

Bethlehem & St. John Lutheran Churches

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Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

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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: “God creates, redeems, and calls all human beings as His own precious treasures from fertilization to forever, regardless of ages, appearances, abilities, or impairments. The Gospel of Jesus Christ invites us to an honest humility and an enthusiastic hope that receive each one as gift and privilege!” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Life Thoughts: – (Proper 27) – God is defined by life! He identifies Himself as the great “I am” (Exodus 3:14), the true and living God. Jesus also teaches us that not only is God the living God, He is also the God of the living (Luke 20:38)! The Lord of life values the lives of all people so highly that He gives life to all people; He died to rescue all people from their slavery to sin, death, and the devil regardless of their size, age, or condition; and He promises resurrection and everlasting life to all who believe in Him.

Divine Service I

Hymn: “Jerusalem the Golden”

LSB 672

Beth: Sunday School Children Sing

Confession and Absolution

Invocation and Exhortation (p.151)

Corporate Confession (p.151)

Service of the Word

Psalm 148

Kyrie (p.152)

Gloria in Excelsis (p.154)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament:

Exodus 3:1–15

¹Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” ⁴When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶And he said, “I

am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the Lord said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” ¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” ¹²He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

¹³Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.”

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: 2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17

¹Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. . . .

¹³But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. ¹⁴To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (p.156)

Holy Gospel: Luke 20:27–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, ²⁸and they asked him a question,

saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰And the second ³¹and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. ³²Afterward the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.”

³⁴And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” ³⁹Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” ⁴⁰For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ**

Nicene Creed (p.158)

Office Hymn: “Glory Be to God the Father”

LSB 506

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offertory (p.159)

Service of the Sacrament

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Distribution of the Sacrament

Distribution Hymns:

“What Is This Bread” LSB 629

“I’m But a Stranger Here” LSB 748

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” LSB 802

Thank the Lord (p. 164)

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Benediction (p.166)

Hymn “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” LSB 515

Announcements

Prayers

- ❖ Remember in our prayers our Shut-ins
- ❖ Thank God for forgiveness. Repent. Rejoice that your sins are forgiven by Christ.

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

This Week at Bethlehem and St. John

Beth:	Mon.	Nov. 10	Elder Mtg.	6:00 pm
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STJ:	Tues.	Nov. 11	Elder Mtg.	6:00 pm
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Beth:	Wed.	Nov. 12	CWIA	1:00 pm
STJ:	Wed.	Nov. 12	Chimes	5:30 pm
STJ:	Wed.	Nov. 12	Confirmation	6:00 pm
STJ:	Wed.	Nov. 12	Youth Group	6:00 pm
STJ:	Wed.	Nov. 12	Lifelight Bible Study	7:00 pm
Beth:	Thurs.	Nov. 13	Lifelight Bible Study	10:30 am

Next SUNDAY at Bethlehem and St. John

Beth:	Sun.	Nov. 16	Worship Service	8:00 am
Beth:	Sun.	Nov. 16	Sunday School	9:15 am
Beth:	Sun.	Nov. 16	Adult Bible Study	9:15 am
STJ:	Sun.	Nov. 16	Sunday School	9:30 am
STJ:	Sun.	Nov. 16	Worship Service	10:30 am
STJ:	Sun.	Nov. 16	Adult Bible Study	11:45 am
STJ:	Sun.	Nov. 16	Higher Things Mtg	5:00 pm

Next SUNDAY Acolytes and Greeters

Beth:	Sun.	Nov. 16	Acolyte: Kylee Johnson
			Greeters: Bruce, Brenda Weiler and family
STJ:	Sun.	Nov. 16	Acolyte: Lexie Noller

Higher Things Meeting on Sunday, November 16th at 5 pm. It is time to discuss fundraising, especially Advent Soup Suppers.



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



Bethlehem Poinsettia Orders

Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Deadline to order is December 7th. Cost is \$12. Please make checks payable to Marlene Schrieber.

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".



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.

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.



Community Events: Check out the bulletin boards for more details.

* Fall Festival Potato Bake at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Athens on 11/19/23

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