

- **Justification** – Since no one can make himself just in God’s sight, *God did that for us in Jesus!* By grace through faith in *Jesus as our Savior* we have received God’s gifts of forgiveness, spiritual life, and eternal salvation! (Romans 3:20-24, 28; John 3:16-18)
- **Means of Grace** – Since all are *spiritually* helpless, God connects us to *Jesus our Savior* through Baptism and the Bible. (Acts 2:38-39; Titus 3:5; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23)
- **New Obedience** – Having been made alive in Christ, the results are the fruit of the Spirit, good works, and a desire to live for Christ. (Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 2:10; 2 Corinthians 5:15)
- **Spiritual Nourishment** – God is the one who strengthens and preserves us unto everlasting life through His Word. (Philippians 1:6; Matthew 4:4; Acts 20:32)
- **Repentance** – For all who are disconnected from God’s eternal blessings, He says: *“Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.”* (Acts 3:19) From repentance, good works are bound to follow. (Matthew 13:20-21; Acts 2:36-37; John 5:24; Matthew 3:8)
- **Jesus’ Second Coming** – At the appointed time and like a thief in the night Jesus will return, raise all the dead, separate the believers from the non-believers, give the fullness of eternal life to all believers, and send all non-believers and evil angels to

eternal punishment. (Acts 17:31; 1 Thessalonians 5:2; Matthew 24:37-39; Hebrews 9:28; John 5:28-29; Matthew 25:31-46)

- **Law and Gospel** – *“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* (Romans 6:23 NAS)
- **God’s Invitation** – *“Seek the LORD while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near.”* (Isaiah 55:6 NAS)

*For more information about our teachings, see the brochure entitled: **Different is Good**, which is available on our website.*

Our Worship

God invites us to gather in *His presence* to receive *His eternal blessings!* **All are welcome to join us!**

God calls all worshippers to worship in spirit (*with thought and emotion*) and in truth (*on the basis of God’s Word of truth*) (John 4:23-24).

For our current worship and study times:

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Whether you are new to the Parma area or new to our church, *I am glad you are reading this brochure!*

At Bethlehem Lutheran we ✦ believe the Bible – *because it is God’s very Word*, ✦ trust in Jesus as our Savior – *because He lived and died for our sins*, and ✦ rejoice in God’s forgiveness – *because we have received as a gift by grace through faith!*

I hope you will join us in ♥ knowing Jesus, ♥ growing in the Word, and ♥ living for Him!

Introduction

Dear Friend,

We are a Lutheran Church, but first and foremost we are a Bible-believing Church!

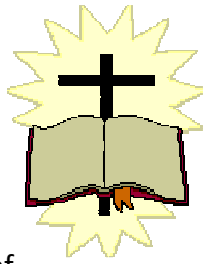
Therefore, our beliefs are not based on the thoughts of people, but on God's very Word of truth! The Psalmist prayed: *"The sum of Thy word is truth, and every one of Thy righteous ordinances is everlasting (Psalm 119:160 NAS)."*

Truth is important – *"...you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free (John 8:32 NAS)."* Therefore, *with a genuine concern for the spiritual well being of our members*, we kindly proclaim the full truth of God's Holy Word! Then, *through that Word*, God does His work to ✦ show us our sins, ✦ make us sorry, ✦ unite us to Jesus, and ✦ assure us of His forgiveness!

The Bible is not always easy to understand, *sometimes the teachings of God's Word go against human reasoning*; nevertheless, God encourages us to always trust in Him: *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6 NAS)"*

I would be honored to have you visit with us at Bethlehem! If I can assist you in some manner, please let me know!

Rev. Robert L. Green, Pastor



Activities for Children, Youth, and Adults

- Bethlehem Family Childcare Center:
 - All Year: 6 weeks – 5 years, M-F, 6:45 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 - Summer Camp: 6-12 years
- Sunday School (all year)
- Vacation Bible School (one week)
- Youth Confirmation (6th grade and up)
- Bible Classes (Sundays, other days)
- Men's Softball (Christian fun league)
- Fellowship Saturday (each month)
- Family Friendly Partners Network
- Fifty Plus Fellowship (each month)

Our congregation is a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, which has approximately 2.5 million members in 6,000 churches in the U.S.A. Our Synod is the *oldest* and *second largest* Lutheran denomination in the United States.

Bethlehem has approximately 300 members of all ages! *We hope you will join us in worship to receive God's blessings!*

Some of What We Believe, Teach, and Confess

- **God** – He is one divine essence, yet there are three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)
- **Creation** – God created all things in six 24-hour days. (Genesis 1:1-2:2)
- **Original Sin** – Since Adam's fall into sin, all people are sinful from conception; therefore, all are spiritually blind, dead, and enemies of God, thus deserving of eternal punishment. (Romans 5:12; Psalm 51:5; 1 Corinthians 2:14; Ephesians 2:1; Romans 8:7; 2 Thessalonians 1:9)
- **Bible** – It is God's very Word to us, without error, without contradiction, and for our eternal benefit; furthermore, it shows us our sin, our Savior, and the true meaning of life. (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Romans 3:20; John 5:39; 14:6; Acts 17:24-31)
- **Jesus** – He is the Son of God, the second Person of the Trinity, who became flesh and dwelt among us to live without sin, receive our sins, receive our eternal punishment, and lay down His life for our salvation! (Mark 1:1; John 1:1, 14; Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 John 2:2; John 10:11)

