

Bethlehem & St. John Lutheran Churches

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All Saints' Day (Observed)

November 2, 2025

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The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's Statement on Close Communion:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, Our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to first speak with the Pastor.

(CTCR, *Admission to the Lord's Supper*, Nov 1999)

Life Quotes: “We know that there will always be changes in laws and politics, and we can only change that as best as we can. The comfort that we do know is that the Father does not change like shifting shadows. In today's world, changes are swift and inevitable, but our faith and trust in our unchanging God are the comforts that sustain us!” *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Life Thoughts: – (Proper 26) – The crowd around Jesus reminds us that our sinful flesh is always tempted to look upon those of small stature as those who are less worthy of Christ's love and protection (Luke 19:3-7). But Jesus reminds us that whether they are physically small (like the unborn), or if we belittle them because of their sins (like Zacchaeus), He desires His salvation to come unto every person and each house (Luke 19:9), “for with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption” (Psalm 130:7).

Divine Service I

Hymn: “Father Welcomes”

LSB 605

STJ: Rite of Holy Baptism (p.268)

Confession and Absolution

Beth: Invocation and Exhortation (p.151)

Beth: Corporate Confession (p.151)

Service of the Word

Beth: Psalm 149

Beth: Kyrie (p.152)

This Is the Feast (p.155)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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

C **Amen.**

First Reading: Revelation 7:2–4 & 9–17

²Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” ⁴And

I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual:

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.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (p.156)

Holy Gospel: *Matthew 5:1-12*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ

Nicene Creed (p.158)

Office Hymn: “For All the Saints”

LSB 677

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offertory (p.159)

Service of the Sacrament

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Sanctus (p.161)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (p. 161)

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The Words of Our Lord (p.162)

Pax Domini (p. 163)

Agnus Dei (p.163)

Distribution of the Sacrament

Distribution Hymns:

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

LSB 621

“Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

LSB 676

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring”

LSB 822

Thank the Lord (p. 164)

Post Communion Collect (p.166)

Benediction (p.166)

Hymn “Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

LSB 671

Announcements

Prayers

- ❖ Remember in our prayers our Shut-ins
- ❖ Give thanks for the saints on earth. Pray that His Church might continue in the true faith and proclaim the saving Good News.

Please remember to sign the Guest Register at the end of the pews.

This Week at Bethlehem and St. John

STJ:	Mon.	Nov. 3	Able-Light	10:00 am
Beth:	Wed.	Nov. 5	LWML	10:00 am
STJ:	Wed.	Nov. 5	Chimes	5:30 pm
STJ:	Wed.	Nov. 5	Confirmation	6:00 pm
STJ:	Wed.	Nov. 5	Youth Group	6:00 pm
STJ:	Wed.	Nov. 5	Lifelight Bible Study	7:00 pm
STJ:	Thurs.	Nov. 6	LWML	9:30 am
Beth:	Thurs.	Nov. 6	Lifelight Bible Study	10:30 am

Next SUNDAY at Bethlehem and St. John

Beth:	Sun.	Nov. 9	Worship Service	8:00 am
Beth:	Sun.	Nov. 9	Sunday School	9:15 am
Beth:	Sun.	Nov. 9	Adult Bible Study	9:15 am
STJ:	Sun.	Nov. 9	Sunday School	9:30 am
STJ:	Sun.	Nov. 9	Worship Service	10:30 am
STJ:	Sun.	Nov. 9	Adult Bible Study	11:45 am

Next SUNDAY Acolytes and Greeters

Beth:	Sun.	Nov. 9	Acolyte: Bailey Schreiber
			Greeters: Dan and Jane Becker
STJ:	Sun.	Nov. 9	Acolyte: Cale Koch

Baptism of Kashlynn Maery Niemann

We welcome Kashlynn Maery into our church family. Parents are Aaron and Karissa Niemann. Godparents are Logan Griesmer and Berlyn Koepke.



The Bethlehem LWML Ladies Aid is again offering their **10th annual Christmas wreath sale**. Sign-up sheets are at both churches. Deadline is November 23rd. Delivery date is November 30th. Any questions please call Arlette at 715-223-6060 or 715-223-3946 or Shirley at 715-654 5291

Mark your calendars for **Bethlehem Soup, Bake and Craft Sale** on December 12th and 13th. Pick up will be from 9 am to 3 pm. More details to come. You won't want to miss this!



St. John had a group that would help out at **Able-Light** in Wausau on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. We are looking for new people to join. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Jeff Werner.

Lutheran Witness Renewal: If you wish to renew your Lutheran Witness subscription or if you would like to get a new subscription the price for 2026 is \$27.65. Deadline for renewal/new subscriptions is November 30th. Payment can be given to the church secretary. If you wish to pay by check, make your check payable to St. John and note it for “Lutheran Witness renewal”.



November Newsletter and Calendar are available.

Extra copies in the back of church (Bethlehem) or in the bottom row of mailboxes (St. John). Check out the colorful version on the website at stjbeth.org. If you did not receive your newsletter via the USPS, in your church mailbox or via email, please contact Tabitha.

The newest issue of the LCMS World Relief and Human Care ***Sharing*** Newsletter is available. This issue of *Sharing* focuses on the church's youth. At both the LCMS Youth Gathering this summer in New Orleans and at the first-ever national youth camp held by the Cambodia Lutheran Church, young people were brought together to study the Bible, serve others and see that they are part of a larger church body. Free copies in the back of church.



Lutheran Hope in a Dark World sponsored by Faith Lutheran Church (Green Bay) will be taking place on Saturday, November 8, 2025 from 9 am to noon. This is a free event with lunch provided. Please RSVP on their website at <http://flcgb.com>

Event Information:

Together with Higher Things speaker and host of Christ in All Things, Rev. Harrison Goodman, we will learn how to speak in truth and act in love as we face current challenging societal situations. “Lutheran Hope in a Dark World” will help us navigate many world issues including self-harm, same sex attraction, gender dysphoria, pornography and use of technology trauma and more.

Community Events:

Check out the bulletin boards for more details.

*All You Can Eat Italian Dinner at Hope Lutheran Church Hwy 97, Edgar on 11/8/25

*Trinity Annual Craft Sale (pre-order chili), Trinity Lutheran Church, Athens on 11/23/25