

# Forgiveness & Faith

Luke 17:1–10



*October 5, 2025*

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**Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**  
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## ***Faith is a way of life.***

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 who is experiencing discouragement?

Paul encouraged Timothy to rekindle the gift God had given to him (2 Timothy 1:6). God has given

each of us gifts to use and develop. Think or talk about what gifts God has given you and others you know. Write each of these on sticky notes. Stick the notes in a visible location as a reminder of the various gifts God has given us to serve others.

***Pray:* Lord, help us to rekindle the gifts you have given us and seek places where we can use them to serve others. Amen.**



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

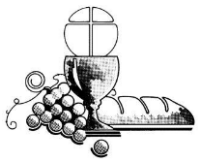
Here at Bethlehem Lutheran, we believe in the teachings of the Bible as taught by Jesus and the apostles and strive to live our lives in accord with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are all fellow sinners who live together in the mercy and grace of Jesus. Jesus is the heart and center of all that we say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



## **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.

## **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*October 5, 2025*

### **PRELUDE**

**✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠**

### **HYMN OF INVOCATION**

#### **655 LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD**

**1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword**

Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
And bring to naught all He has done.

**2** Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,  
For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we  
May sing Your praise eternally.

**3** O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.

*(Please rise)*

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

### **INVOCATION**

**[P]** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and  
of the Holy Spirit.

**[C]** Amen.

### **EXHORTATION**

*LSB 151*

**[P]** If 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 self-examination.)*

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

*LSB 151*

**☐** Let 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**

LSB 151

**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 +**

### **RESPONSIVE PSALM**

*Psalm 62*

#### **My Soul Waits for God Alone**

**P** For God alone my soul waits in silence;  
from him comes my salvation.

**C** He only is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress;  
I shall not be greatly shaken.

**P** How long will all of you attack a man  
to batter him,



like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

**☐ They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.**

**They take pleasure in falsehood.  
They bless with their mouths,  
but inwardly they curse.**

**☐ For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,  
for my hope is from him.**

**☐ He only is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress;  
I shall not be shaken.**

**☐ On God rests my salvation and my glory;  
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.**

**☐ Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us.**

**P** Those of low estate are but a breath;  
those of high estate are a delusion;  
in the balances they go up;  
they are together lighter than a breath.

**C** Put no trust in extortion;  
set no vain hopes on robbery;  
if riches increase, set not your heart on them.

**P** Once God has spoken;  
twice have I heard this:  
that power belongs to God,

**C** and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast  
love.

For you will render to a man  
according to his work.

*(Please rise)*

## **KYRIE**

*LSB 152*

**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** ♪

*LSB 155*

**C** 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**

**[P]** The Lord be with you.

**[C]** And also with you.

**[P]** Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4*

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

### **Habakkuk's Complaint**

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not hear?

Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see iniquity,  
and why do you idly look at wrong?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup>So the law is paralyzed,

and justice never goes forth.  
For the wicked surround the righteous;  
so justice goes forth perverted.

<sup>1</sup>I will take my stand at my watchpost  
and station myself on the tower,  
and look out to see what he will say to me,  
and what I will answer concerning my  
complaint.

## **The Righteous Shall Live by His Faith**

<sup>2</sup>And the LORD answered me:

“Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so he may run who reads it.

<sup>3</sup>For still the vision awaits its appointed time;  
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.

If it seems slow, wait for it;  
it will surely come; it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup>“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright  
within him,  
but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **EPISTLE**

### **Greeting**

*2 Timothy 1:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Guard the Deposit Entrusted to You**

<sup>3</sup>I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup>for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not

because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, <sup>11</sup>for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, <sup>12</sup>which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. <sup>13</sup>Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

**[L]** This is the Word of the Lord.

**[C]** Thanks be to God.

*(Please rise)*

**♪ ALLELUIA AND VERSE ♪**

*LSB 156*

**[C]** Alleluia.

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**



## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 17:1–10*

**P**The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

**C**Glory to You, O Lord.

### **Temptations to Sin**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! <sup>2</sup>It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. <sup>3</sup>Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, <sup>4</sup>and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

### **Increase Our Faith**

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.”

## Unworthy Servants

<sup>7</sup>“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’?

<sup>8</sup>Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’?

<sup>9</sup>Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

**P**This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C**Praise to You, O Christ.

*(Please be seated)*

## **SERMON HYMN**

### **566 BY GRACE I’M SAVED**

*(Stanzas 1–4)*

1 By grace I’m saved, grace free and boundless;  
My soul, believe and doubt it not.

Why stagger at this word of promise?  
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?  
No! Then this word must true remain:  
By grace you too will life obtain.

**2** By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;  
Our works and conduct have no worth.  
God in His love sent our Redeemer,  
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;  
His death did for our sins atone,  
And we are saved by grace alone.

**3** By grace God's Son, our only Savior,  
Came down to earth to bear our sin.  
Was it because of your own merit  
That Jesus died your soul to win?  
No, it was grace, and grace alone,  
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.

**4** By grace! This ground of faith is certain;  
As long as God is true, it stands.  
What saints have penned by inspiration,  
What in His Word our God commands,  
Our faith in what our God has done  
Depends on grace—grace through His Son.

## **SERMON**

### **"Hammer and Chisel"**

*. . . Pastor Karl*

*(Please rise)*

## **NICENE CREED**

**☐ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of  
the virgin Mary  
and was made man;**

**and was crucified also for us under  
Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to  
judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and  
apostolic Church,**

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the  
remission of sins,**

**and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LSB 159

**P** Lord, in Your mercy

**C** Hear our prayer.

*(Please be seated)*

## OFFERING

### ♪OFFERTORY RESPONSE♪

#### 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

LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## **PROPER PREFACE**

**P** 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## **♪SANCTUS♪**

*LSB 161*

**C** 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**

*LSB 161*

**P** Blessed 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.



**C Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P** Our 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**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O 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**

**☩ 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.**

## **PAX DOMINI**

LSB 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## **♪ AGNUS DEI ♪**

LSB 163

**C** 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 world; have mercy on us.

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

*(Please be seated)*

## **DISTRIBUTION**

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

### **623 LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE HUMBLY PRAY**

1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray  
That we may feast on You today;  
Beneath these forms of bread and wine  
Enrich us with Your grace divine.

- 2 Give us, who share this wondrous food,  
Your body broken and Your blood,  
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,  
The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.
- 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold  
To seize the gift of love retold;  
All that You are we here receive,  
And all we are to You we give.
- 4 One bread, one cup, one body, we,  
Rejoicing in our unity,  
Proclaim Your love until You come  
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.
- 5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:  
O keep us steadfast till that day  
When each will be Your welcomed guest  
In heaven's high and holy feast.

## **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!**

**2** 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**

**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)*

♪ **THANK THE LORD** ♪

LSB 164

**☐** 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**

**☐** Let 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.

**☐** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

# **HYMN TO DEPART**

## **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**

LSB 166

**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**



*Go and Serve the Lord*

Preacher: Rev. Karl P. Glander

Guest Pastor: Rev. Jon Zehnder

Organist: Holly Bell

Flutist: Nancy Rybak

The Sound System: Jeff Kirsch

Elder: Tim Tobeck

Altar Guild: Emmy Larson, Betty Willis

Ushers: Steve Hempel, Doug Johnson

Reader: Judy Lawrence





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

**Celebrating birthdays this week: 10/8: Jack Young, 10/11: Jase Albert**



**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 Steve Hempel. 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 – 39

Adult Bible Class – 15

## **BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CALENDAR**

**October 5, 2025 – October 12, 2025**

**TODAY 10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion**

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

**October 5 11:30 a.m. Sunday School**

**MONDAY: 1:00 p.m. LWM meeting**  
**October 6**

**TUESDAY:**  
**October 7**

**WEDNESDAY: 9:00 a.m. Celebration of life for Chris**  
**October 8 Jensen "Vietnam Era Veteran" at Sun and**  
**Fun Park Flag Poles. Followed by brunch in**  
**Clubhouse.**

**THURSDAY: 4:00-7:00 p.m. delicious meatloaf dinner**  
**October 9**

**FRIDAY:**  
**October 10**

**SATURDAY:**  
**October 11**

**NEXT 10:30 a.m. Worship Service**  
**SUNDAY: 11:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Pastor**  
**October 12 11:30 a.m. Sunday School**



**LWM** Our first LWM meeting will be Monday October 6th at 1 p.m. We will be discussing our plans and projects for 25/26 season. All ladies are welcome, and we welcome everyone's input. A light snack will be served. If you have never joined us for a meeting, come see what we are doing and help us plan for the upcoming year. We hope to see you there.



**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](http://Samaritanspurse.org). National collection week is Nov. 17-24. We need to start collecting money to ship OCC boxes in November. Last year we had over 100 boxes and we expect to do at least that many, but probably more. \$10.00 is needed to ship each box. This also includes Christian education material. Money can be donated to Mickey, Terry, Mary or myself at any time. Please contact Betty Willis with any questions. 239-240-5972.

# Meatloaf Dinner



Thursday, OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup>,  
4-7 pm

Delicious homemade meatloaf, mashed  
potatoes/gravy, coleslaw, corn, bun, drink, and  
delicious dessert

\$10.00 adult   \$5.00 child

Eat in or take out

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
14531 Old Olga RD S.E.  
Fort Myers, FL 33905  
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## **Our Special Prayers and Intercessions**

**Accidents** – Chico and Grandfather, Iris Smith, Rusty

**Cancer** – Andy, Anonymous, Ava, Barbara, Becky, Billie, Cannon, Chelsea, Cole, David, David, Don, Gail, Holly, Jenn, Joan, Joe, Judy, Ken, Larry, Rachel, Richard, Rick, Ron, Sal Jr., Sharon Rowe, Steve, Susan, Tina

**In Remission** – Annette, Cammy, Haven, Sandi

**Convalescing:** Betty, Bill, Chester, Debi, Dick, Edison, Joyce, Norma, Rick, Shirley, Ted

**Eye** – Bob, Carol, Sal, Sarah

**Fighting for their lives** - Barb, Dennis' mom, Jack Kirsch, James, Julie, Lisa, Lola, Rita, Robert's mom, Samuel Albritton, Scott, Shannon

**Guidance** – Anonymous, Chade, Holly, Paul, Sean, Steven, TA

**Head Injuries** – Iris Smith, Jena, Ken

**Health Issues** – Barb, Bob, Bruce, Carol, Christine, Dave, Edison, Gary, Jana, Jeff, Jessica, Joe, Kurt, Nancy Mihich, Pam, Pat, Richard, Sal, Sam, Samantha, Sharon, Tamara, Tara, Terri, Tim, Yvonne

**Heart Issues** – Andy, Brad, Carol, Eddie, Holly, JoAnn, Ken, Kenny, Linda, Sharon

**Hospice** - Jean

**Hospitalized** – Heather, Judy, Liliana, Lynn, Martha, Randy, Rick, Rita, Ron, Rosa Aguirre, Rosa

**Long-term Illness/Treatment:** Alan, Ann, Bella, Betty, Bill, Bob, Brian, Buck, Charleen, Chip, Daphne, Darlene, David, Debi, Dennis, Doug, Dylan, Edison, Ellen, Elizabeth, Jake, James, Jene, Jennifer, Jonathan, Judy, Julianna, Julie, Katie, Kim, Kim Lewis, Les, Lidia, Lillie Anne, Lisa, Liz mom, Lizzy, Madden, Mehliia, Mike, Millie, Myra and family, Nathan, Neil Fiore, Nicole, Pam,

Phillip, Rebecca, Richard, Richard, Rick, Rita,  
Sandy, Terri, Theresa, Timmy, Trace Ryan

**Memory Care - Dorothy**

**Mental illness – Giney, Lisa, Viola**

**Natural Disasters: Texas**

**Physical health and Rehab – Chip, Iris**

**Strengthening of faith – Carolyn, Paul**

**Suffered a stroke: Adrian, Doug, Ed, Gary, Joan,  
Kevin, Shirley, Theresa**

**For Those Who have recently lost loved ones:**  
The family and friends of Nancy Mihich, The family  
and friends of Chris Jensen, The family and  
friends of Charlie Kirk, The family and friends of  
Reverend Dennis Glander, The family and friends  
of Maximo Maldonado