



# Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Know Jesus – Grow in the Bible – Excel in Loving God and Others!

Sunday, November 4 at 8:00 & 10:45

Monday, November 5 at 7 PM

All Saints' Day (observed) – 2018



Today's service is **Divine Service, Setting Three** (Adapted from Lutheran Service Book, 184-202).

## WELCOME:

1. **Bell:** Please take a service folder and be seated. For the folder on your smartphone: [www.BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com/ServiceFolder](http://www.BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com/ServiceFolder)
2. **Phone:** Please silence at this time.
3. **Welcome:** Visitors – See white pew card.
4. **Prayer Request:** See the yellow pew card.

**PRELUDE:** Abide with Me Hazleton  
*We listen and prepare in silence!*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

### ↑ GOD'S WORK of SORROW and ASSURANCE:

- L: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**

- L: Recognizing our great need for forgiveness and knowing about Jesus' finished work to take away our sins, let us call upon our Heavenly Father.
- A: Almighty God, →have mercy upon us, →forgive us our sins, and →lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- L: Almighty God, *merciful Father*, through Holy Baptism You ☺made us Your holy children and ☺gathered us into the Holy Christian Church, where You ♦daily and richly forgive us our sins and ♦guide and instruct us through Your Holy Word. Please •fill us with the Holy Spirit, •strengthen our faith in Jesus, and •move us to be doers of Your Word; *through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.*
- C: **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### ENTRANCE HYMN: *For All the Saints*

See the words below / TLH 463 / LSB 677

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world  
confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their  
might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought  
fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true  
light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

### KYRIE (Mark 10:46-52): *Let Us Pray*

- L: O Lord,      C: **have mercy upon us.**  
L: O Christ,    C: **have mercy upon us.**  
L: O Lord,      C: **have mercy upon us.**

### HYMN: *For All the Saints*

See the words below / TLH 463 / LSB 677

3. Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old  
And win with them the victor's crown of  
gold!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

### SALUTATION and COLLECT:

- L: The LORD be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**  
L: *Let us pray.* Almighty and everlasting God,  
You knit together Your faithful people of all  
times and places into one holy communion,  
the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

A: **Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in  
all virtuous and godly living that, together  
with them, we may come to the  
unspeakable joys You have prepared for  
those who love You;**

L: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives  
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.** ↓

*Children – Please come forward!*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

What Is a Saint?



OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 57:1-2 NIV – *The  
blessings of those who die in Jesus!*

<sup>1</sup> The righteous perish, and no one ponders it in  
his heart; devout men are taken away, and no  
one understands that the righteous are taken  
away to be spared from evil.

<sup>2</sup> Those who walk uprightly enter into  
peace; they find rest as they lie in death.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Comments:

- “righteous” – People who trust in Jesus as  
their Savior; they are *perfectly right* in God's  
sight.
- “taken away” – Death has two perspectives:
  - **Loved ones on earth** – sad, because  
death has brought separation.
  - **God in heaven** – happy, because He has  
taken a believer in Jesus from this evil  
world to Himself in heaven!
- “walk uprightly” – The fruit of faith in Jesus!
- “peace” – The blessed state of those who  
have died with their faith in Jesus!
- “rest” – The bodies of those who died in  
Jesus are resting, until He raises them to  
live forevermore ([John 5:28-29](#)).

**8:00 CHOIR: "Peace"**

YOU are invited to attend choir practice – Tuesdays at 6:30, and sing with our choir!

**PSALM 139:1-18, 23-24 NIV – *The Lord made us, knows us, and loves us!***

- L: O LORD, you have searched me and you know me.
- C: You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.**
- L: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
- C: Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD.**
- L: You hem me in--behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me.
- C: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.**
- L: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
- C: If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**
- L: If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,
- C: even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.**
- L: If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"
- C: even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.**
- L: For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- C: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**
- L: My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,
- C: your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.**

- L: How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
- C: Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.**
- L: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
- C: See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**
- A: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**



**EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 NIV – *Those who die in Jesus will not be forgotten!***

- <sup>13</sup> Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.
- "fall asleep" – physically die
  - "no hope" – think death is the end
- <sup>14</sup> We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.
- "Jesus died and rose" – Do you believe?
  - "fallen asleep in him" – believers
- <sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive [when He returns], who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede [somehow be ahead of] those who

have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven [in a way everyone will be aware of], with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the [bodies of the] dead in Christ will rise first.

- “the dead in Christ will rise first” – They will be ahead of those believers who are still alive when Jesus returns.

<sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up [raptured] together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage each other with these words.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

- “we will be with the Lord forever” – Think about a Jewish wedding feast and John 14:2-3 . . .
- “encourage each other with these words” – The best is yet to come!

#### ↑ ALLELUIA and VERSE:

See the words below / LSB 156

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.



**HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29 NIV – *Jesus sacrificed Himself for our eternal benefit!***

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O LORD.**

<sup>29</sup> The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God! ↓**

#### **Comments:**

- As the blood of the Passover lambs in Moses’ time spared the firstborn from physical death, so the holy precious blood of Jesus – *God’s Son, the promised Savior, the Lamb of God* – spares all believers from eternal punishment.
- We reap the benefits of Jesus’ work: By **GRACE** through **FAITH** in **JESUS** for **ETERNAL LIFE!**

#### **HYMN: *For All the Saints***

See the words below / TLH 463 / LSB 677

5. And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### ↑ **COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:**

L: *Let us pray.* Merciful Father and Lord of life, with whom live the spirits of those who depart in the faith, we thank You for the blessings of body and soul that You have granted to each one whom we will name today. Above all we rejoice at Your gracious promise to all Your servants, living and departed, that we shall rise again at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

L: Father in heaven, receive our thanks for the blessings You gave to **Josephine, Matthew, Matthias, Janet, Otto, Shirley**, and others who died in Jesus during the past year.

**C: Thank You for gifting them with forgiveness, life, and salvation!**

L: Before creation, *You planned their existence.*

**C: In time, You knit them together in their mother's wombs.**

L: Through Holy Baptism, *You saved them.*

**C: Through Word and Sacrament, You kept them in the one true faith.**

L: As You knew the beginning of their lives and carried them through to the end,

**C: So You knew the day You would take them from this valley of sorrow to Yourself in heaven.**

A bell will be tolled three times, *after each person's name*, in remembrance of God's countless blessings in this life and forever through Jesus!

† [Josephine Kussmaul](#) – Thursday, March 8 . . .

† [Matthew Dickau](#) – Sunday, March 25 . . .

† [Matthias Fischler](#) – Thursday, April 12 . . .

† [Janet Chilton](#) – Friday, June 22 . . .

† [Otto Klos](#) – Sunday, July 15 . . .

† [Shirley Beaton](#) – Friday, July 27 . . .

† Others who have died in Jesus . . .

L: Almighty God, ♦by the death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You destroyed death, ♦by His rest in the tomb You sanctified the graves of Your saints, and ♦by His glorious resurrection You brought life and immortality to light so that all who die in Him abide in peace and hope. Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave which He won for us. Keep us in everlasting fellowship ♦with all that wait for Him on earth and ♦with all in heaven who

are with Him – who is the resurrection and the life, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN:** *For All the Saints*

See the words below / TLH 463 / LSB 677

6. The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** *Let Us Pray*

**After Each Petition:** L: LORD, in Your mercy.  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

**Conclusion:**

L: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.** ↓



**Dear Members:** The **Leadership Team** is seeking your input on a possible Sunday Morning schedule change; therefore, it is important for you to **fully complete today's attendance slip – including your name and comments**, and attend our voters meeting on Sunday, November 18 at 9:30 in our Christian Life Room! *All members should plan to attend!*

**OFFERING:** *Let us honor the Lord!*

**OFFERTORY:** As the Deer

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## THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### ↑ PRAYER FOR RIGHT RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (LSB Service Builder): *Let Us Pray*

L: Lord Jesus Christ, in the solemn night of Your betrayal You established the holy meal of Your body and blood for us Christians to eat and to drink. Look in mercy on those who will receive the holy Sacrament this day. Grant that they come to Your table in true repentance and faith, that the gift of Your body and blood will sustain them in their afflictions, strengthen them in the communion of Your holy people, and be a pledge of the resurrection of their bodies to life everlasting; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER:

L: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

A: **Our Father who art in heaven...**

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD: *On Good Friday*

### PAX DOMINI: *The Peace of the Lord*

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: **Amen.**

### AGNUS DEI: *The Lamb*

See the words below / LSB 547

- 1 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes  
God will provide the Lamb of price!

**Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb  
whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

- 2 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
One perfect final offering.

The Lamb, the Lamb,  
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.

**Refrain**

*Please be seated!*

### HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION:

*Be Still, My Soul*

See the words below / TLH 651 / LSB 752

- 1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly  
Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
- 2 Be still, my soul; your God will undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing  
shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still  
know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt  
below.
- 3 Be still, my soul; though dearest friends  
depart  
And all is darkened in this vale of tears;  
Then you will better know His love, His heart,  
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and  
your fears.  
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay  
From His own fullness all He takes away.
- 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are  
gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are  
past,  
All safe and blessèd we shall meet at last.

**↑ POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:** *Let Us Pray*

L: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN:** *For All the Saints*

See the words below / TLH 463 / LSB 677

- 7. But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of Glory passes on His way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's  
farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the  
countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**BENEDICTION:** *Receive and Be Blessed*

L: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen. ↓

**POSTLUDE and CANDLE EXTINGUISHING:**

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth

**SPECIAL BLESSINGS FOR YOU:**

- ♦ **Receive Prayer:** Meet up front with: Millie (8:00); Jerry / Brian (10:45).
- ♦ **Sermon Copies:** Available in the Narthex.
- ♦ **Be Refreshed** (9:10-9:30): Join us down the hall for coffee, juice, bakery, and more!
- ♦ **Grow Up in God's Word** (9:30-10:30): Attend Bible Class / Sunday School!
- ♦ **Giving Report:**
  - Actual: *Received Last Week:* \$4,003
  - Budget: *January → Last Week* (planned vs. actual): \$ - 21,204
  - Actual: *Jan. → Sept.* (received: \$170,604; spent: \$185,458): \$ - 14,854
- ♦ **Participation Guide:** See today's insert!

**THANKS FOR SERVING ON 11/4**

**Organist:** Gayle Powers  
**Altar Guild:** Kathy G, Stacey J  
**Financial Team:** Natalia F, Dee K

**8:00 Service**

**Ushers:** Rand S, Diane M, Jeanette D  
**Pastor Team:** Matthias M  
**Prayers:** Millie S

**9:30 Refreshments:** Miriam E and Doris C

**10:45 Service**

**Ushers:** Terry T, Larry H, Brian Z  
**Pastor Team:** Jerry H  
**Prayers:** Jerry H / Brian Z

**THANKS FOR SERVING ON 11/11**

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Tear off and return to church office with payment **BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How many Nativity sets:** \_\_\_\_\_