

All Saints' Day

Saturday, November 1 and Sunday, November 2, 2025



Bethlehem

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proclaiming Christ. Nurturing Faith. Restoring Hope.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

We're so glad you're here. At Bethlehem, worship is where faith is nourished. Rooted in the historic liturgy and the teachings of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we gather around God's gifts—His Word and His Sacraments. Here, Jesus Himself is present, speaking forgiveness, sustaining life, and giving hope. Worship is not just something we do—it's where God serves us, and we respond with praise, prayer, and thanksgiving.

Our mission is simple but deep: Proclaiming Christ. Nurturing Faith. Restoring Hope. As a catalyst for Gospel transformation in southeast Fort Wayne, we long to see lives renewed by Christ's love. Whether this is your first time or your spiritual home, you belong here. May this time of worship be a moment of renewal for you—and may it send us all back into the world as people shaped by hope, growing in faith, and living out the love of Jesus together.

REGARDING THE LORD'S SUPPER

At Bethlehem, we believe that in the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives us more than a symbol—He gives us Himself. In, with, and under the bread and wine, we receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of faith, and the unity of His people. This is how Christ continues to proclaim His saving work and nurture our faith today.

As we prepare to receive this gift, we follow the Scriptures and the Small Catechism in examining ourselves: Do I believe I am a sinner in need of God's grace? Do I trust in Jesus as my Savior? Do I believe that Christ is truly present in this meal? Do I desire to turn from sin and live in faith and love? Whoever answers yes to these is truly worthy and well prepared.

Bethlehem is a congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and we ask that all who commune share our confession of faith. If you are not yet instructed in this teaching or have questions, we warmly invite you to come forward for a blessing—simply cross your arms over your chest—or speak with our pastor after the service. We are glad you're here, and we would love to walk with you as we grow in Christ together.

***(Children's Activity bags are available in the Narthex.
Please remember to return them to the rack after the service.)***

+ PREPARATION +

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME / RINGING OF THE BELLS

OPENING HYMN

LSB #677 (st. 1-3)

FOR ALL THE SAINTS



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
Thou, in the dark - ness dwell, their one true light.
win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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(Stand)

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

Pastor Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die.

Congregation For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

Pastor For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

Congregation And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor John wrote, "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." The devil, the world, and our sinful nature lead us to live lives that do not reflect this reality. Let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father.

Most merciful God and Father,

Congregation We confess to You that our lives do not always reveal that we are really Your children and that You are our Father. We admit that we sin against You and others with our thoughts, words, and actions. In Your righteousness, forgive us and cleanse us from all our unrighteousness. Restore the joy of Your salvation to us and sustain us with a willing spirit. Amen.

Pastor John reminds us, "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure." In the mercy of our heavenly Father, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us and purifies us from all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and gives them the Holy Spirit. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

Pastor Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven!

Congregation Alleluia! Amen!

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

HYMN OF PRAISE

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Pastor

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C 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.



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.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor The Lord be with you.

Congregation And also with you.

Pastor Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You make us saints through calling us to faith and cleansing us in the waters of Baptism. Lead us to imitate the lives of the saints who have gone before us as they imitated Jesus, so that together with them, we come to the indescribable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation People: Amen.

(Sit)

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 John 3:1–3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

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.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1–12

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.

(Sit)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Screen

HARK, I HEAR THE HARPS ETERNAL (arr. by Alice Parker)

1

Hark, I hear the harps' eternal ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.

Refrain:

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the Lamb!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM!

2

And my soul, tho' stain'd with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters, to the city far away. Refrain:

3

Souls have cross'd before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest. Refrain

SERMON

"The Sweetest Promise"

(Stand)

NICENE CREED

(Sit)

OFFERING

(Stand)

OFFERTORY

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What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

COMMEMORATION OF THE SAINTS

Pastor

For All Saints' Day, we remember those who have been called to the full presence of the Lord over the course of the last year. We thank God for their earthly lives and ask that we may follow their example of faith as we continue our own earthly journey.

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet

all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Pastor

It is fitting to remember those who have gone before us, to give the Lord thanks for their witness, and to look forward with joy to the time when we and they and all the company of heaven will surround the throne of God singing:

Congregation

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb Who was slain, Whose blood set us free to be people of God. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Pastor

Let us also remember with gratitude the saints from Bethlehem's congregation who have gone before us to their rest with their heavenly Father. Our Lord clung to them just as He clung to the cross for them. They fought the good fight. They finished the race. They kept the faith.
We especially remember:

Regine Guenin
Ilene Saalfrank
Herman Guenin
Waldell Bright
Deb Christensen

January 6, 2025
January 31, 2025
February 28, 2025
March 10, 2025
May 10, 2025

Kile Pence
Vivian Chaney
Richard Pierce
Joan Domrow
Nancy Kruger

May 15, 2025
June 8, 2025
June 15, 2025
July 14, 2025
July 15, 2025

Pastor "We await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body,
Congregation **by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself."**

Pastor "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
Congregation **and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever".**

HYMN

LSB #677 (St 5)

FOR ALL THE SAINTS



Pastor: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

People: **"Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"**

Pastor: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,

People: **and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."**

Pastor: In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before You, O Lord, fellow members of this congregation who have gone before us in faith. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of faith and hold fast to the certainty of Your promise that where You are, there Your servants shall be also.

HYMN

LSB #677 (St 6)

FOR ALL THE SAINTS



6 The gold - en eve - ning bright-ens in the west;
Soon, soon to faith - ful war-riors com - eth rest;
Sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

(Sit)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

+ *SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT* +

PREFACE

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Pastor The Lord be with you.

Congregation And also with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

Congregation We lift them to the Lord.

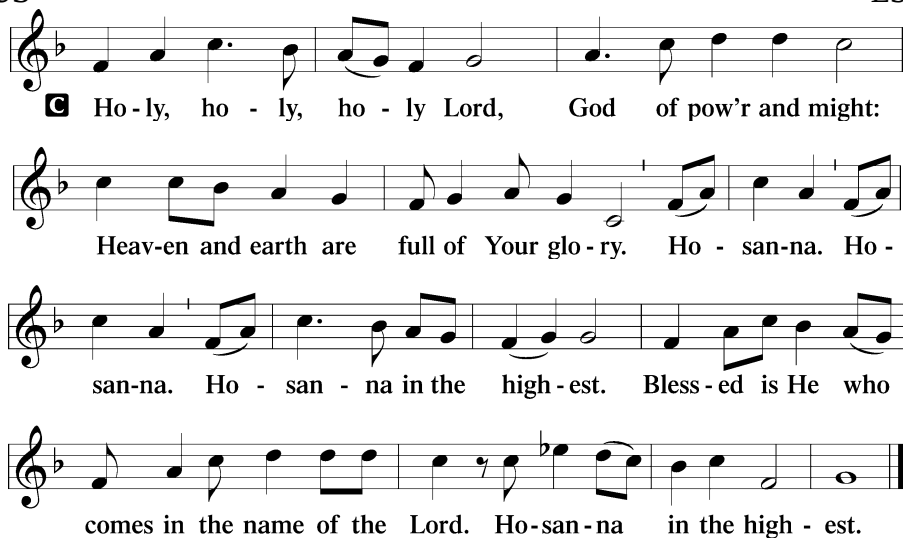
Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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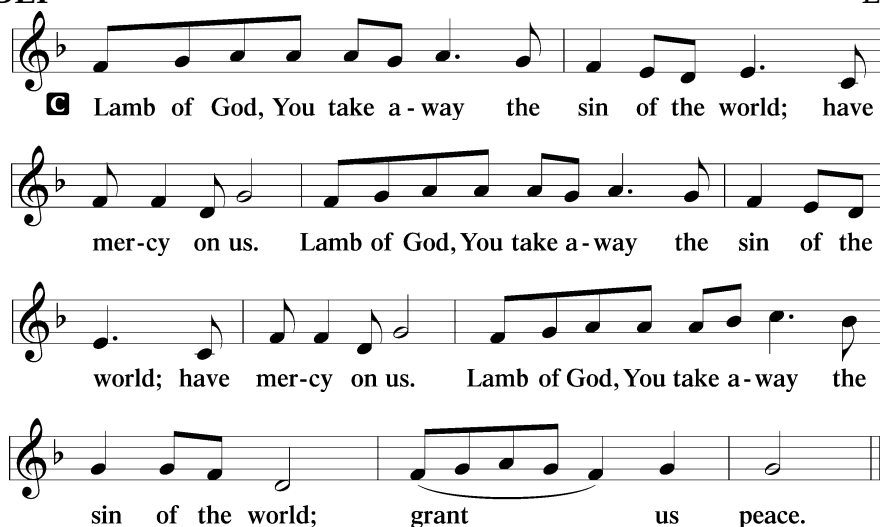
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Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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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.

(Sit)

DISTRIBUTION

Prayerful Meditation

(Stand)

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

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NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

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Pastor

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Congregation

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

LSB #677 (St 7-8)

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo-rious day: The
△ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through
saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; The
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,
King of Glo - ry pass - es on His way.
Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are aligned under the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff concludes the hymn with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' are repeated twice on the fourth staff.

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