



Welcome to Bethlehem Lutheran Church

God's Family Working Together To Welcome All



All Saint's Day
November 10th

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Church Office Hours:

Mon-Wed 9 am to 3 pm

Thurs-Fri 9 am to 12 pm

or by appointment

Hearing assistance devices are in the Narthex. Please ask the usher if you have any questions.

Large print copies of the bulletin are available in the Narthex.

Daily Devotionals are available in the Narthex. These are in regular or large print.

Holy Communion is celebrated each week; all people of God are welcome. We offer it prepacked or continuous. The prefilled communion cup is in a basket just before you enter the sanctuary. Lift the clear cellophane on top to get the wafer and then you have the grape juice. If you would like a **gluten free wafer**, please let the usher know before the start of worship. We also offer continuous communion for those that wish to come up.

Communion Card - Please fill out a card found in the pew racks and give it to the usher when you come up for communion. You may also scan this QR

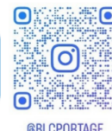
code to enter your record of communion or open this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/MM0URweYEh?origin=lprLink>



Children's Worship Activity Bags are available in the Narthex with activities for your children. You can place the used activity bags in the basket located beneath the activity bag tree as you leave. We have a **Cry Room** for your comfort where you can hear and see the service.

Ways to stay connected. Follow us on



Enter to praise

We invite those who are able to stand each time this symbol ❖ appears in the bulletin.

❖ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

Amen.

❖ GATHERING HYMN

#422 v 1-2 “For All the Saints”

❖ GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

❖ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 24

¹ The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.

² **For the LORD has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.**

³ Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD, and who may stand in God's holy place?

⁴ **Those of innocent hands and purity of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**

⁵ They shall receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

⁶ **Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

⁸ **Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.


¹⁰ **Who is this King of glory? Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ^{6a} Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end." The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

❖



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

❖ GOSPEL READING: John 11:32-44

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.

³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

❖ HYMN OF THE DAY

#742 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

HONORING & REMEMBERING

(Please come forward at this time to light a candle for your loved ones. Please light candles from the back to the front)

Diane Grueneberg	Judy Ahrens	Lynn Anderson	Karen Anderson
Marion Lee Chenoweth	Donna Stewart	Red Thompson	Darlene Anderson
Robert Goodman	Conrad Ellingson	Eldon Nelson	Rob "Ace" Fahey
Valerie Kiefer Lockhart	Betty Levzow	Phyllis Bernicke	Christie Rhinehart
Rev. Kenneth Melby	Nola Tennyson		

❖ BAPTISM page 227

Emmett Roy Cave

❖ MISSION STATEMENT

Bethlehem Lutheran Church is a growing community where we love inclusively, welcome, serve, and thrive through our relationship with God.

❖ THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pray aloud as the Spirit guides you.*

P: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Rouse your church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us. Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news, that all may know abundant life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of creation, you have founded your world on rivers and seas. Preserve fresh water sources and the creatures who call them home. Heal places of pollution and nourish places of drought. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples. Inspire us with wisdom and discernment as we elect legislators and leaders. May they govern with justice and uphold the dignity of all people. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of heaven, you make your home among mortals. Come alongside those who weep this day. Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair, and heal any who are suffering especially those on our prayer list and those in our hearts. Abide with your faithful ones in love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God who serves, you set before us a feast of rich food. Sustain our ministries of fellowship and hospitality. Strengthen the hands and hearts of all who prepare and serve food for our nourishment. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for the newly baptized Emmett Roy. We also give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you. Especially those we name before you at this time. (Pause for people to name names)

With all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

❖ PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

We share our offerings for the mission of Christ through Bethlehem. Thank you for your participation in this ministry to the Glory of God!

❖ OFFERING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn...



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

❖ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

❖ THE 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.

❖ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

You may come forward to receive communion at this time. If you prefer to celebrate communion in your pew with prepackaged elements, please let the usher know.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will have an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on Nov. 24th at **9:30 am**. **There’s a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you can bring a breakfast item for coffee hour.**
- Tickets for the November 23rd Quilt Drawing are on sale, see Ann Ciske!
- In honor of Veteran’s Day tomorrow, there will be coffee hour after worship service today. Thank you to all our Veteran’s for their service!
- Annabelle with Hope House is here with us today to learn more about this program.

MILESTONES

- We again welcome Emmett Roy Cave to the Bethlehem family!

❖ **BLESSING**

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, ✚ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

❖ **SENDING HYMN**

#856 “How Great Thou Art”

❖ **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

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November 22, 2024

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

November 23, 2024

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Food available on site. **Over 40 Vendors!**

Check out the Quilt in the narthex that is available to win!

Sun. Worship Team, 9:00 am 11/10

Music: Jody
Reader & Communion Assistant:
Ginny McNeal
Usher: Larry Sween
Acolytes: Mikayla Bovre & Alyvia
Bell
Altar Guild & Communion Assistant:
Nancy Loether
Video Production: Joe Jackowski
Coffee Hour: Lisa Cook/Tania
Anderson

Wed. Worship Team, 5:30 pm 11/13

Music: Ronna
Usher: Geoff Gilbert
Acolyte: Makenzie Schmidtke
Altar Guild & Communion Assistant:
Judy Donahue

Sun. Worship Team, 9:00 am 11/17

Music: Praise Team
Reader: Nancy Buckley
Communion Assistant: Bonnie Dixon
Usher: Dianna Bush
Acolytes: Lindsay Nickel & Wyatt
Hernkind
Altar Guild & Communion Assistant:
Marie Kucksdorf
Video Production:
Coffee Hour: Sween Family

Veteran's Day

Thank you to all our Veterans for
your service and sacrifice. There will
be fellowship hour after service today
in your honor.



Church Prayer List, please pray for:

Bonnie Bender, Jim Crawford, Shelvy Ritter, Mark
Teslik, Donn Trinrud

Our Extended Family Prayer List:

Nick Ciske (son of Ann Ciske)
Brandy Galindo (requested by Kathy Schwantz)
Yvonne Marshall (daughter of Jean Elliott)
Freda Manzullo (sister of Mark Teslik)
Nan Rebholz (mother of Robin Kvalo)
Steve Rohrbacher (son of Ed & Marie Rohrbacher)
Randy Schwenke (son of Nancy Schwenke)
Dan Swift (son of Joan Swift)
Tom Teslik (son of Mark Teslik)

This Week at BLC

Tai Chi is M, W, F @ 10:30 am

Monday, November 11th

1:00 pm Euchre Card Club

Tuesday, November 12th

9:00 am Quilters

Wednesday, November 13th

5:30 pm Worship

6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Thursday, November 14th

9:00 am Women's meeting

Friday, November 15th

9:00 am – 2:00 pm Organ Tuning

Sunday, November 17th

9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Fellowship

10:00 am Stewardship Committee meeting

10:15 am Sunday School

Bell Ringers Wanted

The Salvation Army is looking for Bell Ringers! If
you can help, please phone 608-617-3237 or
email portagesalarmy@gmail.com

