



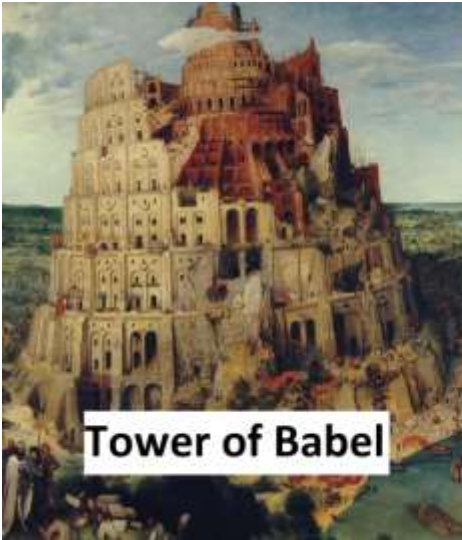
Bethlehem Lutheran Church

➔ Know Jesus, ➔ Grow in the Bible, ➔ Excel in Loving God and Others

Saturday, November 21 at 4:00

Sunday, November 22 at 9:00

Last Sunday of the Church Year – 2020



Tower of Babel



European Parliament

Today's service is **Divine Service, Setting One** (Adapted from Lutheran Service Book, 151-166).

WELCOME TO DIVINE SERVICE: *We gather to receive God's gifts through Word and Sacrament!*

- ✦ **Visitors:** Welcome, we are glad you are here! Please read the "New Visitors" brochure in our visitor packet (available in the Narthex), complete the green attendance slip in this service folder, and let us know how we can be a blessing to you!
- ✦ **Prayer Request:** See a "yellow" card (Narthex) and the "Receive Prayer" section (end of folder).
- ✦ **Young Children:** Activity bags (by worship entrance); Little Lamb Room (off Narthex); Children's Message (please come forward).
- ✦ **Phone:** Please silence at this time!
- ✦ **Hearing Assistance:** Available in Narthex.
- ✦ **Service Folder:** Get it on your smartphone: www.BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com/ServiceFolder

PARKING LOT CHURCH and MORE:

- **Not comfortable coming inside:** Come to our main entrance; then listen from your car (FM 89.9)
- **Seating:** Sit in a "RESERVED" pew or in the loft.
- **Precautions:** We are not currently shaking hands, passing plates, or using the common cup.

GOOD NEWS:

L: He is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRELUDE

PREPARTION TO RECEIVE: Use One or More...

- ⇒ **Prayers for Worship:** Inside front cover of LSB
- ⇒ **Table of Duties:** Page 328 in LSB
- ⇒ **Christian Questions:** Pages 329-330 in LSB

LORD'S SUPPER SELF-EXAMINATION:

- † **New Visitors:** See the "New Visitors" brochure.
- † **Others:** Do you understand and agree with these statements? (Not sure? Please contact Pastor!)
 1. I believe the Bible is God's Word!
 2. I am baptized!
 3. I am sorry for my sins!
 4. I believe in Jesus for eternal life!
 5. I desire to live for Christ!
 6. I believe the Lord's Supper is bread and wine, as well as Jesus' very body and blood, to assure me of God's forgiveness!

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: Holy and gracious God,
- A: **I confess that I have sinned against You countless time. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask for Your forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may live in peace.**
- L: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. Let us live each moment in His peace and let us serve Him each day with our lives.
- C: **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

HYMN: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*
Sunday – Procession: *Please face the entrance and focus on Jesus as the Divine Service begins!*
 See the words below / TLH 451 / LSB 660

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
 Ye soldiers of the cross.
 Lift high His royal banner;
 It must not suffer loss.
 From vict'ry unto vict'ry

His army He shall lead
 Till ev'ry foe is vanquished,
 And Christ is Lord indeed.

- 2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
 The trumpet call obey;
 Stand forth in mighty conflict
 In this His glorious day.
 Let all His faithful serve Him
 Against unnumbered foes;
 Let courage rise with danger
 And strength to strength oppose.

KYRIE: *Let Us Pray:*

- L: O Lord, our Commander-in-Chief,
- C: **have mercy upon us.**
- L: O Christ, the One whom we trust and serve,
- C: **have mercy upon us.**
- L: O Lord, our courage and our strength,
- C: **have mercy upon us.**

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY:

- L: The LORD be with you.
- C: **And also with you.**
- L: *Let us pray.* Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; 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 now!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Z → Zion will be redeemed with justice. Isaiah 1:27

I encourage everyone to memorize, teach, and share the ABC Bible Verses! Brochures are available by our main entrance!



OLD TESTAMENT: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 NAU

See Below / Pew Bible Page 1341 / Own Bible

Since the political and religious leaders of Israel were corrupt and many of the people were unrepentant, the Lord Himself took action to care for those who trust in Him!

¹¹ For thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd cares for his herd in the day when he is among his scattered sheep, so I will care for My sheep and will deliver them from all the places to which they were scattered on a cloudy and gloomy day."

¹³ "I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the streams, and in all the inhabited places of the land. ¹⁴ I will feed them in a good pasture, and their grazing ground will be on the mountain heights of Israel. There they will lie down on good grazing ground and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I will feed My flock and I will lead them to rest," declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ "I will seek the lost, bring back the scattered, bind up the broken and strengthen the sick; but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with judgment."

²⁰ Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them, "Behold, I, even I, will judge between the **fat sheep** [self-righteous, self-sufficient, and unrepentant] and the **lean sheep** [humble, sorry for their sins, and trusting in the coming Messiah]."

²¹ "Because **you** [the fat sheep] push with side and with shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns until you have scattered them abroad, ²² therefore, I will deliver My flock, and they will no longer be a prey; and I will judge between one sheep and another."

²³ "Then **I** [God the Father] will set over them one shepherd, **My servant David** [that is, the great descendant of David, the Son of God, the Promised

Messiah], and he will feed them; he will feed them himself and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and **My servant David** [that is, the coming Savior] will be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

SUNDAY → PSALM: 95:1-7a "The Venite"

(see TLH 33-34 for the music)

"In the midst of national crisis, this psalm would assure people that God is King over all, even when they suffer defeat and death" (TLSB).

1. **Oh, come, let us sing | unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of | our sal - va - tion.**
2. **Let us come before His presence with thanks | giv - - ing: and make a joyful | noise un - to Him with Psalms.**
3. **For the Lord is a | great God: and a great | King a - bove all gods.**
4. **In His hand are the deep places | of the - earth: the strength of the hills is | His al - so.**
5. **The sea is His, and He | made it: and His hands | form - ed the dry land.**
6. **O, come, let us worship and | bow - down: let us kneel before the | Lord, our Mak - er.**
7. **For He | is our - God: and we are the people of His pasture and the | sheep of His hand. Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: and | to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall - be, world | with - out end. A - men.**

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 NAU

See Below / Pew Bible Page 1790 / Own Bible

Right now Jesus is risen and reigning. Once He conquers all of His enemies; then God the Father will reign over all things!

²⁰ But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.

²¹ For since by a man *came* death, by a man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, ²⁴ then *comes* the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵ For He [*Jesus*] must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. ²⁶ The last enemy that will be abolished is death. ²⁷ For HE [*that is, God the Father*] HAS PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS [*Jesus'*] FEET. But when He [*the Father*] says, "All things are put in subjection," it is evident that He [*the Father*] is excepted [*not included*] who put all things in subjection to Him [*Jesus*]. ²⁸ When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One [*that is, God the Father*] who subjected all things to Him, so that God [*the Father*] may be all in all.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

↑ ALLELUIA and VERSE (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: Matthew 25:31-46 NAU

See Below / Pew Bible Page 1542 / Own Bible

The Final Judgment!

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

³¹ "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious [*white*] throne [*Rev. 20:11*]. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; ³³ and He will put the sheep [*the repentant ones*]

on His right, and the goats [*the unrepentant ones*] on the left."

³⁴ "Then the King [*King Jesus*] will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father [*predestined to be His own*], inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ 'For I was hungry, and you gave Me *something* to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me *something* to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; ³⁶ naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.'"

³⁷ "Then the righteous [*those who are trusting in Jesus as their Savior*] will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You *something* to drink? ³⁸ 'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? ³⁹ 'When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'"

⁴⁰ "The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, *even* the least of *them*, you did it to Me.'"

⁴¹ "Then He will also say to those on His left [*the unbelieving, the selfish, the unrepentant*], 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry, and you gave Me *nothing* to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; ⁴³ I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.'"

⁴⁴ "Then they themselves also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?'"

⁴⁵ "Then He [*Jesus*] will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'"

⁴⁶ "These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.** ↓

HYMN: *Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment*

Sing to the tune of LSB 367

See the words below / LSB 511

1 Herald, sound the note of judgment,
Warning us of right and wrong,
Turning us from sin and sadness
Till once more we sing the song.

Refrain: **Sound the trumpet!**
Tell the message:
Christ, the Savior king, is come!

2 Herald, sound the note of gladness;
Tell the news that Christ is here;
Make a pathway through the desert
For the one who brings God near. **Refrain**

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SERMON: Satan's Hand & God's Hand
In Today's Society
Genesis 11:1-9 AAT



The Confusion of Languages:

1 The whole world talked one language with the same words. 2 As people traveled in the east, they found a plain in the country of Babylonia and lived there.

3 "Come," they said to one another, "let us make bricks, and let us burn them hard." They used bricks for stones and asphalt for mortar.

4 Then they said, "Come, let us build a city for ourselves and a tower with its top in the sky, and let's make ourselves famous to keep from getting scattered all over the earth."

5 The LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people built. 6 "Look, one people!" the LORD said. "And they all talk one language. And this is only the beginning of what they'll do. Now nothing they plan to do will be too hard for them. 7 Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that nobody can understand what the other one is saying."

8 So the LORD scattered them from there all over the earth, and they had to stop building the city. 9 This is why it was called Babylon, because the LORD there made a babble of the language of the whole world. And from that place the LORD scattered them all over the earth.

HYMN: *Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment*

Sing to the tune of LSB 367

See the words below / LSB 511

- 3 Herald, sound the note of pardon—
Those repenting are forgiv'n;
God receives His wayward children,
And to them new life is giv'n.

**Refrain: Sound the trumpet!
Tell the message:
Christ, the Savior king, is come!**

- 4 Herald, sound the note of triumph;
Christ has come to share our life,
Bringing God's own love and power,
Granting vict'ry in our strife. **Refrain**

↑ APOSTLES' CREED: *See back of hymnal*

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.** ↓

OFFERTORY

BEFORE COMMUNING: See page 2 of this folder;
New Visitors: See the "New Visitor" brochure!

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

DISTRIBUTION NOTES DURING THE VIRUS:

1. **Pulpit side;** line up in the center aisle —
*couples and families can be together,
individuals should be six feet apart.*
2. Receive the Supper; then return to your pew
via the side aisle.
3. **Lectern side;** same as above.
4. Those receiving in their pews.

↑ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: *Let Us Pray*

L: Blessed are You, O LORD our God, king of all
creation, for You have had mercy on us and
given Your only-begotten Son that whoever
believes in Him should not perish but have
eternal life.

C: **In Your righteous judgment You condemned
the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the
forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them
and all their children from the tree of life.**

L: Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised
salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus
Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-
giving tree for all who trust in Him.

C: **We give You thanks for the redemption You
have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.**

L: Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may
faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His
cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness,
life, and salvation that come to us in His body
and blood.

C: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD: *Spoken on the
evening before He finished His saving work!*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST: *Jesus Lived,
Suffered, and Died to Remove Our Sins!*

L: As often as we eat this bread and drink this
cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He
comes.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

L: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in
giving us Your body and blood to eat and to
drink, You lead us to remember and confess
♦Your holy cross and passion, ♦Your blessed
death, ♦Your rest in the tomb, ♦Your
resurrection from the dead, ♦Your ascension
into heaven, and ♦Your coming for the final
judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom
and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER: *See back of either hymnal*

A: Our Father who art in heaven...

PAX DOMINI: *The Peace of the Lord*

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

C: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI:

Not All the Blood of Beasts

See the words below / TLH 156 / LSB 431

- 1 Not all the blood of beasts
On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace
Or wash away the stain.
- 2 But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they.

Saturday: Please come forward now!

Sunday: Please be seated. ↓

Sunday → **HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION:**

O Thou that Hear'st when Sinners Cry

See the words below / TLH 325

1. Thou that hear'st when sinners cry
Though all my crimes before Thee lie,
Behold them not with angry look,
But blot their memory from Thy book.
2. Create my nature pure within
And form my soul averse to sin;
Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart
Nor hide Thy presence from my heart.
3. I cannot live without Thy light,
Cast out and banish from Thy sight;
Thy holy joys, my God, restore
And guard me that I fall no more.
4. Though I have grieved Thy Spirit, Lord,
His help and comfort still afford
And let me now come near Thy throne
To plead the merits of Thy Son.

5. A broken heart, my God, my King,
Is all the sacrifice I bring.
Look down, O Lord, with pitying eye
And save the soul condemned to die.
6. Oh, may Thy love inspire my tongue
Salvation shall be all my song;
And all my powers shall join to bless
The Lord, my Strength and Righteousness.

LORD'S SUPPER DISMISSAL

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

L: Gracious God, *our heavenly Father*, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, *on the day of His coming*, we may, *together with all Your saints*, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

See the words below / TLH 451 / LSB 660

- 3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
Stand in His strength alone.
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor;
Each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there.
- 4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
The strife will not be long;
This day the din of battle,
The next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming,
Their crown of life shall see

And with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.

BENEDICTION: *Receive and Be Blessed*

L: The Lord – *the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit* – ♦be within you to refresh you, ♦be before you to guide you, ♦be around you to protect you, ♦be beneath you to uphold you, and ♦be above you to bless you.

C: Amen. ↓

POSTLUDE and CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

Let us apply God's Word to our daily lives!

BENEFIT FROM TODAY'S SERMON:

Read it – *copies available in the Narthex; listen again* – *on our website or podcast!*

SATURDAYS – Regular Schedule:

Small numbers, so plenty of room for distance

- ♦ **Bible Class:** 3:00
- ♦ **Divine Service:** 4:00

SUNDAYS – After Service Blessings:

- ♦ **Receive Prayer:** Active Stephen Ministers (*Alan, Jerry, Bill, Norma*) are available after the service; *they are glad to pray for you!*
- ♦ **Refreshments** (10:15): *Beverages are available down the hall; help yourself!*
- ♦ **Bible Class and Sunday School!** (10:30):

⇒ **Bible Class** (CLR): 9th grade to adults

⇒ **Sunday School:**

- 3 years to 2nd grade (Upper Room)
- 3rd to 8th grade (Middle Office)

OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION: THANKS!

- Needed Each Week (budget): **4,684**
- Received Last Week (actual): **3,127**
- Budget Versus Giving (YTD): **-2,304**
- Spending Versus Giving (YTD): **+3,062**

THANKS FOR SERVING ON 11/21 & 11/22

Altar Guild: Don & Carol D

Financial Team: Natalia F, Tricia W

Saturday: Pastor Team: _____ ; Usher: Ray K

Sunday: Pastor Team: Harold W

Ushers: Rand S, Mel B

Beverages: Doris C

Sunday School: Kathy G., Marci S

THANKS FOR SERVING ON 11/28 & 11/29

Altar Guild: Kathy G

Financial Team: Natalia F, Jerry H

Saturday: Pastor Team: _____ ; Usher: Ray K

Sunday: Pastor Team: _____

Ushers: Rand S, Mel B

Beverages: Doris C

Sunday School: Stacey J, _____

Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service – 7 PM

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