

March 2, 2025

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod 14531 Old Olga Road Fort Myers, FL

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Jesus' glory shines on the mountaintop.

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you encourage someone to live with faith and courage? Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. The day before the start of Lent is called Shrove Tuesday.

The name 'shrove' comes from the practice of being "shriven": going to church to confess your sins and receive absolution. Shrove Tuesday is also called Pancake Tuesday or Fat Tuesday because households used up their remaining eggs and fats before Lent by making pancakes on this day. Observe Shrove Tuesday with a pancake breakfast or dinner. While you are eating, think or talk about what you might wish to give up or add for Lent.



IT IS GREAT TO HAVE YOU IN WORSHIP Welcome 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!

ATTENDING COMMUNION AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of Bethlehem Lutheran Church LCMS and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are invited to speak with Pastor Karl Glander.

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

March 2, 2025

PRELUDE

+ ORDER OF WORSHIP +

HYMN OF INVOCATION

918 GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT REDEEMER

1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more; Feed me till I want no more.

- 2 Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow; Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through. Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 Bid my anxious fears subside;
 Death of death and hell's destruction,
 Land me safe on Canaan's side.
 Songs of praises, songs of praises
 I will ever give to Thee;
 I will ever give to Thee.

(Please rise)

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

INVOCATION

- PIn the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C**Amen.

EXHORTATION

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

CONFESSION OF SINS

- PLet us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most 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.

ABSOLUTION

PAlmighty 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.

CAmen.

(Please be seated)

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

RESPONSIVE PSALM The LORD Our God Is Holy

Psalm 99

P The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

- The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
- P Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!
- The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- P Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!
- Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.

They called to the LORD, and he answered them.

P In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them; they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them.

- O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
- P Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

 (Please rise)

KYRIE

- PIn peace let us pray to the Lord.
- CLord, have mercy.
- PFor the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- CLord, have mercy.
- PFor the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- CLord, have mercy.
- PFor this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

- CLord, have mercy.
- PHelp, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- CAmen.

JIHIS IS THE FEAST J

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- PThe Lord be with you.
- **C**And also with you.
- PLet us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus

Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 34:1–12

The Death of Moses

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, 3the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴And the LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." 5So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, ⁶ and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but

no one knows the place of his burial to this day.
⁷Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated.
⁸And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

⁹And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹²and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

CThanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 3:1-6

Jesus Greater Than Moses

¹Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and

high priest of our confession, ²who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

- **L**This is the Word of the Lord.
- CThanks be to God.

(Please rise)

JALLELUIA AND VERSE

GAlleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

PThe Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

GGlory to You, O Lord.

The Transfiguration

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. 34As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the

cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" ³⁶And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

- PThis is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON HYMN

414 'TIS GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE

- 1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
 Thy glory fills the night;
 Thy face and garments, like the sun,
 Shine with unborrowed light.
- 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy beauty to behold Where Moses and Elijah stand, Thy messengers of old.

- 3 Fulfiller of the past
 And hope of things to be,
 We hail Thy body glorified
 And our redemption see.
- 4 Before we taste of death, We see Thy kingdom come; We long to hold the vision bright And make this hill our home.
- 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain; But since Thou bidst us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"<u>Transfiguration</u>"

. . . Pastor Karl

(Please rise)

APOSTLES' CREED

CI 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
- **G** Hear our prayer.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

JOFFERTORY RESPONSE J

805 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

(Please rise)

△ 1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

PThe Lord be with you.

- **C**And also with you.
- PLift up your hearts.
- **C**We lift them to the Lord.
- PLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE (FULL)

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

J<u>SANCTUS</u>J

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PBlessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of

the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

POur Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My

body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My

blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- PAs often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- CAmen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- PO Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

COur 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.

PAX DOMINI

- PThe peace of the Lord be with you always.
- CAmen.

JAGNUS DEIJ

Clamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

628 YOUR TABLE I APPROACH

- 1 Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer. Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurtful to me there.
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands; A contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Your hands.
- 3 Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me, Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.
- 4 Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery; God can accomplish vastly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

619 THY BODY, GIVEN FOR ME, O SAVIOR

1 Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior, Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and strength forever, By them my hungry soul is fed. Refrain

ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

With Thee, Lord, I am now united; I live in Thee and Thou in me. No sorrow fills my soul, delighted It finds its only joy in Thee. Refrain 3 Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is nigh, who justifies. No hell I fear, and thus securely With Jesus I to heaven rise. **Refrain**

ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

- 4 Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer; For He who is of death the master With aid and comfort e'er is near. Refrain
- 5 My heart has now become Thy dwelling, O blessèd, holy Trinity. With angels I, Thy praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. Refrain

(Please rise)

JTHANK THE LORD J

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

PLet us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.

(Please be seated)

CLOSING HYMN

821 ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."
- Alleluia! Not as orphans
 Are we left in sorrow now;
 Alleluia! He is near us;
 Faith believes, nor questions how.
 Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o'er,
 Shall our hearts forget His promise:
 "I am with you evermore"?
- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
 Here on earth our food, our stay;
 Alleluia! Here the sinful
 Flee to You from day to day.
 Intercessor, Friend of sinners,

Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

- 4 Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own; Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne. As within the veil You entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both priest and victim In the eucharistic feast.
- 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
 His the scepter, His the throne;
 Alleluia! His the triumph,
 His the victory alone.
 Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
 Thunder like a mighty flood:
 "Jesus out of ev'ry nation
 Has redeemed us by His blood."

BENEDICTION

PThe Lord bless you and keep you.

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

CAmen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE



Go and Serve the Lord

Preacher: Rev. Karl P. Glander

Organist: Holly Bell

Pianist: Cheryl Nelson

The Sound System: Jeff Kirsch

Elder: Tim Tobeck

Altar Guild: Emmy Larson, Betty Willis

Ushers: Gary Barkhaus, John Wittenberg

Reader: Annette Brocious

Acolyte: Mika Hidalgo



Signup Sheets in the Fellowship Hall. This is your chance to get involved in worship.



Altar Flowers- are placed by Klaus for God's love for Mickie's birthday! Happy birthday Mickie!!

Altar Flowers Needed for: April 13th and 27th

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

Our Response to God's Love

Worship Service – 101
Bible Study –
Confirmation –
Sunday School –
Wednesday Bible Study – 6

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CALENDAR March 2, 2025 – March 9, 2025

TODAY: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion SUNDAY 11:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Pastor March 211:30 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation

MONDAY: 1:00 p.m. LWM meets

March 3

TUESDAY:

March 4

WEDNESDAY: 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

March 5

THURSDAY:

March 6

FRIDAY:

March 7

SATURDAY:

March 8

NEXT 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

SUNDAY 11:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class w/Pastor

March 911:30 a.m. Sunday School &

Confirmation

Salisbury steak Dinner



Thursday, March 13th, 4-7 pm

Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, slaw, roll and butter, drink, and delicious dessert

\$10.00 adult \$5.00 child

Eat in or take out

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Our Special Prayers and Intercessions

Autumn – health issues

Emma – kidneys

Lou - health issues

Matt – stroke

Theresa – stroke

Chris – lung cancer

Sarah – stomach issues

Tim – health issues

Kurt – health issues

Jack – fighting depression, lung

issues

JoAnn – heart issues

Tamara – medical issues

Tamara's brother – hospitalized

Susan – recovering from cancer

Chade – guidance

Steven – guidance

Connie – ICU

Ashton – esophageal atresia

Sharon – shoulder

Cammy – brain tumor stable

Cannon – cancer, recovering from

2nd Bone Marrow Transplant

Dorothy – in memory care

Edison – health issues

Haven – battling cancer

Gail – running tests for leukemia

Tara. - health

Dustin – alcohol rehab

Brad – heart attack

Pat – health issues

Dave – health issues

Becky – cancer

Ken – cancer

Lidia – health issues

TA – spiritual guidance and

removal of all temptation

Belland/Calcagino – family issues

Jenn – cancer

Yvonne – health issues

David - cancer

Sean – God knows

Lynne – health issues

Ron – hospitalized

Pam – health issues

Terry– health issues

Joe – health issues

Jessica – health issues

Sam – health issues

Carolyn – strengthening of faith

Paul – strengthening of faith

Judy - cancer

*Please note: Those who are named in our special prayers and intercessions list are placed there by members of our congregation. St. Paul tells us in 1Timothy 2:1-2: "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior." Those named remain joyfully in our prayers until the person who requested our prayers removes them or until the Lord resolves their need. Therefore, as St. Paul tells us in Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.

LWM Spring Rally will be at Peace Lutheran Church in Naples on March 15th. It is an afternoon meeting. Please let Sandy know if you would like to attend or have any questions.