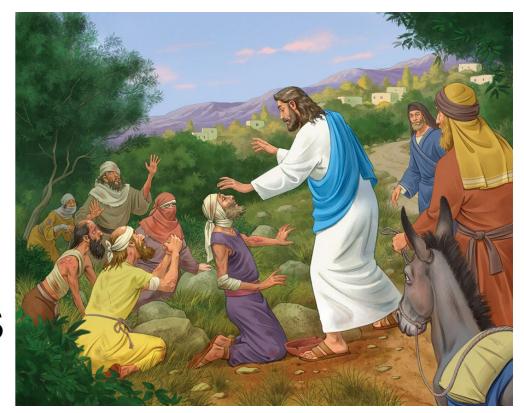
Jesus Heals Ten Lepers



October 12, 2025

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Jesus shows a foreigner mercy.

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you support an organization that helps refugees?

Psalm 111 gives praise for God's wonderful deeds. God is holy and awesome (v. 9). Take a walk around your neighborhood and note the

things you see that you consider to be awesome. For example, trees, buildings, the sky, and clouds. Then sit down in your home and write a list of what you saw. Take time to say a prayer of praise to God using words from Psalm 111 to be thankful for "his wonderful deeds" (v. 4), "the power of his works" (v. 6), and "the work of his hands" (v. 7).

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!

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 12, 2025

PRELUDE

+ ORDER OF WORSHIP +

HYMN OF INVOCATION

662 ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

1 Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war, With the cross of Jesus Going on before. Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe; Forward into battle See His banners go! **Refrain**

ref Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.

- 2 Like a mighty army
 Moves the Church of God;
 Brothers, we are treading
 Where the saints have trod.
 We are not divided,
 All one body we,
 One in hope and doctrine,
 One in charity. **Refrain**
- 3 Crowns and thrones may perish,
 Kingdoms rise and wane,
 But the Church of Jesus
 Constant will remain.
 Gates of hell can never
 'Gainst that Church prevail;

We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail. **Refrain**

ref Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.

4 Onward, then, ye faithful,
 Join our happy throng,
 Blend with ours your voices
 In the triumph song:
 Glory, laud, and honor
 Unto Christ, the king;
 This through countless ages
 Men and angels sing. Refrain

(Please rise)

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

INVOCATION

PIn the name of the Father and of the

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CAmen.

EXHORTATION

LSB 151

- 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

LSB 151

- 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

LSB 151

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 Psalm 111 Great Are the Lord's Works

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

- Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.
- P Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.
- He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.
- P He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.
- He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.
- P The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;
- they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

- P He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!
- The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

(Please rise)

KYRIE LSB 152

- 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.
- **C**Amen.

JGLORIA IN EXCELSIS J

LSB 204

- And peace to all the earth;
 Goodwill from God in heaven
 Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
 We praise and bless You, Father;
 Your holy name, we sing—
 Our thanks for Your great glory,
 Lord God, our heav'nly King.
 - 2 To You, O sole-begotten,
 The Father's Son, we pray;
 O Lamb of God, our Savior,
 You take our sins away.
 Have mercy on us, Jesus;
 Receive our heartfelt cry,

Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; 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)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Naomi Widowed

Ruth 1:1-19a

¹In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and 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. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Ruth's Loyalty to Naomi

⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his

people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughtersin-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. 8But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? 12Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, 13 would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." 14Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." ¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

Naomi and Ruth Return

¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

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

EPISTLE

2 Timothy 2:1–13

A Good Soldier of Christ Jesus

¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach

others also. ³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

12if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us;
 13if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

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

(Please rise)

JALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

CAlleluia.

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

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

GGlory to You, O Lord.

Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a

Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON HYMN

664 FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

- 1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and it shall be Your joy and crown eternally.
- 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

- 3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide; His boundless mercy will provide. Trust, and enduring faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.
- 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He changes not who holds you dear; Only believe, and you will see That Christ is all eternally.

SERMON

"First Suffering, Then Glory"

. . . Pastor Karl

(Please rise)

APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 159

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

JOFFERTORY RESPONSE J

805 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

(Please rise)

JLORD'S PRAYERJ

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
Forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

CLOSING HYMN

685 LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure, Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure. Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above, Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding. Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
- And with patience bear our cross.
 Joy will follow all our sadness;
 Where He is, there is no loss.
 Though today we sow no laughter,
 We shall reap celestial joy;
 All discomforts that annoy
 Shall give way to mirth hereafter.

Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
 Since by death He conquered death,
 He will free us from destruction,
 Give to us immortal breath.
 Let us mortify all passion
 That would lead us into sin;
 And the grave that shuts us in
 Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
 Jesus, here with You I die,
 There to live with You on high.
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus.

 He has risen from the dead
 That to life we may awaken.

 Jesus, You are now our head.

 We are Your own living members;

 Where You live, there we shall be
 In Your presence constantly,
 Living there with You forever.

 Jesus, let me faithful be,
 Life eternal grant to me.

BENEDICTION

PThe Lord bless you and keep you.

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

CAmen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Missouri Synod



Preacher: Rev. Karl P. Glander Guest Pastor: Rev. Jon Zehnder

Organist: Holly Bell

Flutist: Nancy Rybak

The Sound System: Jeff Kirsch

Elder: Klaus Naumann

Altar Guild: Emmy Larson, Betty Willis

Ushers: Sam Harrison, Greg Murray

Reader: Greg Murray



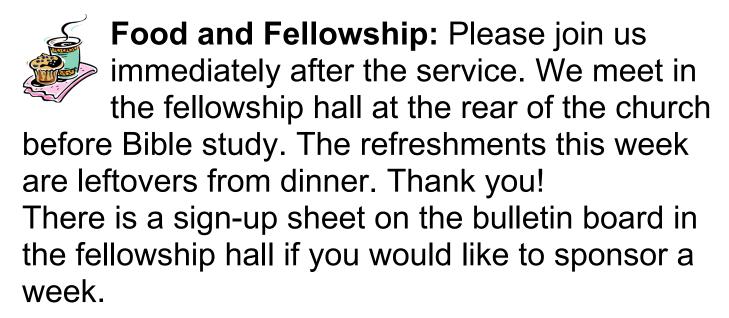
Signup Sheets in the Fellowship Hall. This is your chance to get involved in worship.

Celebrating birthdays this week: 10/13: Gary

Dreischerf, 10/14: Yvonne Murray, Pam

Rugenstein, 10/15: Tammy Sheridan, 10/18:

Annette Brocious



Our Response to God's Love

Worship Service – 53 Adult Bible Class – 18

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CALENDAR October 12, 2025 – October 19, 2025

TODAY 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

October 12 11:30 a.m. Sunday School

MONDAY:

October 13

TUESDAY:

October 14

WEDNESDAY: 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

October 15

THURSDAY:

October 16

FRIDAY:

October 17

SATURDAY:

October 18

NEXT 10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy

SUNDAY: Communion

October 19 11:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Pastor

11:30 a.m. Sunday School

12:30 p.m. Church Council will meet (right

after Adult Bible Class)



Thank You for Assisting We sincerely thank all those who volunteered their assistance with the Meat Loaf Dinner

Thursday. The baked goods were wonderful, and the teamwork done by so many was outstanding! Thank you! We could never have done it without you!

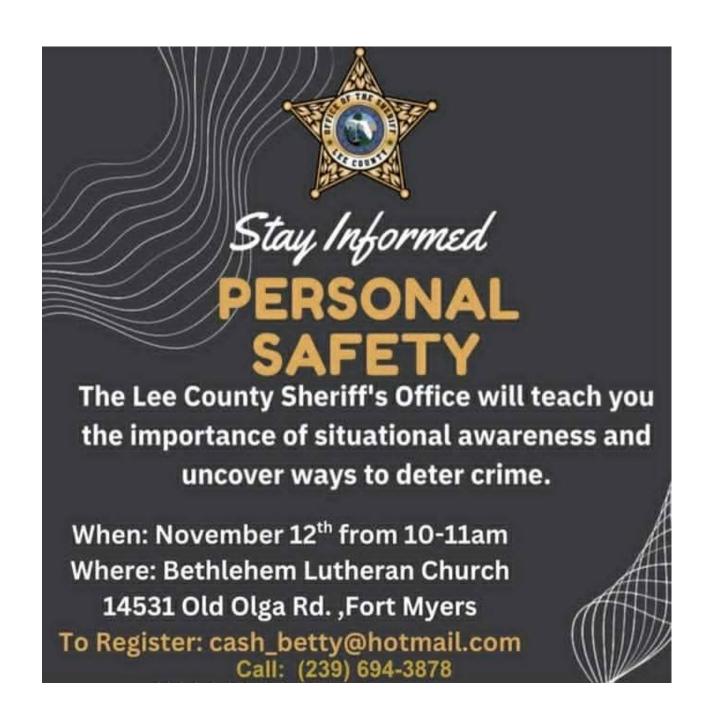
Sunday – October 26, 2025

Voter's meeting will be held after the service. Please plan on staying. No Bible study or Sunday school on the 26th because of the voter's meeting.

Trunk or Tru

Trunk or Treat will be happening on Friday, October 31st from 5-9 p.m.

We need people to sign up to participate in this Outreach. We need Trunks decorated or undecorated, LOTS of CANDY. Please Prayerful consider helping in some way.



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. 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.

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

FROOD 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!



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, Joy, 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, Kaden, 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, Pam, Pat, Richard, Sal, Sam, Samantha, Sharon, Tamara, Tara, Terri, Tim, Yvonne

Heart Issues – Andy, Brad, Carol, Eddie, Holly, JoAnn, Ken Hult, 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, Mehlia, 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

Mission Trip to Guatemala - Lynda's granddaughter and most her classmates

Natural Disasters: Texas

Our Homebound - Edison and Karen Johnson, Chester and Linda Rust

Physical health and Rehab - Chip, Iris

Strengthening of faith - Carolyn, Paul

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

Anonymous – prayer for discernment whether to move back to Midwest, finding the right path.

Dave - for health and salvation

For mom – trip to Florida in December

For Those Who have recently lost loved ones: The family and friends of Nancy Mihich, The family and friends of Chris Jensen



We are so proud of you, Donald, and so is your family!

Congratulations, this is a big step into a successful military future. You did it and you should be proud!!



Donald Sepulveda – is now a **MARINE**