

# Welcome to Bethlehem Lutheran Church

We Love God and Others by Learning, Living, and Sharing God's Word!

## My Weekly Guide

For my → worship, → prayers, → spiritual growth, → participation, and → preparation!

**Sunday, November 9 → Saturday, November 15, 2014**

**ACTS OF GATHERING:** When you hear the bells, please be seated and prepare to begin!

**Visitors** → We praise the Lord for leading you to us!

♥ [Eternal Life](#) – Can we help you to be certain?

♥ [Lord's Supper](#) – See our explanation in this folder.

♥ [Find Out More](#) – Take a Visitor Packet.

♥ [Membership](#) – Keep attending, contact the pastor.

**For Young Children** → These things may be helpful:

☺ [Children's Bibles](#) – In some center pew racks.

☺ [Activity Bags](#) – By our Worship Area entrance.

☺ [Nursery](#) – Always available, sometimes staffed.

**Large Print & Hearing Assistance** → In the Narthex.

## Service Information

**Service Dates:** [Sunday](#), November 9 at 10:00; [Monday](#), November 10 at 7:00 PM

**Church Year:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**Sermon Title:** [When He Returns](#) 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Rev. Terry Cripe, Ohio District President

**Sermon Summary:** By grace through faith in Jesus as our Savior we are ready for His promised return!

**Please Participate:** L = Leader ♦ C = Congregation ♦ A = All ♦ O = Organist

**Our Hymns:** TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal (red); LSB = Lutheran Service Book (maroon)

**Today's Service:** Divine Service, Setting Three (Adapted from the Lutheran Service Book, 184-202)

**(↑arise) PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "To God be the Glory" (TSC 35)**

**Today we are observing the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bethlehem Lutheran Church!**

Our first Divine Service took place on November 13, 1904 in our first building at State and Pleasant Valley!

Since then God has been working through His Word to show people ♦their sins, ♦their helplessness to save themselves, and ♦Jesus' finished work; then giving them faith to trust in Jesus alone for eternal life!

We praise God for His past blessings! We focus on knowing Jesus and making Him known!

May the Lord fill us with the Spirit, guide us through His Word, and use us unto His glory!

**Please:** → [Face](#) the entrance! → [Sing](#) the hymn! → [Focus](#) on Jesus our Savior!

**To God be the glory** Great things He hath done, So loved He the world That He gave us His Son,

Who yielded His life An atonement for sin, And opened the Life-gate That all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory— Great things He hath done.

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**O perfect redemption**, the purchase of blood! To every believer The promise of God;

The vilest offender Who truly believes, That moment from Jesus A pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory— Great things He hath done.

**Great** things He hath taught us, Great things He hath done, And great our rejoicing Thro' Jesus the Son;

But purer and higher And greater will be, Our wonder, our transport When Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory— Great things He hath done.

**INVOCATION** (Matthew 28:19): *With these words we were baptized into Christ!*

L: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS** (Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; 32:5; John 20:19-23):

L: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, begging Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

L: To whom do you confess your sins?

**C: To the almighty God, my merciful Father.**

L: How do you look upon yourself?

**C: I am a poor miserable sinner.**

L: What sins do you confess?

**C: I confess all my sins and iniquities.**

L: What have you justly deserved?

**C: I have justly deserved temporal death and eternal punishment.**

L: What is your attitude toward your sins?

**C: I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them.**

L: What is the basis of your request?

**C: The boundless mercy of my Heavenly Father and the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of His beloved Son, Jesus Christ.**

L: What do we request from our merciful Father?

**A: Dear Father, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

L: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Service of the Word**

*Christ is present to teach us the Word for our nourishment, instruction, and guidance!*

**LORD, HAVE MERCY** (Mark 10:47) (LSB 186) (*sung by all*):


Lord, have mer – cy up – on us. Christ, have mer – cy up – on us. Lord, have mer – cy up – on us.

**HYMN OF PRAISE** (Luke 2:14) (LSB 187-189) (*sung as noted*):

O: Glory be to God on high:  
A: **And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.**  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**GREETING and PRAYER:**

L: The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)  
C: **And also with you.**  
L: *Let us pray.* Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His

eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C: **Amen.** 

**OT INSTRUCTION: Amos 5:18-24 ESV – Due to the unrepentance of the Northern Kingdom of Israel, the LORD moved their circumstances from bad to worse!**

<sup>18</sup>Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light,  
<sup>19</sup>as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him.  
<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?  
<sup>21</sup>"I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace


offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. <sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen.  
<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.  
L: The Word of the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God!**  
"...human communities can flourish only when justice and righteousness prevail." (TLSB, 1466) So let us pray for our nation and our leaders! *Thanks for voting!*

**CHOIR:** "Bless Us Now This Day" Douglas E. Wagner  
Thanks to Klara—our Director, James—our Accompanist, and all of our Choir Members!

**NT LETTER (Epistle): 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ESV – Let us understand and be at peace!**

<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.  
<sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

<sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.  
<sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.  
L: The Word of the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God!**

 **ALLELUIA and VERSE:**

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.

**GOOD NEWS (Gospel) (LSB 190-191): Matthew 25:1-13 ESV – When Jesus comes again, the unprepared will be lost forever!**

L: The Holy Gospel according to **St. Matthew**, the **twenty-fifth** chapter.  
C: (*sung*) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**  
<sup>1</sup>"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.  
<sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the

wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.'  
<sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup>But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."  
L: The Gospel of the Lord.  
C: (*sung*) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**







**(↑arise) PRAYER FOR CHANGE and BLESSING** (Psalm 51:10-12) (LSB 192-193) (*sung by all*):

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** PLEASE PRAY during the week for those listed below!

After each petition: L: Lord, in Your mercy. C: Hear our prayer.

**Special Requests**

- † **Ever Ready** – Trusting in Jesus alone as our Savior, let us know we are ready for His return!
- † **Ohio District** – Ask the Lord to bless President Cripe and all who serve with him, so they may be an eternal blessing to every district congregation!
- † **Bethlehem** – Ask God to use each one of us to bring the message of sin and salvation to one person between now and the end of this year!
- † **At Home:** Doris B; Violet M
- † **In Care Facilities:** Gertrude F; Susanna K; Fred & Jo K; Marilyn M; Marie W

**Bethlehem Members – In Need**

- Shirley Beaton – healing, strength.
- Amanda Booth (back) – continued healing.
- Gertrude Conn (eye) – healing.
- Al Gebhardt (back/leg) – pain relief, healing.
- Noah Hlavacek – kidneys; specialist appt. 11/19.
- Stacey Jasulevich (baby 11/10) – safe delivery and a healthy baby.
- Christi Kissinger – pain relief, encouragement.
- Violet Maharidge – encouragement, strength.
- Janice Martinez (knee injury) – cont. healing.
- Noel Martinez (shoulder) – cont. rehab.
- John Prochaska (leg infection) – healing.
- Baby Rohman (due 2/14) – good health.
- Phil Russell – proper diagnosis, rehab, strength.
- Jim Szell – rehab, encouragement.
- Harry Zwingelberg (dizzy, on meds) – healing.

**Others – In Need**

- Joni (car accident) – healing.
- Marty (awaiting heart transplant) – peace.

- Terra and baby – good health, peace in Jesus.
- Julie Amstberg – successful treatments.
- Mark (hospice) – comfort, peace in Jesus.
- Sue Dmytriw – continued healing from surgery.
- Renee Lange (cancer treatments) – success.
- Jean Liddy (David’s mother; blood clot) – healing.
- Allen Nagel (chemo) – success, healing.
- Jack Pekar (leukemia treatments) – success.
- Judi Scott (shingles, breathing) – healing, peace.
- Dennis Svihlik (kidney dialysis) – peace, healing.
- Cheryl Schultz (cancer) – peace, comfort.

**Lutherans in Africa**

*Newsletter – see the main entrance bulletin board!*

Facebook: Lutherans in Africa

Website: [www.LutheransinAfrica.com](http://www.LutheransinAfrica.com)

**Stephen Ministry**

“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”  
(Philippians 1:21 NIV)

**Altar Flowers**

Placed to the glory of God ♥ on the occasion of Bethlehem’s 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.


**Physical Birthdays**

- 11-9 Vicki Trammell
- 11-12 Terry Tomasch
- 11-13 Jim Ford
- 11-14 Andrew Green, Lynda Tomasch
- 11-15 Rhoda Werner

**Spiritual Birthdays**

- 11-9 Kathleen Green
- 11-10 Maggie May
- 11-13 Dave Kaderbek Jr.

**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. 

**Prayer Request Instructions**

- 1. Fill-out a Request Card (in the Narthex)
  - 2. E-Mail: [secretary@blc7500.com](mailto:secretary@blc7500.com)
  - 3. Call Kathy (Secretary): 440-845-2230
  - 4. Call Nancy (Prayer Chain): 440-886-2089
- To keep your request on our list: Give us an update every 2 weeks!  
→ If someone is hospitalized: Call us!

**BLESSING OF OUR PASCHAL CANDLE:**

*Thanks to all who made this purchase possible!*

- † “Paschal” relates to Passover and Easter; Jesus is the ultimate Passover Lamb; Jesus rose on Easter!
- † Our Paschal Candle should always remind us of Jesus, who is the Light of the world!
- † Our Paschal Candle will always be visible, but it will not be lit for every service during the year.
- † Our Paschal Candle will be lit from Christmas Eve—*His birth*, through His Ascension into heaven.
- † Our lit Paschal Candle will point to the time of the year when Jesus was physically present on earth.
- † Our Paschal Candle will also be lit for all baptisms and all funerals.
- † Through baptism we are clothed with Christ; when we die our souls are taken to be with Christ.

L: Beloved in the Lord, Moses was commanded by the Lord to receive gifts from the people for the beautification of the sanctuary. Everyone whose heart stirred and whose spirit was moved brought a contribution to the Lord to be used in the Lord’s house in all its services (Exodus 35:21).

Since the Lord has taught us in His holy Word that everything is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, it is fitting that we bless and sanctify this Paschal Candle for use in God’s holy house.

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
C: who made heaven and earth.

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray: O God, You have directed us to bring offerings for Your glory. We implore You to bless our use of this Paschal Candle. Grant that it may ♦reflect our love for You, ♦keep our focus on Your Son as our only Savior, ♦benefit Your Church on earth, and ♦bring joy to all who see it; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**HONORING THE LORD WITH OUR FIRSTFRUITS:**

<sup>NIV</sup> **Malachi 3:10** “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse... Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.”

+ **Offertory:** “Amazing Grace”

John Ness Beck

+ Please help us to know you are here by signing the Record of Fellowship pad in your pew.

## LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION:

**Dear Friend:** *I praise God that He has led you to attend with us today!* I also rejoice in ♦your sorrow for your sins, ♦your trust alone in Jesus as your Savior, and ♦your interest in receiving the Lord's Supper with us. I want ♦everyone to receive *who will rightly be assured of God's forgiveness in Christ*, but ♦everyone to wait *who could be harmed by receiving* – because the Bible says: *"...anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died."* (1 Cor. 11:29-30 ESV) *Pastor Green*

### Self-Examination Questions:

1. Am I sorry for my sins, so I desire – *with God's strength* – to turn from my sins (2 Cor. 7:10-11)?
2. Do I believe in Jesus as my Savior (John 3:16)?

3. Do I believe Jesus' words of institution: bread-body, wine-blood, for my forgiveness (1 Cor. 10:16; Matthew. 26:26-28; Mark. 14:22-24; Luke. 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)?

### Who Should Receive the Supper?

- LCMS Members who answered "yes" to the self-examination questions.
- Non-Members who have completed our Lord's Supper Preparation packet (*by our main entrance*) and answered "yes" to the self-exam questions.

**Receive at Your Pew:** Please notify an usher.

**Everyone Not Receiving the Supper:** All ages are invited to come forward to receive a *spoken blessing* (to indicate your desire, *please cross your arms*)!

## † Service of the Sacrament †

*Christ is present to feed us His body and blood to forgive, strengthen, and preserve us!*

## **(↑arise)** MUTUAL ENCOURAGEMENT and PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Preface & Proper Preface)

(2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136) (LSB 194) (*spoken and sung as noted*):

L: The Lord be with you.

C: (*sung*) **And with thy spirit.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: (*sung*) **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: (*sung*) **It is meet [good] and right so to do.**

L: It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father,

everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on a Sunday overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## **GOD IS HOLY** (Isaiah 6:1-3; Matthew 21:9) ("Hosanna" – save us now) (LSB 195) (*sung by all*):

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth [*angelic armies*]; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

## LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4) (LSB 196): *We are God's children through Jesus!*

L: 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 debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors*; And

lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil:

C: (*sung*) **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*the sum of* Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25):

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

"Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you.  
This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying:

"Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PEACE OF THE LORD (John 20:19) (LSB 197): *Forgiven in Christ; at peace with God!*

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

C: (*sung*) **A - - - - men.**

## **LAMB OF GOD** (John 1:29) (LSB 198) (*sung by all*): *Jesus is the True Lamb of God!*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen. (↓sit)

10:45 Parents should pick-up their children from our Nursery; then bring them forward for a spoken blessing!

## LORD'S SUPPER DISTRIBUTION and DISMISSAL INFORMATION:

- Before receiving → you may make the sign of the cross as a reminder of your baptism and the source of Jesus' body and blood.
- Receive the Supper (*or a spoken blessing from Pastor*) → the bread is unleavened – remembering that *Jesus is without sin*; the wine is available from the chalice or individual cup, the

center cups are alcohol removed wine. Along with the bread and wine, *we receive Jesus' body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins!*

- After the dismissal → say "Amen" to accept the blessings offered in the dismissal.
- Return with joy → *your sins are forgiven!*

## HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION: *See the next page for the words!*

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

LSB 611

"Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying"

LSB 826

1 **Chief of sinners though I be,**  
 Jesus shed His blood for me,  
 Died that I might live on high,  
 Lives that I might never die.  
 As the branch is to the vine,  
 I am His, and He is mine.

2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,  
 Higher than the heav'ns above,  
 Deeper than the depths of sea,  
 Lasting as eternity!  
 Love that found me—wondrous thought!  
 Found me when I sought Him not.

3 Only Jesus can impart  
 Balm to heal the wounded heart,  
 Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,  
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
 Faith and hope to walk with God  
 In the way that Enoch trod.

4 Chief of sinners though I be,  
 Christ is all in all to me;  
 All my wants to Him are known,  
 All my sorrows are His own.  
 He sustains the hidden life  
 Safe with Him from earthly strife.

5 O my Savior, help afford  
 By Your Spirit and Your Word!  
 When my wayward heart would stray,  
 Keep me in the narrow way;  
 Grace in time of need supply  
 While I live and when I die.

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1 **Hark, the voice of Jesus crying,**  
 "Who will go and work today?  
 Fields are white and harvests waiting—  
 Who will bear the sheaves away?"  
 Loud and long the Master calleth;  
 Rich reward He offers thee.  
 Who will answer, gladly saying,  
 "Here am I, send me, send me"?

2 If you cannot speak like angels,  
 If you cannot preach like Paul,  
 You can tell the love of Jesus,  
 You can say He died for all.  
 If you cannot rouse the wicked  
 With the judgment's dread alarms,  
 You can lead the little children  
 To the Savior's waiting arms.

3 If you cannot be a watchman,  
 Standing high on Zion's wall,  
 Pointing out the path to heaven,  
 Off'ring life and peace to all,  
 With your prayers and with your bounties  
 You can do what God commands;  
 You can be like faithful Aaron,  
 Holding up the prophet's hands.

4 Let none hear you idly saying,  
 "There is nothing I can do,"  
 While the multitudes are dying  
 And the Master calls for you.  
 Take the task He gives you gladly,  
 Let His work your pleasure be;  
 Answer quickly when He calleth,  
 "Here am I, send me, send me!"

**↑arise** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (LSB 201):

L: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary (beneficial) gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same → in faith toward you and

→ in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
 C: (sung) **A - - - - men.**

**VETERAN'S DAY PRAYER and CLOSING HYMN: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" LSB 717**

P: Lord, Commander of saints and angels, give us true gratitude for the veterans who have served our land. You called them to serve, and they took on that vocation. Pour out Your blessings on them. Heal and strengthen those who suffer from injuries they received, and comfort families whose loved ones have died in service to our nation. We also pray that You protect the men and women who now defend our nation against its enemies. We thank You for their service and for all who have served; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Stanza 2: Army**  
 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain,  
 O'er which our traffic runs amain  
 By mountain pass or valley low;  
 Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,  
 Protect them by Thy guarding hand  
 From ev'ry peril on the land.

C: Amen. (sit)  
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**All Veterans:** Please stand during the following stanza which was your branch of military service!

**Stanza 3: Air Force**  
 3 O Spirit, whom the Father sent  
 To spread abroad the firmament;  
 O Wind of heaven, by Thy might  
 Save all who dare the eagle's flight,  
 And keep them by Thy watchful care  
 From ev'ry peril in the air.

**Stanza 1: Navy, Marine Corp, Coast Guard**  
 1 Eternal Father, strong to save,  
 Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
 Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
 Its own appointed limits keep:  
 O hear us when we cry to Thee  
 For those in peril on the sea.

**Stanza 4: Congregation – Please Arise**  
 4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,  
 Our people shield in danger's hour;  
 From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
 Protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
 Thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
 Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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**☺ Acts of Sending ☺**

*Forgiven in Christ and filled with the Spirit, we go forth with joy to serve the Lord!*

**BLESSING** (Numbers 6:24-26) (LSB 202):

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

[face, loving expression] upon you and give you peace.  
 C: (sung) **A – men, a – men, a – men.** (sit)

**POSTLUDE and CANDLE ⚭ EXTINGUISHING: "Finale Jubilante"** Healey Willan

- **POSTLUDE:** *During the Postlude – Please remain seated to THINK and PRAY!*
- **PRAYER:** You can gather with a Prayer Partner near a front pew!
- **POTLUCK:** Today, down the hall; we have tried to setup to accommodate everyone who signed up and even more. Please find a seat and slide your chair in as far as possible – thanks!

**Next Sunday, November 16** at **9 AM & 2 PM:** FIRST Service at 9 AM; **Voters Meeting at 10:30;** SECOND Service at 2 PM – for anyone, especially our shut-ins.  
**Monday, November 17** at 7 PM



## GATHER and GROW WITH US:

- **Sundays:** Service 8:00 | Refreshments 9:10 | Bible Classes and Sunday School 9:30 | Service 10:45
- **Mondays:** Service 7:00 PM

## Schedule

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### **This Week:** 11/9 – 11/15

**Sunday:** Scripture Readings: Amos 5:18-24; I Thess. 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

- Bible Class at 8:30
- Divine Service/Nursery at 10:00
- Potluck at 11:30

#### **Monday:**

- Divine Service at 7 PM

#### **Tuesday:**

- Choir Practice at 6:30 (all are welcome)
- Fitness Group at 6:30 (all are welcome)

#### **Thursday:**

- Lectionary Bible Study at 10 AM; readings for November 16 – Psalm 90:1-12; Zephaniah 1:7-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30
- NO-SEW Blanket Night! Final one before Christmas! at 6:30 (all are welcome)
- Dr. Giessler's Bible Study at 7:00 PM – Lutheran H.S. West in Rocky River; it's worth the drive!

#### **Friday:**

- BLC Radio Program – 3 PM, 1220 AM

#### **Saturday:**

- Youth Confirmation at 9:00 AM
- Lectionary Bible Study at 7 PM

### **Next Week:** 11/16 – 11/22

**Sunday:** Scripture Readings: Zephaniah 1:7-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

- Divine Service at 9:00
- Voters Meeting at 10:30
- Divine Service at 2:00
- Refreshments at 3:00
- Bible Study: Hebrews 3-4 – at the home of Brian & Angie Zeleznikar

#### **Monday:**

- Divine Service at 7 PM

#### **Tuesday:**

- Choir Practice at 6:30 (all are welcome)
- Fitness Group at 6:30 (all are welcome)

#### **Wednesday:**

- Leadership Team at 7:00 PM

#### **Thursday:**

- Lectionary Bible Study at 10 AM; readings for November 23 – Psalm 95:1-7a; Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46
- Dr. Giessler's Bible Study at 7:00 PM – Lutheran H.S. West in Rocky River; it's worth the drive!

#### **Friday:**

- BLC Radio Program – 3 PM, 1220 AM
- Redeemer Thanksgiving Bagging; carpool from Bethlehem at 6:00

#### **Saturday:**

- Lectionary Bible Study at 7 PM

## News & Notes

**Items Available for FREE** – Unopened insulin (both R and N), syringes, and a 36 inch JVC TV (very heavy); call June Russell for more info: 216-524-4645

**Friendship Registers** – are at the center aisle end of each pew. **Please sign each week!** Help us: Keep

attendance, call on visitors, and be reminded about those who are missing!

**ACME Supermarket** – Our Childcare is participating in the ACME community Cashback program. Drop your receipts (9/24/14 – 2/18/15) by our main entrance.

## Benefit from the Bible

“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:32 NIV)

**BLC Website:** [BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com](http://BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com)

**BLC Podcast:** “Benefit from the Bible”

**BLC Radio Program:** Fridays, 3 PM, 1220 AM

**Daily Devotion Brochure:** See the brochure rack.

**Issues Etc.:** Confessional Talk Radio!

Listen *whenever:* [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org)

**Concordia Sunday School Podcast:**

[cph.org/sundayschool/podcast](http://cph.org/sundayschool/podcast)

**The Lutheran Hour:** Sundays, 8 AM, 1220 AM

## Serve as You have been Gifted

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others...” (1 Peter 4:10 NIV)

**Redeemer Thanksgiving Bagging – Come and Help!**

Children, Youth, and Adults! Friday, November 21 at 6:00; carpool from Bethlehem.

**Be a Teammate** – Talk to any Leader!

**Be a Leader** – Talk to Dr. Giessler or Ken Fraiberg

**Share the Truth** – Pick up a brochure, book, or DVD; learn from it; then share it with someone you know!

**Need a Ride to BLC** (or willing to provide a ride) –

Contact Jerry at 440-886-2089

**Read a Story** – To the children in our childcare center; call Tricia to schedule: 440-884-0430.

## Faithfully Receive, Eternally Benefit

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:25 NIV)

<b>Divine Services – Sunday</b>	114
<b>Divine Service – Monday</b>	22

<b>Adult / Youth Bible Class</b>	50
<b>Sunday School / Nursery</b>	13

**Don't Miss Out! God is at work through His Word to keep us in Christ!**

## As God Blesses Us, So We Thank and Honor Him

“Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you.” (Deuteronomy 16:17 ESV)

**2 Corinthians 9:6** The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Thanks for Serving on <b>November 9</b> <b>10:00 AM – ONE SERVICE</b>		Thanks for Serving on <b>November 16</b> <b>9:00 AM (&amp; 2 PM)</b>	
<b>Pastor</b>	Robert Green	<b>Pastor</b>	Robert Green
<b>Organist</b>	James Alfieri	<b>Organist</b>	James Alfieri
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bonnie Moyer, Angie Zeleznikar	<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bonnie Moyer, Angie Zeleznikar
<b>10:00 Dist. Asst.</b>	Tim Chilton & Brian Zeleznikar	<b>9:00 Dist. Asst.</b>	Tim Chilton & Brian Zeleznikar
<b>Candle Filler</b>	Lynda Tomasch	<b>Candle Filler</b>	Lynda Tomasch
<b>10:00 Ushers</b>	Rand Stender, Diane Martin, Jeanette De Simone, Jim Ford, Paul Martens	<b>9:00 Ushers</b>	Rand Stender, Diane Martin, Jeanette De Simone, Jim Ford, Paul Martens
<b>10:00 Nursery</b>	Lindsey Cheatham	<b>9:00 Nursery</b>	Angie Rohman
<b>Pew Organization</b>	Hilda Kaderle	<b>Pew Organization</b>	Hilda Kaderle
<b>Receivables</b>	Natalia Ford, Dee Kaderbek	<b>Receivables</b>	Natalia Ford, Janet Chilton

**Thanks for listening to Benefit from the Bible!**

**Fridays at 3 PM, WHKW 1220 AM**

**You can listen to past programs on our website!**

Go to: [BenefitFromTheBible.com](http://BenefitFromTheBible.com); then click on [Sermons](#);  
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**Podcast:** "Benefit from the Bible" – *Please give us a good rating!*  
**Radio:** Fridays at 3 PM, WHKW 1220 AM  
**Questions:** E-mail us: [questions@BenefitFromTheBible.com](mailto:questions@BenefitFromTheBible.com)  
**Facebook:** "Bethlehem Lutheran Church Parma" – *Give us a good review!*  
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**E-Mail:** Robert Green: [pastor@blc7500.com](mailto:pastor@blc7500.com)

**If you are searching for a Bible-teaching church, please join us:**

- ◆ **Sundays:** Service at 8:00; Study at 9:30; Service at 10:45
- ◆ **Mondays** (*EXCEPT Advent & Lent*): Service at 7 PM
- ◆ **Wednesdays** (*DURING Advent & Lent*): Services at 11 AM & 7 PM

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Childcare Center → Monday – Friday, 6:45-6:00, 440-884-0430 ◆ Tricia Wise: [ChildcareDirector@blc7500.com](mailto:ChildcareDirector@blc7500.com)