

All Saints Sunday

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

November 9, 2025
Sunday 10:00 a.m.



Welcome to All! We are glad that you are able to worship with us today. **Please fill out a connection card in the pews if you like.** During the service, we will sit or stand in reverence to our Lord. Please do what is physically comfortable and reverent for you. For those who are unable to receive Communion near the altar and wish to have the Pastor administer it at your seat, please obtain a red and white card from one of the ushers and hold it up at Communion time to alert the Pastor. If you or a little one would like to receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, we invite you to come forward and cross your arms at the time of Communion. Please feel free to introduce yourself to our Pastor and fill in your name, address, etc in the guest book near the entrance to the sanctuary.

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Bell Ringing/Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Faithful God,

C: ...you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

P: Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

C: Amen

Greeting

A: 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.**

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



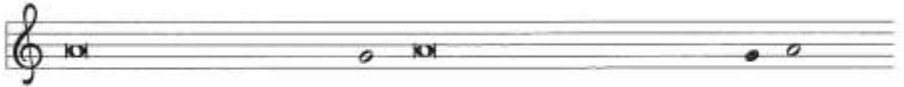
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

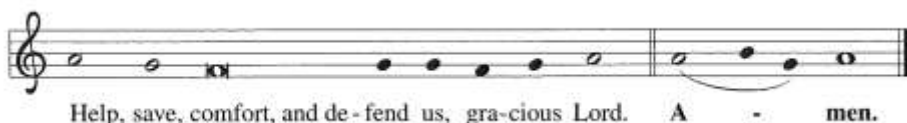


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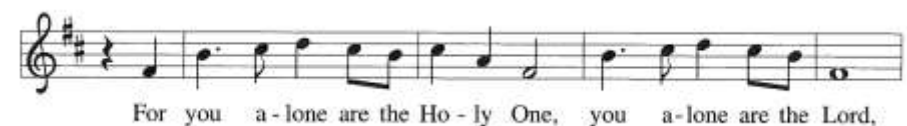
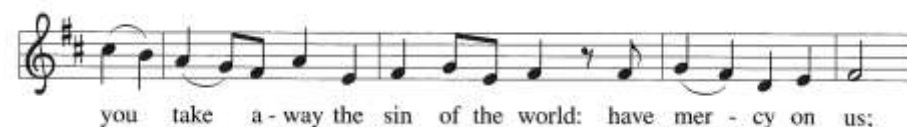
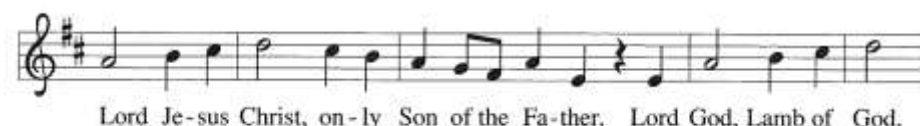
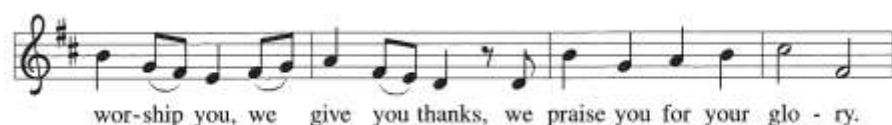
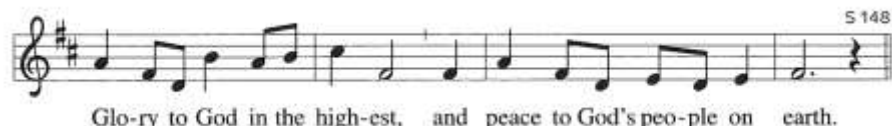
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

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Hymn of Praise

Glory to God





Prayer of the Day

A: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

A: Let us pray together... **C: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Message

Pr. Paul

WORD

First Lesson

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

1 In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: 2 I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, 3 and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. 15 As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. 16 I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: 17 "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. 18 But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

1 Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.

3 Let them praise their maker's name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.

4 For the Lord takes pleasure in the people and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand,

7 to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,

8 to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron,

9 to inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, 12 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. 13 In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; 14 this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. 15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

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22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia



Gospel

Luke 6:20-31

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

C: ...Glory to you, O Lord...

20 Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 21 "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 22 "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. 23 Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. 24 "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 25 "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 26 "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets. 27 "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; 28 bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. 29 If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. 30 Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day (with candle lighting) **Blest Are They**

ELW #728

Apostle's Creed

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: response after each petition: **"Your mercy is great."** (*Before prayer*) A: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.... (*Conclusion*) P: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offering / Offering Song

David Husser

Offertory

As the Grains of Wheat

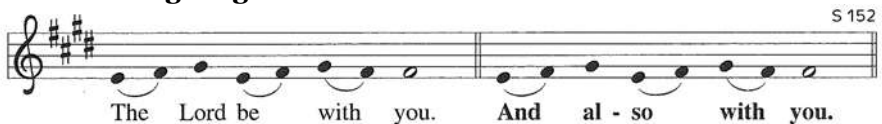
ELW 465

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray together.

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

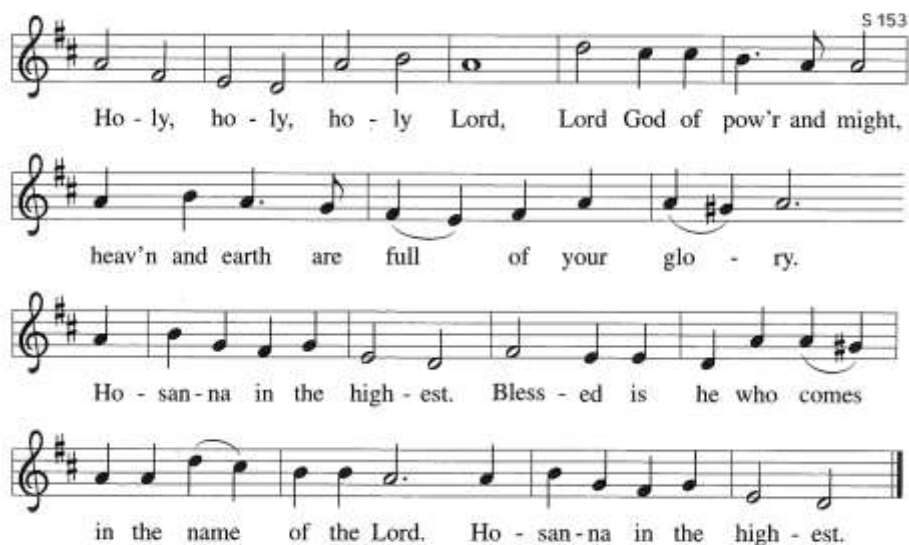
Great Thanksgiving





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

Holy, Holy, Holy



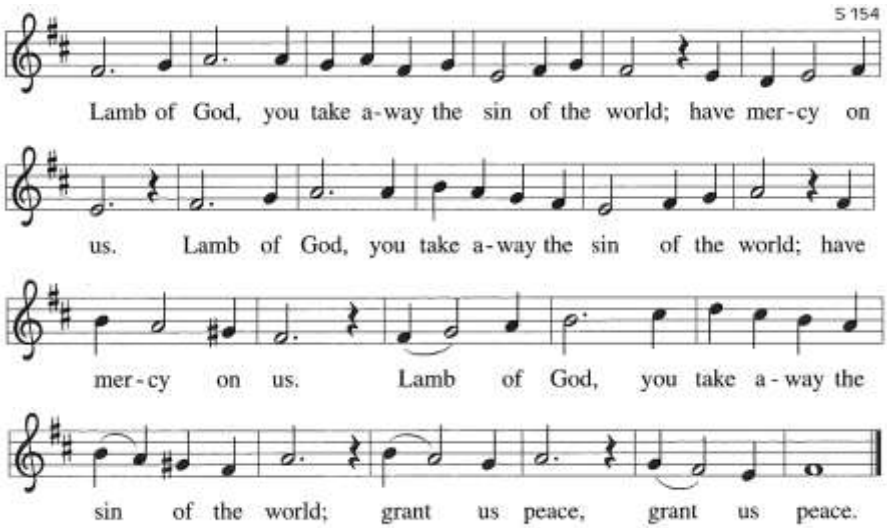
Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

P: The gifts of God for the people of God. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Communion *Lamb of God*



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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 Hymns
I Know That My Redeemer Lives (v.1,3,6,7) **ELW 619**
My Faith Looks Up to Thee **ELW 759**

Post-Communion Blessing

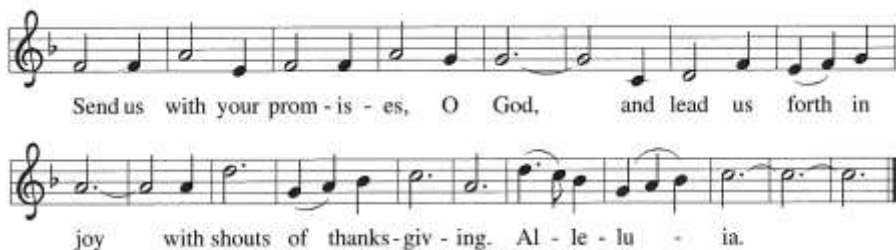
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

Post-Communion Cantic

Thankful Hearts



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has
done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho-ly name.



Prayer after Communion

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

C: Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

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

C: Amen.

Sending Song *When the Saints Go Marching In (see insert)*

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.



Bethlehem November 9, 2025
LUTHERAN CHURCH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1050 Peninsula Drive
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11/9—Suzanne Lehto

11/15—Marilyn Halstead

11/9—Diane Cunningham

11/16—Patty Leibenguth

Project - Fill the Pantry Today is the day to bring a food item, personal product or cash donation to church to help fill the needs of our community over the coming months. Please make checks out to Bethlehem Lutheran Church with "Food Pantry" in the memo line. We will receive a matching grant up to \$250 from Thrivent Financial. Thank you for your support!

Today's altar flowers are donated: *By Norm & Jane Fred in Celebration of granddaughter Evelyn Aubrey Martel's 18th Birthday*

November's XYZ potluck & presentation will be on Friday, November 14th. After a delicious potluck lunch at noon, we will hear a presentation by Kristina Schnepf, the director of Green Door Folk School. Green Door is a recently opened nonprofit that is rooted in the folk school tradition, offering hands-on workshops that connect people to passions, new or old, the land, and each other. Remember, XYZ is predominantly geared toward seniors but the time spent together and the wonderful presentations are enjoyable for adults of any age - we hope you can join us!

BOOK CLUB NEWS: We are meeting for a pizza dinner at BLC on Wednesday, Nov 19 at 5:30. We will be reading *Wild* by Kristin Hannah. This is a reissue of one of her earlier books, *The Magic Hour*. If you are not currently on the email list and would like to receive information please contact Cindy Monroe at cmonroe@chartermi.net.

New Life Together is pleased to announce this exciting first of many events that will happen throughout the year here at Bethlehem!! Our first event is Wine Down Wednesday which will take place on Wednesday November 19th at 6pm at Nocturnal Bloom Brewery which is located on Cass St in Traverse City. Please look for sign up sheets to be put out in the Narthex soon. All are welcome and if you have any questions feel free to contact Amy Haara or Tim Goebel

Native Plant Seed Sowing Workshop Sunday, November 23, after the service.

Starting a native plant garden can be simple and cost-effective when you know how to sow your own seeds! Join us for a hands-on workshop hosted by the Creation Care Committee and learn how to grow native plants from seed. We'll sow seeds in containers to set outside for the winter season. Once spring arrives, the seeds will germinate naturally with very little maintenance— perfect for transplanting to your new or existing gardens. Containers will be provided. Sign up in the hallway to RSVP and help us prepare. We'd love to see you there!

Creation Care Team update: our next Creation Care core team meeting will be Monday, January 12th at 6pm in the Youth Room. Subcommittee members may be meeting before as needed. Contact Paul Wiemerslage, Tina Dohm or Pastor Paul for any updates.

HANDBELLS FOR CHRISTMAS? Are you interested? Rehearsals are tentatively scheduled for Monday at 3:30 beginning in Nov. The song(s) will be taped in advance so you do not have to be present on Christmas Eve. Please contact Cindy Monroe at cmonroe@chartermi.net if you have not already done so. We need to know the number of participants so we can select music for the right amount of ringers.

Today's Prayer Recipients: Please send and changes or additions by email to admin@bethlehemtc.org

Harper Wiemerslage,	Ron Hellenga,	Julie Barrett,
Jerry Hill,	Jim Rumbach,	Patti,
John Block,	John Stretlien,	Sharon,
Roy DuMond,	Judy Fenton,	Kyle,
Mary Woodring,	Cindy Hitesman,	Ben,
Norm Fred,	Richard Fernholz,	Marianne,
Lynn,	Julie Lapeer,	Christine,
Steve,	Lee,	Janet,
Sherry,	Chris,	Cheryl
Bob,	Dale and Cheryl,	
Carol Bowes,	Leroy,	

The church calendar is below. Please be sure to notify the office (admin@bethlehemtc.org or 231.947.9880) to be sure that your group is of the calendar.

Sunday, November 9

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MISSION TRIP

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

9:15am—Adult Education (YR)
9:15am—Sunday School
10:00am—Traditional Worship Service (S)
11:15am—Worship & Music meeting (CR)
12:30pm—Youth Sunday Retreat

Monday, November 10

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

10:00am—Finance Committee
2:30pm—Choir

Tuesday, November 11

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Bulletin articles due today

9:00am—Property Work Group
9:00am—LWR Quilters (FH)
1:00pm—Bridge Group (FH)
6:00pm—Y2A/Christian Ed Meeting (YR)
6:30pm—Executive Committee (Zoom)

Wednesday, November 12

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

11:30am—Music Rehearsal (S)
1:30pm—Zoom Bible Study (Zoom & YR)

Thursday, November 13

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

9:00am—Baby Pantry Set-Up (FH)
10:00am—Baby Pantry (FH)
1:00pm—Rebecca Anna Circle (Library)
5:30pm—ACA (FH)

Friday, November 14

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

12:00pm--XYZ
6:00pm—LifeRing Recovery Group
(Library)

Saturday, November 15

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

8:00pm—AA (FH)

Sunday, November 16

THANKOFFERING SUNDAY

9:15am—Adult Education (YR)
9:15am—Sunday School
10:00am—WELCA Thankoffering Worship
Service (S)
5:30pm—Verse O.N.T.A.P.