

November 1, 2026 and All Saints Sunday

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church
220 Cedar Street
PO Box 344**

Pemberville, Ohio 43450

9 am: In Person Worship

9 am: Facebook Live Worship

11:30 am: Radio Worship on 99.1 FM



OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday, 9 am – 2 pm

Friday- 9am-12pm

419-287-4182

ANNOUNCEMENT

+GATHER+

GATHERING HYMN: For All The Saints ELW#422

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

We pause to remember and give thanks for those who have died this year, and are in God's hands:

Ruth Walters
Victor Schuerman
Donna Schuerman
Ray Kohlenberg

Joyce Eisenhour
Dolores Lowrie
Carolyn Borcharding

4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

We pause to remember and give thanks for the new "saints," those baptized this past year:

Kaiden Crouch
Gideon Osborn
Anna Ducat

Kamryn Van Camp
Erika Smith
Grey Miller

6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+WORD+

CHILDREN MESSAGE

Noisey Offering: Christmas Child Box Postage

SYNOD MEMORY VERSE: (1 John 4:19)

“We love because God first loved us.”

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34

Hal H. Hopson

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- ¹ I will bless the Lord at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
- ² **I will glory in the Lord;
let the lowly hear and rejoice. R**
- ³ Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt God's name together.
- ⁴ **I sought the Lord, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.**
- ⁵ Look upon the Lord and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- ⁶ **I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles. R**
- ⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord
and delivers them.
- ⁸ **Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**
- ⁹ Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.
- ¹⁰ **The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**
- ²² O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia No. 2

Joseph Stribrny



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON-Pastor Tim Philabaum

HYMN OF THE DAY: Shall We Gather at the River **ELW #423**

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.”

Amen

PRAYERS

Each petition ends: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

+MEAL+

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

We gather our tithes and offerings. Following the collection, we pray.

OFFERING HYMN: Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters **ELW#445**

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.

Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago. Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light. Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

OFFERING PRAYER

Eternal God,

our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.

Receive what we offer,

and all that you entrust to us,

until hungry no more, all the world is fed,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Toussaint Creek Mass

Joseph Stribny (b. 1996)

f 4 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of hosts. Hea-ven and

earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho- san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in - the

high- est. Bles- sed is he whcomes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san - na, ho-

san - na, ho - san - na in the high- est. Ho- san - na in the high- est.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own. also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

, 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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:
Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:

through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

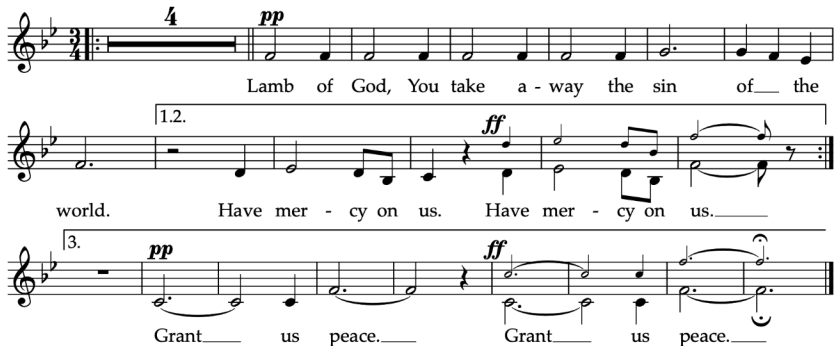
INVITATION TO COMMUNE

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world. Have mer - cy on us. Have mer - cy on us.____
Grant us peace.____ Grant us peace.____

COMMUNION HYMN: Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

ELW#646

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen.

+SENDING+

BLESSING

The holy Trinity,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Give Thanks for Saints **ELW # 428**

DISMISSAL

What is our mission?

Transformed by the crucified and risen Jesus we are a loving community of disciples making disciples.

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

Thanks be to God.

LAST WEEKS

Attendance: In Person-95 Online-62

Offering:\$2,844.00 ELCA Benevolence: \$200.00

IN OUR PRAYERS

For healing: Randi Parton (friend of Lois Hansen), Nancy Rife, Joni (Abke) Moncrief, Shawn Jacoby, Brenda Gerwin

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Mel Karns for his 99th birthday from his family.

Radio Broadcast is given to the glory of God.

Online Streaming is given to the glory of God and from Denny & Cathy Layman.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

11/1, Sun	10:20 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
11/2, Mon	6:45 p.m.	Yoga
	7:30 p.m.	Dartball
11/3, Tues	11a.m.-2p.m.	Food Pantry Open
	6 p.m.	Bible Study
11/8, Sun	9:00 a.m.	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study will resume on November 10th.

The Mission Action project for November is Thankoffering Boxes.

Thankoffering boxes are available in the Narthex or the Mission Action room. The boxes are to be used as a collection for small offerings whenever one is thankful for something. The boxes are collected at the Thankoffering Worship Service in November. The BLCW board designates certain programs from the Women of the ELCA that these donations will help fund.

Food Pantry items for November are childrens cereal, chunky soup (beef or chicken), crackers, any can fruit, kleenex, hand soap (pump).

Prayer for New Pastor- 220 Prayer

220 - that's our address, the place where the Bethlehem community gathers for worship. You are invited to join this Bethlehem community each day at 2:20pm (or am if you are up) for a time of prayer centered on God's calling of a new pastor. You are welcome to use your own words, or use these: Most Holy God, we thank you for the gifts and ministry of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. We pray that you inspire and guide the pastor you will be calling to serve with us. We know you hold us in your hands of grace, so we give you thanks! Amen.

Church Carpet Replacement – Donations Welcome

As we prepare to replace the carpeting at Bethlehem, we welcome and appreciate donations to help offset the cost of this project.

If you would like to contribute, simply designate **“Carpeting”** on your check or offering envelope. Special donation envelopes are also available in the back of the church.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support in helping us maintain and care for our church home!

A special congregational meeting will be held following the service on Novemeber 8th in the sanctuary. The meeting agenda is election of church council officers and to approve the spending plan for 2027. The following members have agreed to run for church council.

Vice President: Corey Bettenbrock

Junior Elder: Brandon Snyder

Deacon: Kristen Welling

Trustee: Dean Schuerman, Matt Walters, and Kyle Brueggemeier

The deadline for designating Thrivent Choice Dollors for 2026 is December 31, 2026. This is a change from previous years when the deadline was in March. You can make your designations online at thrivent.com/thriventchoice or contact Mick Sayen at 419-344-3597.

Anyone is welcome to make a one time or reoccurring donation by using the QR code that links to Tithe.ly,

Bethlehem's online giving portal. When you scan the QR code, you will be required to set up an account, which only takes a few minutes. There is a small transaction fee for the use of the app. The app will prompt you to indicate your choice to pay the transaction fee or have it deducted from your donation. Thank you for supporting the ministries at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.



Mission Honduras Buckeye Sale

Saturday, November 14th- Sunday, November 15th.

Our annual Buckeye Fundraiser is underway! Every purchase helps provide safe drinking water and clean water education for families in rural Honduras.

Buckeyes are \$10 per dozen. Payment may be made by cash or check payable to Mission Honduras-Bethlehem.

Pre-order by November 9th: Text your name, phone number, order (sold by the dozen), and pick-up day to 419-575-0078, emailing missionhonduras.bethlehem@gmail.com, or signing up on the clipboard outside the Bethlehem office. You will receive an email/text confirming your order. Maximum number of buckeyes to be sold: 170 dozen so order early!

Pick-up your buckeyes in the Bethlehem Fellowship Hall

- Saturday, November 14th between 11 AM -1PM
- Sunday morning between 9:30 AM-11:15 AM.
- Any pre-orders not picked up by 11:15 will not be held unless prior arrangements are made.

We would love your help making buckeyes.

- We need help rolling the buckeyes between now and November 14th. Call for details.
- We will be dipping and packaging buckeyes on Saturday, November 14th starting at 8 AM in the fellowship hall at Bethlehem. An RSVP is not required but it is helpful for planning.

Interested in helping or have questions? Call or text 419-575-0078 or email missionhonduras.bethlehem@gmail.com

Thank you for your support of this ministry!



Bethlehem apparel is available! Choose from T-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, and more in a variety of colors and styles.

Visit the online store at the link or QR code:

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to browse the selection and place your order today!

