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Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class: 11:30 AM

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Following Jesus trusts the goodness of God.

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love.

Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what possessions can you donate for others to use?

Hebrews 4:12 says that the word of God is "*living and active.*" Gather various translations of the Bible or find them online. Biblegateway.com is a

good online resource. During devotion time, choose one of the *Daily Bible Readings* and look them up in different Bible translations. Make notes of what is similar and what is different. (The CEV, ICB, and NIV are good translations when reading with children and youth.) Then think or talk about how the scripture is living and active in your life. Place a Bible in a visible place in your home as a reminder of the central place of God's word in your life.



IT IS GREAT TO HAVE YOU IN WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

Here at Bethlehem Lutheran, we believe in the teachings of the Bible as taught by Jesus and the apostles and strive to live our lives in accord with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are all fellow sinners who live together in the mercy and grace of Jesus. Jesus is the heart and center of all that we say and do as we serve Him and live in Christian love with one another.

If you would like to learn more about this church, or are looking for a church family, please talk to our pastor or one of the ushers or elders. They would be happy to talk with you! Regardless of whether you join or not, we welcome you and your

family to worship with us any time! Please sign our guest register in the lobby and fill out the Communication Card in the pew and place in the offering plate. Please include your local contact information and email. Members, please fill in your name for attendance. Thank you!

Should you have something we could privately pray about for you this week, we invite you to let our pastor or one of our members know so we can seek the Lord's face together.

Come visit us again sometime soon and may the Lord richly bless you!

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Divine Service Setting Two

October 13, 2024

PRELUDE

✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

HYMN OF INVOCATION

733 O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

(Stanzas 1–6)

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

(Please rise)

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

PIn the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

CAmen.

PIf we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

CBut if we confess our sins, God, who is
faithful and just, will forgive our sins and
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-
examination.)*

PLet us then confess our sins to God our Father.

CMost merciful God, we confess that we are
by nature sinful and unclean. We have
sinned against You in thought, word, and
deed, by what we have done and by what we

have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Psalm 90:12–17

P So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

C Return, O LORD! How long?

Have pity on your servants!

P Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

C Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil.

P Let your work be shown to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

C Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands!

(Please rise)

KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

♪ **THIS IS THE FEAST** ♪

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have
mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the
Father; receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone
are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,**

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 5:6–7, 10–15

- ⁶Seek the LORD and live,
lest he break out like fire in the house of
Joseph,
and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel,
⁷O you who turn justice to wormwood
and cast down righteousness to the earth! . . .
- ¹⁰They hate him who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor him who speaks the truth.
- ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and you exact taxes of grain from him,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not dwell in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.
- ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and turn aside the needy in the gate.
- ¹³Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in
such a time,
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good, and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with
you,
as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil, and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 3:12–19

¹²Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you
an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away
from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another
every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none
of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of
sin. ¹⁴For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our
original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵As it is said,
“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

¹⁶For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses?

¹⁷And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please rise)

♪ ALLELUIA AND VERSE ♪

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:17–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

The Rich Young Man

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.

¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” ²¹And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²²Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

735 HAVE NO FEAR, LITTLE FLOCK

- 1** Have no fear, little flock;
Have no fear, little flock,
 For the Father has chosen
 To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!

- 2** Have good cheer, little flock;
Have good cheer, little flock,
 For the Father will keep you
 In His love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!

- 3** Praise the Lord high above;
Praise the Lord high above,
 For He stoops down to heal you,
 Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!

- 4** Thankful hearts raise to God;
Thankful hearts raise to God,
 For He stays close beside you,
 In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"Warning and Encouragement for Today"

. . . Pastor Karl

(Please rise)

APOSTLES' CREED

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the
dead.**

**He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Lord, in Your mercy
C Hear our prayer.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

♫ OFFERTORY RESPONSE ♫ *(Please rise)*

955 LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were

sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
 hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
 give us A fore-taste of the feast to come.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.**

(Please be seated)

CLOSING HYMN

924 LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

- 2 Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found.

3 Savior, when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with You in endless day.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be
gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give
you peace.

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE



Serving the Lord with Gladness

Rev. Karl P. Glander

Organist: Holly Bell

Pianist: Cheryl Nelson

Elder: Doug Johnson

Altar Guild: Emmy Larson, Betty Willis

Ushers: Doug Johnson, Klaus Naumann

Reader: Sam Harrison

Acolyte: Sarah Smith



The Flowers on the Lord's Altar were given to the *Glory of God* this morning by the Murray's for Yvonne's birthday. Happy Birthday!!



Birthday Greetings!!

10/13: Gary Dreischerf

10/14: Pam Rugenstein; Yvonne Murray

10/18: Annette Brocious



Food and Fellowship: Please join us immediately after the service. We meet in the fellowship hall at the rear of the church before

Bible study. The refreshments this week are from.
Thank you!

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall if you would like to sponsor a week.

Attendance

Worship Service – 48

Adult Bible Class – 15

Sunday School – 6

News & Notes



TODAY ~ October 13, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.



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WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY ~ October 16, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.



Sunday – October 27, 2024

Voter's meeting will be held after the service. Please plan on staying. No Bible

study or Sunday school on the 27th because of the voter's meeting.



Church Fire Alarm System- The evacuation panel unit of the system, which broadcasts an alarm inside the church, has failed and must be replaced immediately. We need to raise funds to replace this unit. The estimated replacement cost is approximately \$6,500. Please label your donations as "Alarm Fund ".



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth - we are building shoeboxes again this year. Boxes and instructions are available at church, online at Samaritanspurse.org. National collection week is Nov. 18-25. The goal is 100 boxes. Each box requires \$10.00 shipping and handling, please help if you can. If you'd like to build a box online, please visit samaritanspurse.org/buildonline. Online boxes are \$25.00 which includes postage. Please contact Betty Willis with any questions. 239-240-5972.



HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

This year, as in the past we will provide Holiday food baskets for needy families in our community. We will collect food items, organizing and packing them in December and then distributing food baskets in December to the Buckingham Exceptional Student Center. We are truly blessed to have so many who continue to support feeding the needy and we Thank you for your generosity. Suggested items are canned vegetables, instant/canned/scalloped potatoes, gravy, peanut butter & jellies/jams, pasta/sauce, canned soup, mac & cheese, rice/beans, tuna fish, hot chocolate packets, dessert, puddings, box of crackers, jar of nuts. We are also in need of cash donations for turkeys and hams. So, if you're not able to be here but would like to help, please make out a check to Bethlehem and put holiday basket in the memo, it will be very much appreciated. Thank you!

Prayer Focus: Please help us pray for the tangible and evident love of Christ to be made known as these baskets and meals are provided. Please help us pray for a boldness for the giver to share the message of Christ and His great love for

us and for the receiver to have open ears to hear it, and an open heart to receive it!



Edison and Karen Johnson
Chester and Linda Rust

The election for Council Officers and Board Positions will be held on October 27 Voters' Meeting. The Nominating committee recommended the following slate of individuals for election:

Council Officers

President - Richard Gerlach

Vice President - Doug Grage

Secretary - Holly Bell

Treasurer - Kurt Laser

Member at Large – Greg Murray

Board Positions

Board of Education - Sandy Grage, Jennifer Morosey, Mickie Naumann, Chip Rinehart

Board of Elders - Doug Johnson, Greg Murray, Klaus Naumann, Tim Tobeck, John Wittenberg

Board of Evangelism – Holly Bell, Sam Harrison, Chip Rinehart

Board of Stewardship - Rollin and Pat Duckwitz, Bob Jurs

Board of Trustees - Jeff Kirsch, Gary Dreischerf

NOTE: *If you would like to be considered for one of these positions please contact any council member before October 20th.*

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