayer**
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; 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.

***Blessing** The Lord Bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

***Sending Song** "Let All Thin gs Now Living" intro by Burkhardt ELW #881



Let All Things Now Living



Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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***Dismissal** Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

Our worship service has ended.
Our worship through service begins.

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HOMEBOUND/HOSPITAL/NURSING HOME

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Linda Plummer	Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab., Memory Unit
Robert & Gathel Meachem	Brookdale, Room 34, 2201 Statesville Blvd.
Katrina Kurfees	Home of Daughter, Angela Endress
Marcia Miller	Continue prayers
Cecil Hutchinson	Continue prayers
Eric & Dawn Leach	Continue prayers
Danny Norman	Continue prayers (brother of Ellen Webb)
Judy Kennerly	Continue prayers
Cody McDowell	Continue prayers
Kelly Smith	Continue prayers
Kathy Trexler	Continue prayers
Betty Torrence	Recuperating at home

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome everyone to Bethel Lutheran Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship and bid a special welcome to guests in our midst. May you find peace, comfort, strength, and hope as our Lord comes to us in his word. Please take a moment to register your attendance by signing your name to the fellowship pad as it is passed on each pew.

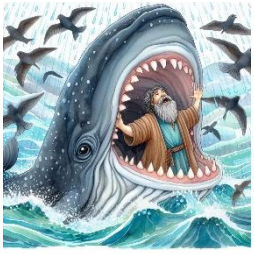
The Eternal Flame for the month of October is Given to the Glory of God by Linda Beck in honor of the marriage of Mr. & Mrs. Casey Rowell (Emma Carter) on October 5th. Let us pray for God's blessings upon this happy couple.

Saturday October 17th – Blessing of the Animals (drive thru); brief outdoor service will follow(weather permitting). October is Pet Food Month. Please bring any pet food donations to the table setup in the entry way of the fellowship hall.

Very Important Congregational meeting, Sunday, October 18th during the worship service. There will be discussion and vote on proposed changes to the church council including: the number of Council members and the length of council terms.

Next Sunday, October 18th – Presentation of Bibles for 3-5th graders. Parent and students will meet at 9:30, with Pastor Peggy.

Thursday, October 15th is the deadline for submitting items for the November newsletter.



Our next Bible study will be a four-week study of the book of Jonah. We will begin the week of October 13 and continue through the week of November 4. We will meet on **Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. face-to-face at the church** and **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., virtually for our evening session.** This will be a very interactive study designed not only to help us understand the story of Jonah, but also to make us **think, question, and**

reflect on what God may be saying to us through this familiar story. Jonah is much more than a story about a man and a great fish. It is a story about God's call, our willingness (or unwillingness) to follow, mercy, forgiveness, and God's love for people we may not expect Him to love. I hope you will join us! Come ready to participate, share your thoughts, and perhaps see Jonah in a whole new way. **Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.** I look forward to studying Jonah together!



On Saturday, October 31, Bethel is planning a great way to celebrate Halloween together! Join us for a fun-filled **Trunk-or-Treat at 5 pm,** followed by a **Fall Festival** with games, food, fellowship, and plenty of fun for everyone. Come dressed in your favorite costume and bring your family and friends. Whether you are young or young at heart, there will be something for everyone to enjoy! We hope you'll come out, enjoy the evening, and make some wonderful memories with your Bethel family. **Spend Halloween at Bethel and have a blast!**

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Please check your mailbox

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 11**

	8:30 a.m.	Church Council meeting
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Kids Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Lectionary Study
	9:45 a.m.	Choir Practice
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
TUES:	1.00 p.m.	Bible Study...JONAH fellowship hall
WED:	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study...JONAH virtual
THURS:	9:30 a.m.	JOY Ringers Practice
THURS:	**DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER**	
SAT:	11:00 a.m.	Blessing of the Animals (drive thru); weather permitting, brief outdoor service will follow

NEXT SUNDAY: **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 18**

	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Lectionary Study
	9:45 a.m.	Choir Practice
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Holy Communion Congregational meeting
TUES:	1.00 p.m.	Bible Study...JONAH fellowship hall
WED:	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study...JONAH virtual
THURS:	9:30 a.m.	JOY Ringers Practice

Attendance/Contribution Information for 10/04/2026 Worship Service 35

	Given 10/04/2026	Given Year to Date	Needed Weekly to Attain Budget
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Benevolence			
Missions & Outreach			
Building Improvement			

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