



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

November 9, 2025 – Setting 8

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Belonging to Christ, Sharing Christ on the North Shore & Beyond!

Introduction— The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

Prelude

Karina Roth

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Merciful and loving God, **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✚ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand

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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.**

Kyrie

Verses 1 & 2

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Canticle of Praise

Glory to God

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Prayer of the Day

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Time

On the way up the aisles, the children will be collecting coins for the "Holy Cow" fund, which will support ELCA World Hunger. *Find that loose change and hand it to a kiddo!*



First Reading

Job 19:23-27a

²³“O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵For I know that my vindicator lives
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶and after my skin has been destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
^{27a}whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms:

Psalms 17:1-9

¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
² **Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**
³ Examine my heart, visit me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
⁴ **I have not regarded what others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**
⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;
and my feet do not slip.
⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**
⁷ Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise
against them.
⁸ **Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings,**
⁹ from the wicked who assault me,
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

Second Reading:

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

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Gospel:

Luke 20:27-38

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

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus]

²⁸ and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and

the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Rolf Morck

Hymn of the Day *I Know That My Redeemer Lives!* **ELW 619**

Apostles’ Creed **ELW page 105**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of God’s People

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ’s return. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth’s natural resources and the lands from which they come. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body *especially Luke, Butch, Sarah, Lois, Bruce, Lynn & Craig, and Katrina.* We pray now for those we name aloud, or in the silence of our hearts. *(A time of silence)* God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastors and deacons, teachers and musicians, administrators, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith. Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

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

Offering

Karina Roth

Offering Prayer

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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

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

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

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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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

There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal. All are welcome!

Bethlehem Lutheran Church believes in the real presence of Christ in Holy Communion, and we practice eucharistic hospitality. All persons, whether visiting or a member, are welcomed to Communion.

Communion Music

Lamb of God

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Blessed Assurance

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Post Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, **you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.**

Blessing

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you + and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

Soon and Very Soon

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Karina Roth



This week we lift up these members: Linda Zenk, Clayton Koss, Patty Nelson, Luke Gulstrand, Butch Schulte, Christy Buetow, Sarah Coe, Lynn & Craig Schulte, Lois Johnson, Phyllis Olson, Joan Bieber, Gene & Barbara Erickson, Bruce & Stacey Johnson, Annalisa Winje, Paulina Backstrom, Shae Lindholm, Rhonda Schulte, Char Anderson, Betty Jones, Stacey Schulte, Hank Ferland, Ramiro Acero, Margaret Dahl, Katrina Crouse, Tom Christiansen.

This week we lift up these members: Chet Lindskog; Lorelei Livingston; Christy Buetow; Carol Berglund; and Dawn Byholm. *May God walk with these faithful friends as they live their gospel-filled lives.*

Council Members: It's time to submit your monthly reports. Due Thurs. Nov. 13th.

Our Mission of the Month for November will once again be the **ELCA Good Gifts program**. This program reaches out to people all over the world who are living in poverty. It provides resources for families to create and sustain income to provide a better way of life for themselves.



November Member Challenge: Food insecurity is on the rise, especially with federal employees currently not receiving paychecks and health insurance costs spiraling. Businesses in Cook County are stepping up to help and you can help by stocking up the food shelf. We encourage you to donate financially to the Food Shelf, &/or bring a bag of non-perishable food and supplies to church. Drop it off in the shopping cart located in the narthex during the month of November.



Rye Bread Baking: Sue Hennessy will be making rye bread for the Lutefisk Dinner on Thursday Nov. 13, starting at 8:00am. She could use some help. Please come.

Quilters are down to less than a handful of members and are seeking more helpers! Every Thursday morning at 9 to 11:30am. Come as you are able.

Free Bibles: Help yourself to a large print English Standard Version Bible, on the counter in the Narthex. We have bibles for all ages. Talk to Jess to get yours.

Choir rehearsals: Sundays at 8:40 am. The choir generally sings on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Borealis Rehearsals: Orchestra practices Sundays at 2:30 pm, and the Chorale practices at 4:00 pm. Borealis Concerts will be December 12 & 13 at 7:00 pm.

Prayer Chain Warriors: These warriors consist of members (and friends) at Bethlehem who respond to prayer requests through a phone tree network and are pledged to confidentiality. To join or make a request, contact Pastor Calvin, Laura Popkes (218-370-0721), or Denise in the office. (218.387.2227)

Christ In Our Home Devotionals are in the narthex and entryway by the offices.

Humble and Holy: Devotions for Advent & Christmas devotionals are with Christ in Our Home. Take a copy. Share a copy.



"The family of Phyllis Olson would like to invite you to a birthday celebration. All are welcome! In lieu of gifts we would like to gift our mom with a box of cards. There is a Birthday box in the Narthex for these cards. It will be taken away on Nov. 14th at noon. If unable to join us and wish to send Phyllis a birthday card, please drop the card in this box." Thank you, from the family of Phyllis Olson



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This Week at Bethlehem:

Sun Nov 9	8:40AM Choir practice 10:00AM Worship Service & Sunday School 2:30 PM Borealis Orchestra 4:00 PM Borealis Chorale 7:00 PM Book Study
Mon Nov 10	3:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Executive Comm.
Tues Nov 11	8:30 AM Adult Ed class 9:30 AM Staff meeting
Wed Nov 12	12:30PM Text Study 5:30 PM Meal 6:00 PM Worship 6:30 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM Adult Ed Class
Thur Nov 13	8:00 AM Rye Bread Making 8:00AM Bible Study 9:00AM Quilting 9:30 AM BLCW Esther Circle/study
Sat Nov 15	5:00 PM Lutefisk Dinner
Sun Nov 16	8:40AM Choir practice 10:00AM Worship Service & Sunday School 2:30 PM Borealis Orchestra 4:00 PM Borealis Chorale 7:00 PM Book Study



November 11th
Veterans Day

Adult Education: Study on Romans. Join us at either session: Tuesdays at 8:30am or Wednesday 6:30pm

New Book Study: *The Wisdom Jesus*. Sunday evenings 7:00pm. This week : Chapter 7

Traveler Cards and Local Grocery Cards are available from BLC to members of the community that need help. Please contact the office.

Men's Bible Study: Every Thursday morning, beginning at 8:00 to 9:15 am. Contact Mike Chmelik for information, 218-387-1790

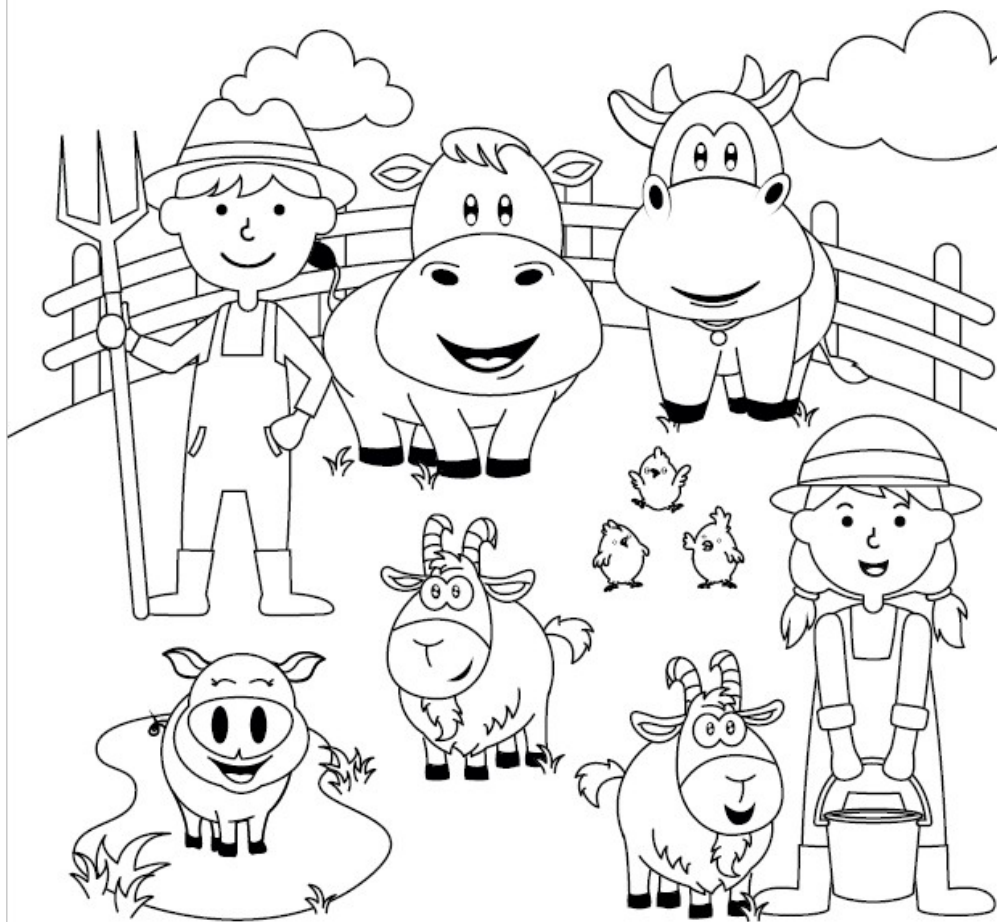
Wednesday Text Study: Join us at 12:30 pm on Wednesdays for a study of the scripture lessons for the next Sunday. Zoom available

Sign up to help with Sunday Services: sign up to help with worship & coffee time.

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Church Directory Did you get your copy? More are in the Narthex. (Contact Denise in the office with changes or if more are needed Thanks!)

GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD



Animals can be a big help to people who are hungry. Some animals lay eggs. Others provide milk. How does each animal in this picture help a family in need?



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God's Global Barnyard

An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell at the market. With one gift, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good.



Cow

A cow's milk, meat, fertilizer and calves can quickly strengthen a family's financial security.

\$500



Chicks

Chicks begin laying eggs at just a few months old, offering nutritious, protein-rich meals for families who are hungry.

\$10



Goat

Fresh milk from a goat is very nutritious and can be used to make products like yogurt and cheese to sell at the market.

\$50



Honeybees

Bees pollinate plants and boost crop growth — helping the wider community. Soaps and candles can be made from their wax and sold at the local market.

\$20



Pig

Within months after birth, piglets grow to weigh over 200 pounds — bringing a big payoff at the market.

\$30



Fish Farm

A fish farm and training in good business economics can provide a lifetime of meals for a community.

\$250

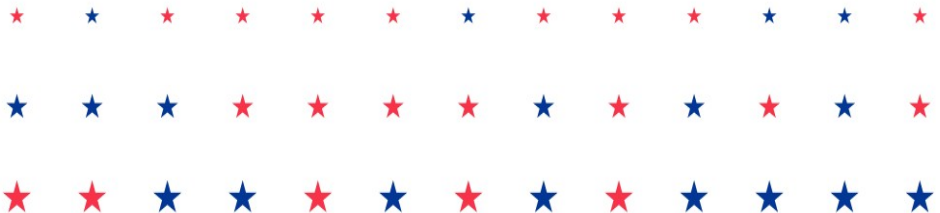
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VETERANS DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR

**Check out our
Veterans Display in the Narthex**





lutfisk Dinner

Fundraiser for our CCF ministry
saturday, november 15th

5:00–6:30pm

tickets: \$20/person

Please join us for our **First Annual Lutfisk Dinner** at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. We are excited to provide a Scandinavian-style meal to all who come, complete with Lutfisk and other Scandinavian food options. This dinner is open to anyone, and will be put on by one of our Hospitality Teams headed by Patti Beyers.

The menu will include: Lutfisk (butter/white sauce), Swedish Meatballs and Gravy, Parsley Buttered Potatoes, Peas, Rye Bread, Lefse, Beet Pickles, and a dessert. Coffee, water, and milk will also be served.

We hope that you can join us for an evening of delicious food, warm conversation, and fellowship with your neighbors. Tickets will be available for purchase on Sunday mornings, or by contacting the church office Monday-Thursday.

While tickets are \$20, we also offer “Pay What You Can” and also encourage BLC folks to buy an extra ticket to “Pay It Forward.” Spread the word and invite your friends.

If you are able to donate a pound of butter for this event, that would be lovely.