November 22, 2026 and Christ the King

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+

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
+ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: Crown Him with Many Crowns **ELW#855**

APOSTOLIC 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.

GLORIA: Insert in the back of the hymnal.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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

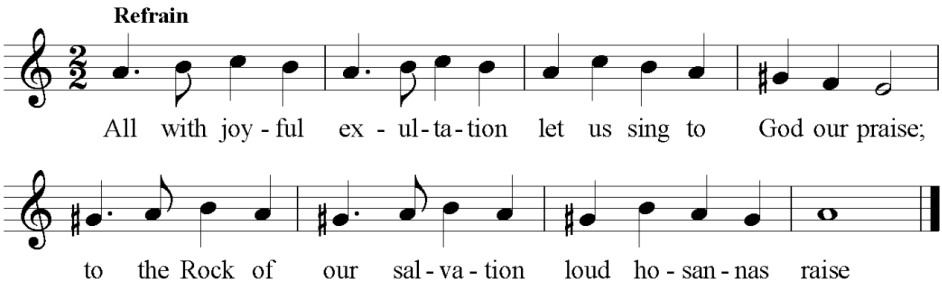
SYNOD MEMORY VERSE: (1 John 4:19)
"We love because God first loved us."

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.
11 Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them
out. **12** As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so
I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have
been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. **13** I will bring them out from
the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own
land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in
all the inhabited parts of the land. **14** I will feed them with good pasture, and the
mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good
grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. **15** I
myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the
Lord God. **16** I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind
up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will
destroy. I will feed them with justice.
20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the
fat sheep and the lean sheep. **21** Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and
butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and
wide, **22** I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge
between sheep and sheep.
23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed
them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. **24** And I the Lord will be their
God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.

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

Psalm 95

Hal H. Hopson Hal H. Hopson



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PSALM: 95:1-7a

[1] Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
[2] **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.
[3] For you, Lord, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
[4] **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are also yours. R
[5] The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
[6] **Come, let us worship and bow down,**
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
[7a] For the Lord is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. **R**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.
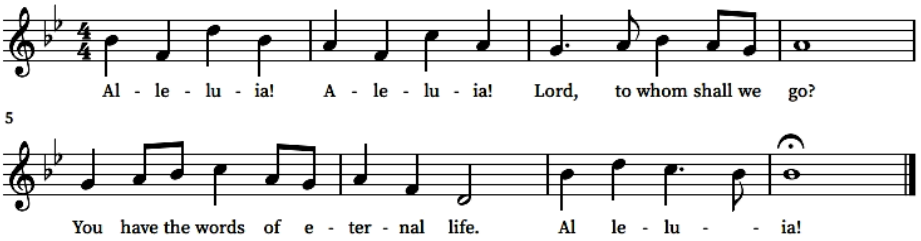
[15] I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18] so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20] God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22] And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 25:31-46

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

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

SERMON-Pastor Tim Philabaum

HYMN OF THE DAY: Jesus Shall Reign **ELW # 434**

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
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.

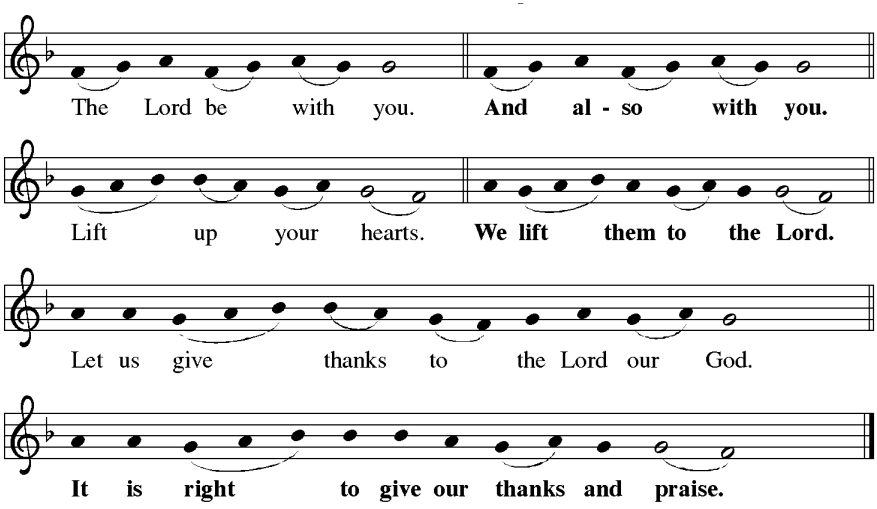
Offering Music: "Actus" **Music:** by Ryan Main **Words:** by Marcus Aurelius

Latin Text	**English Translation**
Obice actus promotus est.	The impediment to action advances action.
Quod obstat, via fit.	That which blocks the way becomes the way.
Propulsus per ardua.	Driven through difficulties.
Progresus per ardua.	Advanced through difficulties.

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.

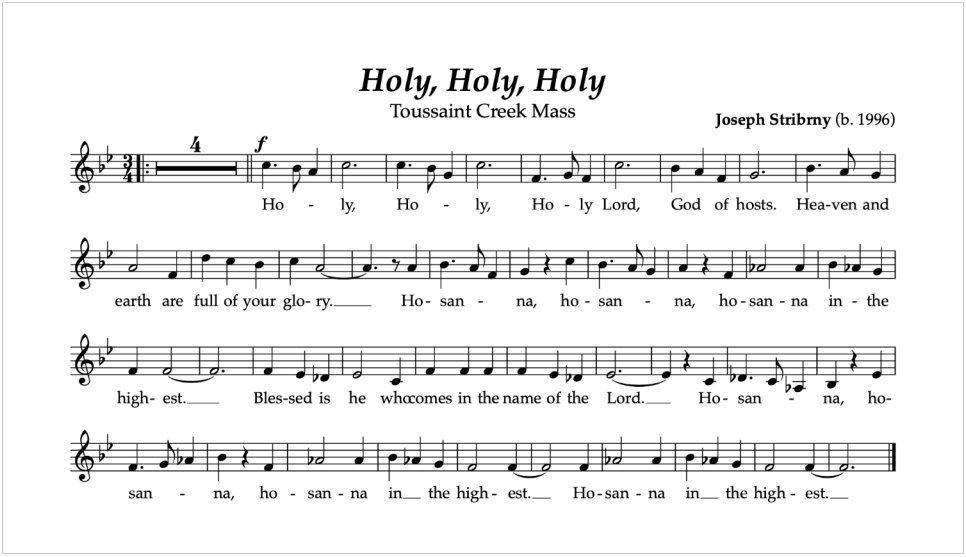
OFFERING PRAYER
Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

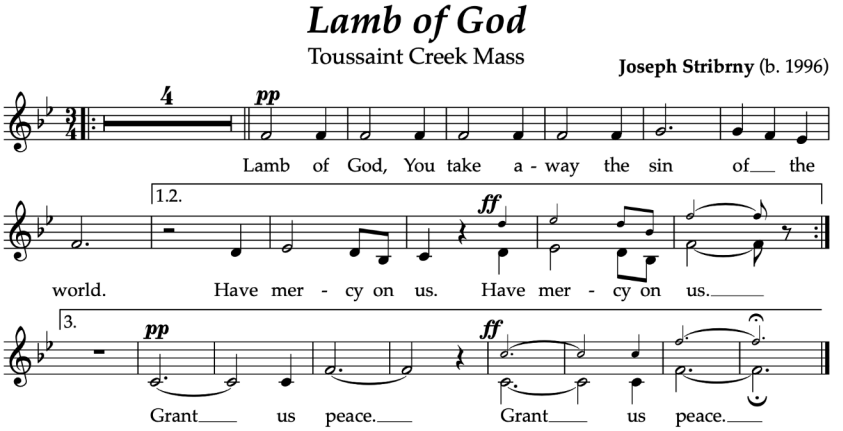


Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened

his arms to all. 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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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.



COMMUNION HYMN: For the Fruit of All Creation **ELW#679**

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 God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.
Amen.
The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.
Amen.
The God of grace
+you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Prepare the Royal Highway **ELW # 264**

DISMISSAL
What is our mission?
Transformed by the crucified and risen Jesus we are a loving community of disciples making disciples.
Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

LAST WEEKS
Attendance: In Person-128 Online-40
Offering: $2,572.00 ELCA Benevolence: $100.00
Loose-Outreach: $136.00

IN OUR PRAYERS

For healing: Randi Parton (friend of Lois Hansen), Nancy Rife, Joni (Abke) Moncrief, Shawn Jacoby, Oliver Pease, Kerrigan Skowron

Altar Flowers and Radio Broadcast is given to the glory of God and in memory of John Bresler and Herman and Lucille Bresler for both men's birthdays by Paulette Bresler and family.

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

11/22, Sun	10:20 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
11/23, Mon	6:45 p.m.	Yoga
	7:30 p.m.	Dartball
11/24, Tues	9a.m.-12p.m.	Knotting
	11a.m.-2p.m.	Food Pantry Open
	6 p.m.	Bible Study
11/29, Sun	9:00 a.m.	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are in the midst of praying each Sunday for one of our congregations in our North Central Conference of our Synod. This week prayers are for Sonfire by the River, Pemberville.

ELCA Good gifts: In Christ, we receive the gift of God's love with others. ELCA Good Gifts are a fun, meaningful way to honor friends and family with Christmas gifts that go on to make a difference in the wold. Choose from more than 50 gift-giving options (goats anyone?), each with the ability to make a real difference in the life of someone in need. Give in honor of someone special and you can print, mail or email a card to let them know.
Catalogs and order forms are available outside the office. Complete an order form and submit your payment to the office with checks made payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Church with ELCA Good Gifts in the memo line. We will send the orders to ELCA as a group with a goal of sending at least $600. Please submit your order forms by Sunday Dec. 13, 2026.

Food Pantry items for November- children's cereal, chunky soup (beef or chicken), crackers, any canned fruit, klennex, hand soap (pump)

Angels are still available on the Christmas tree on the main floor!

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.

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, se 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!

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.

Musical Concerts Pastor Tim will be singing in the Toledo Choral Society this December. The Messiah will be presented at Gesu Roman Catholic Church on December 6 at 3pm. Contact Pastor Tim if you would like tickets. Also, there will be three options for the Christmas Concerts, entitled Silver Wings and Golden Voices. These free-will concerts include: Friday Dec 11, at 7:30 at St. Michael Lutheran Church, Ottawa Hills, MI; Sunday, Dec 13 at 3pm at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Toledo; and Sunday, Dec 20 at 2pm at Historic St. Patrick Catholic Church, Toledo. You are welcome to come and experience the joy of this special music during the Christmas season.

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.

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