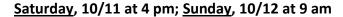


Bethlehem Lutheran Church – 2025

Truth – Forgiveness – Assurance – Peace – Guidance





How To Care About Others

Church Year: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost | Divine Service: Setting Four, LSB 203-212

WELCOME:

- © <u>Visitors</u>: <u>Welcome</u>! See our Welcome Table, sign our book, take a bag, and tell us how we can help!
- © Prayer Request: Use a "yellow" card (Narthex).
- © <u>Young Children</u>: Activity bags (by worship entrance); Little Lamb Room (off Narthex).
- (join us).
- © Phone: Please put on silent.
- Hearing Assistance: Available in the Narthex.
- © <u>Service Folder</u>: Available on your smartphone: www.BLC7500.com/ServiceFolder
- (a) Worship From Your Car: Receive at our main entrance; then listen from your car (FM 89.9).

BELL and CANDLELIGHTING – Please be seated!

PRELUDE: We listen in silence.

Sunday → Shine, Jesus Shine (Lord, The Light of Your Love is Shining) Kendrick/Carter

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

- L: In the name of the Father and of the **†** Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*
- C: Amen.
- L: Our help is in the name of the LORD,
- C: who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8
- L: <u>Let us pray</u>: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord who could stand?
- C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared. *Psalm* 130:3-4

- L: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness, and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:

 God. be merciful to me a sinner.
- C: Almighty God, ⇒have mercy upon us, ⇒forgive us our sins, and ⇒lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- L: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Saturday → Hymn

Sunday → Entrance Hymn and Procession

↑ HYMN: Shine, Jesus, Shine

See the words below (PRA 2)

Lord, the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land With the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow Flood the nations
With grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word Lord
and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence From the shadows into Your radiance; By the blood I may enter Your brightness Search me, try me, consume all my darkness Shine on me, shine on me. **Refrain**

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

L: Lord, C: have mercy.
L: Christ, C: have mercy.
L: Lord, C: have mercy.

SALUTATION and COLLECT:

L: The LORD be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: And also with you.

- L: <u>Let us pray</u>: LORD of mercy, since You desire all to repent and live, move us to speak, open hearts to understand, and bring them into Your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CHRISTIAN RESOURCE DISTRIBUTION

OLD TESTAMENT: Ruth 1:1-19a

NAS-20

Naomi Is Widowed

¹Now it came about in the days when the judges governed, that there was a famine in the land. And a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to reside in the land of Moab with his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife, Naomi; and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehem in Judah. So they entered the land of Moab and remained there. ³Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ And they took for themselves Moabite women as wives; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other, Ruth. And they lived there about ten years. ⁵Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died, and the woman [Naomi] was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the land of Moab, because she had heard in the land of Moab that the LORD had visited His people [in Bethlehem] by giving them food. ⁷So she departed from the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. 8 But Naomi said to her two daughters-inlaw, "Go, return each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you as you have dealt with the dead and with me. 9 May the LORD grant that you may find a place of rest, each one in the house of her husband." Then she kissed them, and they raised their voices and wept. 10 However, they said to her, "No, but we will return with you to your people." ¹¹ But Naomi said, "Return, my daughters. Why should you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? 12 Return, my daughters! Go, for I am too old to have a husband. If I said I have hope, if I were even to have a husband tonight and also give birth to sons, 13 would you therefore wait until they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from

marrying? No, my daughters; for it is much more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has come out against me [since my husband and both of my sons have died]."

Ruth's Loyalty

¹⁴ And they raised their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

15 Then she said, "Behold, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶ But Ruth said, "Do not plead with me to leave you *or* to turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you sleep, I will sleep. Your people *shall be* my people, and your God, my God. ¹⁷ Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD do so to me, and worse, if *anything but* death separates me from you." ¹⁸ When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her *about it*.

¹⁹ So they both went on until they came to Bethlehem.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: 111

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Let Us Praise the LORD for His Goodness.

- Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart,* in the company of the upright, in the congre- | gation.
- 2 Great are the works | of the LORD,* studied by all who de- | light in them.
- 3 Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,* and his righteousness endures for- | ever.
- 4 He has caused his wondrous works to be re- membered;*

the LORD is gracious and | merciful.

- 5 He provides food for those who | fear him;* he remembers his covenant for- | ever.
- 6 He has shown his people the power | of his

works,*

in giving them the inheritance of the | nations.

- 7 The works of his hands are faith- | ful and just;*
 - all his precepts are | trustworthy;
- they are established forever and | ever,*
 to be performed with faithfulness and
 up- | rightness.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.* Holy and awesome | is his name!
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good under- | standing.*

His praise endures for- | ever!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

EPISTLE: 2 Timothy 2:1-13

NAS-20

Paul, in Prison; Timothy, the Bishop of Ephesus

¹You therefore, my [spiritual] son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ²The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful people who will be able to teach others also. ³Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him. ⁵And if someone likewise competes as an athlete, he is not crowned as victor unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶The hard-working farmer ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops. ⁷ Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship even to imprisonment as a criminal; but the word of God

is not imprisoned. ¹⁰ For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus *and* with *it* eternal glory. ¹¹ The statement is trustworthy: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him; ¹² If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He will also deny us; ¹³ If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

↑ ALLELUIA (second option) – Sung by All LSB 190 Al – le – lu – ia. Al – le – lu – ia. Al – le – lu – ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

NAS-20

- L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.
- C: Glory to You, O LORD.

Ten Men Healed[©], One Gave Thanks[⊗]

¹¹While [Jesus] was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as He entered a village, ten men with leprosy who stood at a distance met Him; 13 and they raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14 When He saw them, He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they were going, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ But Jesus responded and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they? ¹⁸ Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?" 19 And He said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has made you

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

well."

HYMN: Listen, God Is Calling Sing All the Words
See the words below / LSB 833

Refrain: Listen, listen, God is calling
Through the Word inviting,
Offering forgiveness,
Comfort, and joy.

- Jesus gave His mandate:
 Share the good news
 That He came to save us
 And set us free. Refrain
- 2 Let none be forgotten
 Throughout the world.
 In the Triune name of God
 Go and baptize. Refrain
- Help us to be faithful,
 Standing steadfast,
 Walking in Your precepts,
 Led by Your Word. Refrain

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SERMON: How to Care about Others – Part 1

Seven Overall Steps

- 1. Ask thought-provoking questions!
- 2. Establish the source of truth!
- 3. Clarify our problem!
- 4. Show our helplessness!
- 5. Explain God's love!
- 6. Call for repentance!
- 7. Live for Christ!

Ask Thought-Provoking Questions

Get permission...

- Do you think people continue to exist after they die? Y N
- Do you believe in the existence of heaven and hell? Y N
- Are you afraid of dying? Y N
- Where are you headed?
- How do you know?
- Can I share God's saving truth?

Establish the Source of Truth

We all tend to believe what makes sense:

- Francis Bacon "Man prefers to believe what he prefers to be true."
- Proverbs 14:12 "There is a way [to heaven]
 which seems right to a man, but its end is
 the way of death."

The Bible is God's written word to show us the truth and give us eternal life:

- John 17:17 "Your word is truth."
- John 20:31 "...these [signs performed by Jesus] have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name."

Not sure? See this brochure: The Bible Is True

The Roman Road

Roman roads were of several kinds...

The Roman Road in this brochure has the purpose of moving people **from** <u>deception</u> **to** <u>truth</u>, **to** <u>repentance</u>, **to** <u>forgiveness</u>, and **to** <u>living</u> for Jesus!

The rest of this brochure focuses on key passages from the book of Romans...

Get a Full and Sharable Copy of the Sermon

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- ↑ CREEDAL HYMN: We All Believe in One True God See the words below / TLH 252 / LSB 953
 - We all believe in one true God,
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 Ever-present help in need,
 Praised by all the heav'nly host;
 All He made His love enfolds,
 All creation He upholds.
 - We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, Who descended from His throne

And for us salvation won; By whose cross and death are we Rescued from all misery.

We all confess the Holy Ghost,
 Who from both in truth proceeds,
 Who sustains and comforts us
 In all trials, fears, and needs.
 Blessèd, holy Trinity,
 Praise forever be to Thee!

Offering: Plates are available in the center aisle.

The LORD has blessed us with life, salvation, and all we need, so let us trust Him, thank Him, honor Him!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Request a Prayer: Complete a PRAYER REQUEST card (available in the Narthex).

Prayer List Procedure: Names with a (3) need to be renewed by Wednesday at 3:00. Contact your person; update Kathy (call: 440-845-2230; text: 440-785-3802).

After Each Petition: L: LORD, in Your mercy.
C: Hear our prayer.

- ➡ Schools: Dear LORD, please transform our places of learning to tell the truth, enforce reasonable rules, and teach all things that are relevant and needed in our nation.
- ▶ US Armed Forces and Police: Rachel Cepis, Kevin Mild, Eric Mild, Teagan Dedula, Nick Riviotta, Brad Sala, Chris Sala, Jacob Smith, Hayden Sweeny, Drew Tenney, Chris Weseloh.

Congregation

- ➡ <u>Bible Classes</u>: Grant clear and relevant teaching and many attending and benefitting.
- <u>Picture Directory</u>: Help all of us to sign up today and work together to get this done!
- Care List: Helga B, Zach B, Doris C, Sandy C, Carole G, Hilda K, Edmund & Christl K, Bill M, Regina M, Miriam P, Rose R, June R, Jean S, Bill S, Cindy T, Vicki T, Mike & Susanna T (most are offered regular mailings and visits).

- → Grief Share Program: Pray for our facilitators for guidance, attendees for comfort & peace.
- ➡ <u>Stephen Ministry</u>: Blessings to our Stephen Ministers and those who receive their care!
- → <u>Altar Flowers</u>: Given anonymously in thanksgiving to God!
- Temporary Health Issues:
 - <u>Tim Chilton</u> (3) knee replacement 9/20: continued healing, rehab.
 - Cedrick Hilliker (3) shoulder rehab success.
 - <u>Matt Hlavacek</u> (2) Lyme disease: new doctor and treatment plan pray for success.
 - Esther Hoefner (3) sprain: cont. healing.
 - Matt Kussmaul eye issues: cont. healing.
 - <u>Tom Merkle</u> (3) lung can: *treatment success*.
 - <u>Miriam Putze</u> (3) back: *cont. relief, healing*.
 - Cindy Taress (3) cancer, wrist: cont. healing.
 - <u>Bill Sweeny</u> recent fall, fractured back, on palliative care: *peace*, *relief*, *comfort*.
 - Harold Weseloh (3) herniated disc, back surgery – Laminectomy, 10/31: success.

For Others

→ Temporary Health Issues:

- <u>Chelsea</u> (1) stomach issues; peace, proper diagnosis, healing.
- <u>Kay</u> (3) peace, guidance, encouragement.
- <u>Kayla</u> Baby Charlotte was born Sat, 10/4, 7 lbs., 12 ounces, 19 in. *Thanks for praying!!*
- <u>Sarah</u> (daughter of the Cepis's) kidney surgery 10/9; peace, success, healing.
- <u>Susie</u> (1) (SIL of the Cepis's) heart valves replaced recently; peace, strength, healing.
- <u>Kimberly Borland</u> (3) proper diag.: *healing*.
- **Stacey Dames** (3) *peace, prop. diag., healing.*
- Melanie Himmelberger cancer: comfort.
- Barb Pilny (3) broken pelvis: rehab success.
- <u>Luke Schave</u> (2) cancer: *treatment success*.
- Gerda Schultz (3) shoulder surgery 10/1: pain relief, healing, rehab.

- <u>Bethany Transue</u> (3) lymphoma: peace, treatment success, comfort, endurance.
- <u>Doug Wilhelm</u> (2) leukemia: peace, successful treatments.
- Mourning: to Marie and all mourning the death of her husband, Jim McQueeny 9/30.
- ➡ <u>Baptism</u>: <u>Kenton Michael Taylor</u> (infant son of Matt & Nicole) is schedule to be baptized at Bethlehem on 10/12 at Noon.

Celebrate and Give Thanks

Physical Birthdays:

10/16 Kenneth Hinkle 10/16 Hannah Hlavacek

Spiritual Birthdays:

10/11 Chris Sala

10/12 Sherrie Dennison

10/14 Helga Haller

10/15 Matthew Potantus

10/17 Tracy Liddy

10/17 Matyas Yu-Hsin Liao

Wedding Anniversaries:

10/15 Jim and Linda Widzinski (39th)

10/17 Rand and Deborah Stender (55th)

Conclusion:

- L: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: Amen. **↓**

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SUPPER PREPARATION HYMN:

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

Turn to LSB 618, vv. 1-3 – maroon hymnal

LORD'S SUPPER SELF-EXAMINATION: 1 Cor. 11:28

Let's <u>be serious</u>, <u>understand</u>, and <u>benefit</u>!

Please ask yourself these 10 questions...

1. Do I believe the Bible is true? Y N John 17:17

2. Am I sorry for my sins? Y N

y sins? Y N 2 Cor. 7:10

3. Am I trusting in Jesus for eternal life? Y N Ac. 4:12

4. Am I baptized? Y N *Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:38-39; Tit. 3:5*

5. Do I desire to live for Christ? Y N 2 Cor. 5:15

6. Am I forgiving all others? Y N Mark 11:25

7. Am I doing my part to reconcile? Y N Mt. 5:23-24

8. Are the elements of the Lord's Supper bread, body, wine, and blood? Y N 1 Cor. 10:16

9. Is the main benefit of the Supper the assurance of the forgiveness of sins? Y N Matt. 26:26-28

10. Do I understand and agree with the teachings of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS)?
Y N
1 Cor. 10:15-22

<u>Uncertain</u>? Ask an usher for "The Lord's Supper" brochure and "A Simple Explanation of Christianity."

The pastor would be glad to talk/meet with you!

↑ LORD'S PRAYER: See the back of either hymnal.

A: Our Father who art in heaven... Matt. 6:9-13

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD:

Combining: Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1Co 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI ~ Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29

See the words below / TLH 388, Second Tune / LSB 570

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

DISTRIBUTION INSTRUCTIONS:

- If you are ready to receive: Come forward now.
- Receiving at your pew: Please inform an usher.
- Alcohol-Removed Wine: Center of each tray.
- Receive. Go in peace. Return via a side aisle.
- Main dismissal: After everyone has returned.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION:

Sunday → Change My Heart O Lord, May I Be Like You Arr. Doug Wagner

LORD'S SUPPER DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:

L: Father in heaven, with sorrow we came to the Supper, with faith we have received Your gift of forgiveness, and with peace we have returned to our places; help us now – by the instruction of Your Word and the power of Your Spirit – to live unto Your glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN: Shine, Jesus, Shine

See the words below (PRA 2)

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirror'd here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land With the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow Flood the nations
With grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word Lord
and let there be light.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION:

L: Let us bless the Lord.

[Ps. 103:1]

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord look upon you with *favor* and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C: Amen.

CANDLE EXTINGUISHING and POSTLUDE:

Sunday → Shine, Jesus Shine Graham Kendrick

<u>Desire a Prayer</u>? Gather near the first pew on the right – a Stephen Minister will meet you there!

October Newsletter – See the Narthex table!

Free Hospital Bed Available

Do you have a need? The bed is in excellent shape! Please contact Norma: 216-406-4871

Schedule: 10/12/25 - 10/19/25

10/14 – Tuesday – 6:30 – Grief Share

10/15 – Wednesday

6:30 - Youth Confirmation

10/16 – Thursday

10:00 – Living the Lutheran Lectionary

<u>10/18 – Saturday</u>

3:00 - Bible Class

4:00 - Divine Service

10/19 - Sunday

9:00 – Divine Service

10:30 - Bible Classes and Sunday School

Thanks For Serving on 10/11 & 10/12

Altar Guild: Kathy G

Saturday: Organist: Jim V <u>Usher</u>: Matt K

Welcome & Distribution: Alan C

Sunday: Organist: Gayle P

Pastor Team – Welcome: Matthias M

<u>Distribution</u> – Harold W Ushers: Carl B, Michael B

Refreshments: The Hilliker Family & others Sunday School: Heather H, Harold/Cedrick

Financial Team: Natalia F, Ken H

Thanks For Serving on 10/18 & 10/19

Altar Guild: Nancy B, Heather H

Saturday: Organist: Jim V Usher: Matt K Welcome & Distribution: Alan C

Sunday: Organist: Gayle P

Pastor Team – Welcome: Matthias M

<u>Distribution</u> – Matthias M <u>Ushers</u>: Carl B, Michael B

<u>Refreshments</u>: The Hilliker Family & others <u>Sunday School</u>: Stacey J, Harold/Cedrick

Financial Team: Natalia F, Linda W

Numbers From Last Week

Received God's Gifts – Services:

Saturday at 4:00 – Inside: 23; car: 4

Sunday at 9:00 – Inside: 52; car: 1

Studied God's Word - Classes:

Saturday at 3:00: 9

Sunday at 10:30: 36

Thursday at 10: 9
Supported God's Work:

 Needed each week to cover the budget: 5,443

Received last week for the budget: 5,127

 YTD Budget Surplus as of last week: 3,275 – Thanks for Honoring the Lord by Giving to Him and His Work First,

Proportionately, and Faithfully!



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