

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Serving, accepting, and loving all.

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Lectionary 21, Year B

Introduction

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (8:00 am)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection. The assembly may kneel as able)

A: God, our provider,

C: Help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

**Where else can we turn?
Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG NO. 805 Lead On, O King Eternal!

1 Lead on, O King eternal!
The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation
your grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.

2 Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums,
but deeds of love and mercy

the heav'nly kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal:
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us;
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Amelia Marian Twerdok, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to learn the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
to study the holy scriptures,
and to be nurtured in faith and prayer,
so that you may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,

and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Amelia and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

The assembly stands.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

***Response:* I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

***Response:* I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

***Response:* I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly may be seated.

BAPTISM

Amelia Marian, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**Blessed be God, the source of all life,
the word of salvation,
the spirit of mercy.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Marian with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Amelia Marian, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission
we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

BAPTISMAL HYMN (to the tune of “ Morning Has Broken #556)

Amelia, we greet you on this glad morning.
Your day of life we now recognize.
God is our maker, we are God’s people.
Sing we our praises, to Christ our Lord.

Amelia, we name you, and with thanksgiving,
offer our prayer and sing you this song.
We are the church, your spiritual family.
Sing we our praises, to Christ our Lord.

Children we all are of the Creator, risking and loving,
daring to see the Heavenly Kingdom growing among us.
Sing we our praises, to Christ our Lord.

GREETING (8:00 AM)

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

C: **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE (8:00 am)



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa- ther, we



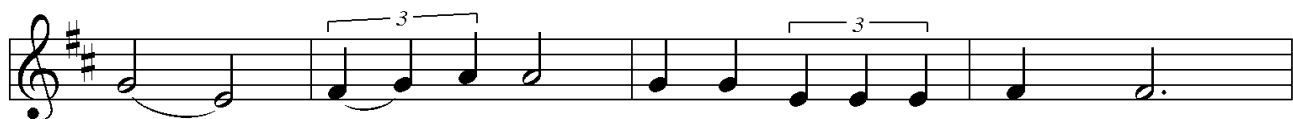
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



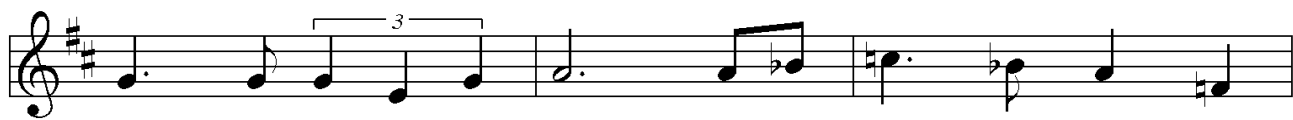
glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re- ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



I For you a- lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

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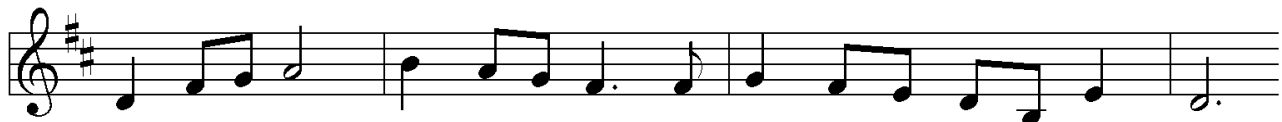
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir- it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa- ther, A - men.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

In the Near East, covenant means “agreement” or “alliance.” It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.

A reading from Joshua,

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:15-22

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are up- | on the righteous,
and God’s ears are open | to their cry.

¹⁶**The face of the LORD is against those | who do evil,
to erase the remembrance of them | from the earth.**

¹⁷The righteous cry, and | the LORD hears them
and delivers them from | all their troubles.

¹⁸**The LORD is near to the | brokenhearted
and saves those whose spir- | its are crushed.**

¹⁹Many are the troubles | of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers them from | every one.

²⁰**God will keep safe | all their bones;
not one of them | shall be broken.**

²¹Evil will bring death | to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous | will be punished.

²²**O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 6:10-20

Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.

A reading from Ephesians,

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

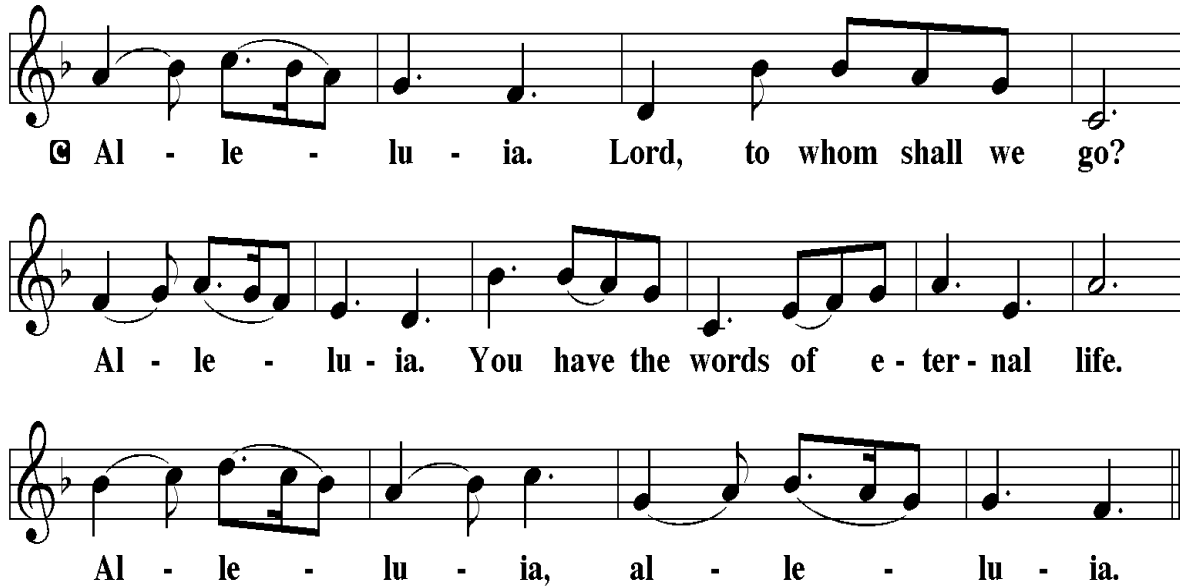
¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to

me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 6:56-69

The “hard saying” that offends Jesus’ disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: “To whom shall we go?”

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said,]⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”⁵⁹ He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is

difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless.

The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – The Rev. Ellen S. Lundie

HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 638 Blessed Assurance

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Refrain

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. Refrain

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

APOSTLES' CREED (8:00 AM)

**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 INTERCESSION

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you have the words of eternal life. Lead the church to put its trust in Jesus, the living Word. Direct preachers, teachers, writers, and all the baptized in faithful speech and bold witness. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Creator God, we and all creation are sustained by your Word. We pray for all who remind us of our interconnectedness with all living things. Prosper the work of conservation organizations, ELCA advocacy, and local climate justice advocates. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of wisdom, as our nation navigates another election cycle, guide our leaders to act justly for the sake of the world. Bring about fruitful conversation among your people and bring about change where you see fit. Sustain all who serve on juries in their deliberations. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of restoration, bring healing and wholeness to all who cry to you. Where pain is sharp, bring a sense of comfort and relief. Where grief runs deep, bring your tender mercy. Care for those on our hearts; especially those we name within our hearts (*a moment of silence...*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of new life, protect students and teachers for a new school year. Bring an end to school shootings and cycles of violence. Move us to do all that is necessary to ensure a safe future for our children. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of every generation, we remember with thanksgiving all who have completed their baptismal journeys. Strengthen us in our baptismal callings to serve you faithfully until our journey's end. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING - *Offering boxes are located in the narthex and in back of the sanctuary.*

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: Jesus, Bread of life,

**you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.**

**Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.**

**Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.**

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and



might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,

our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals,
the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

COMMUNION *Gluten free wafers and grape juice available. Please ask the pastors or communion assistant.*

COMMUNION SONG



☐ 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



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN NO. 472 Eat This Bread

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

SENDING BLESSING

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG NO. 810 O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me,
my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.
2 Oh, let me feel you near me;
the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle,

the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer
to shield my soul from sin.

3 Oh, let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen,
O Guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, you have promised
to all who follow you
that where you are in glory
your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow,
my master and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Altar Flowers – The flowers on the altar today are dedicated to the glory of God and the adornment of his house in celebration of Amanda’s Birthday, and Amanda and Shane’s Anniversary, given by Larry & Michele Reuss.



BAPTISM

It is with joy this weekend to celebrate the baptism of Amelia Marian Twerdok at our 9:30am service . Ameila’s parents are Zachary and Avri Twerdok. We wish to congratulate Amelia as she begins her faith journey here at Bethlehem.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

A treasured tradition at Bethlehem Lutheran.

We look forward this weekend for the opportunity of offering a blessing at all services to our members as a new school year gets under way and the pace of work kicks in for fall for the entire family. Therefore, we encourage children who have brought their school backpacks, work brief cases, or laptop cases to come forward for their blessing during our worship service.

Children's Space

We encourage children to worship in the sanctuary as much as possible. However, we know that some days, a break may be needed. Please stop in the lounge for shorter breaks where there are coloring activities and snacks provided. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The nursery is also available downstairs in Fellowship Hall with the ability to hear the service.

Madrigal Dinner Organizational Dinner

Please join us!

Dear friends, this December 6th, 7th, and 8th we hope to host our first Madrigal Dinner here at Bethlehem Lutheran; there will be drama, music, delicious food, and all of it serving as a wonderful way to get the most out of the Advent and Christmas season. Would you consider being in the cast? How about helping in the kitchen? Are you a gifted decorator? Are you good with publicity? We need all the help we can get to make this one more signature Bethlehem event! Please join is on July 7th after our 9:30 worship service for our first official organizational meeting. Couldn't make the meeting last week, but still interested? Not a problem, just reach out to the church office and we'll be sure to get you involved!

Those Serving at worship this weekend

LECTORS

6:00pm - Jim Bush

8:00am - Fran Mears

9:30am - Dalton Crump

LAY ASSISTANTS

8:00am- Tom Platt

9:30am- Marilyn Okonak

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

6:00pm - ----

8:00am - Fran Mears

9:30am - Dalton Crump

Advancing the Slides

6:00pm - Eric James

8:00am - Dave Rometo OR Jim Good

9:30am - Cheryl Wolosik

Monthly Counting Team: David & Valerie Martincek

Sandy & Dan McGowan

Monthly Special Offering for AUGUST is: United Lutheran Seminary

***Are You Interested in Becoming
A Member at Bethlehem Lutheran?***

Dear friends, as we enter the autumn months this is a time think about new starts and blessed beginnings. Have you been visiting Bethlehem, considering becoming a member of the congregation? Do you have questions about our congregation or the ministry we share here? Please feel free to reach out to one of our pastors (Pastor Dan, d.smail@belc.org or Pastor Ellen, e.lundie@belc.org), they would be delighted to spend some time with you, answer your questions, and faithfully discern the next steps. Thank you for being an important part of this joy filled family of faith!

The Week at Bethlehem

Sunday, August 25th 8:00 am Worship & Communion
*9:30am Worship & Communion w/baptism
* Live streaming of worship service

After late service - Lemonade on the lawn.. All are welcome.

5:00pm Golf Nite @ Lake Vue Golf Course

Monday, August 26th 9:00a-2:30p PACC (Fellowship Hall)
11a-2p Passage to Recovery (Library)
6:30-8:00p Girl Scouts Mtg. (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, August 27th 10:30-11:30a AA (Schmid Hall)
6:00-8:30pm NA (Fellowship Hall)
7:00pm Youth, Christian Ed & Sunday School
Committees will be meeting in the lounge

Wednesday, August 28th 6:00pm Men's Steak Fry @ North Park
7-8:30p Boy Scouts Mtg. (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, August 29th 10:00am Stained Glass & Other Crafts Class

Saturday, August 31st 6:00pm Worship/Comm.

Outdoor Food Cupboard: AUGUST

Marilyn Okonak will oversee it this month



CHURCH PICNIC

September 8th

Come join in the fellowship and fun following the 10:30 am service on September 8^h. We will enjoy some hot dogs and burgers on the grill to celebrate Rally Day. **Please RSVP by September 1st** either through the form below, or the weekly announcements. We ask those with last names starting with **A-M to bring a side dish** to share while those with last names starting with **N-Z to bring a dessert** to share.

Detach and return to the church office or deposit into the offering boxes.

RSVP for Rally Day Picnic -- by September 1st

Name: _____

Number of adults: _____ Number of children: _____



FREE Active Shooter Response Seminar

Focus on: How to stay safe out in everyday life

Guidelines and principles to use to keep us and our families safe

Tuesday, Aug.27th 10-11am

Ascension Lutheran Church 8225 Peebles Rd. Pgh., PA

In their Fellowship Hall (entrance in the back)

Presented by Det. Sgt. Eric Egli, Sup. Investigations, McCandless Police Dept.

Questions: Trish @ 412- 538-8339



Our Blessing Box

Our outdoor food pantry has been a blessing to our community providing needed items to those who are food insecure. Your generosity shows your commitment to do God's work but still day after day the box is being emptied by those in need.

Here are some of the most desired foods:

<u>Single serve meals</u>	Cereals	<u>Individual</u> : fruit cups, rice pkg., potato pkg.
Spaghetti sauce	Condiments	<u>Juices individual bottles</u>
Pasta / spaghetti cheese	Hash	Peanut butter crackers small sized boxes
Hearty soups <u>with lift off tops</u>	Tuna— <u>in foil packages</u>	Ensure <u>individual bottles</u>

NO MEDICATIONS OF ANY KIND

Bethlehem Golf Night!

Ready for some good times tonight August 25th, on the links? Great! Everyone from beginners to pros is welcome to join in this evenings fun and fellowship at LakeVue North Golf Course for the final summer's Bethlehem Golf Night of this year.. We'll start teeing off between 5:00 and 5:30. If you plan to attend this evening, please reach ut to Pastor Dan (d.smil@belc.org), so we know who to expect.



FYI

Keep in mind the weekend of Sept.7th & 8th we go back to our fall/winter schedule. Be sure to check your Sept. newsletter which will be in the mail shortly for the updates to the Sunday schedule.

Get yours today!
While supplies last!
A BELC Original!

REFORMATION RAG



Price: \$15

(If you're feeling really generous) \$15.17

**All proceeds benefit this year's production of
Bethlehem's Madrigal Dinner*

Name: _____

Number of Reformation Rags: _____

Total contribution: _____

Thank you in advance for your
kind support of our shared ministry!



Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Sunday School Registration 2024-2025
(Sunday School begins on Rally Day, Sept. 8th @ 9:15am)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Grade Entering: _____ Nickname: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Baptism: _____

Emergency Contact during Sunday School:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Relationship: _____ OR In the Building: _____

Food Allergies: _____

Helpful hints to help your child learn: _____

Special Needs: _____

Thank you,

Bethlehem Sunday School Staff

Please return the completed form to the church office!!

