



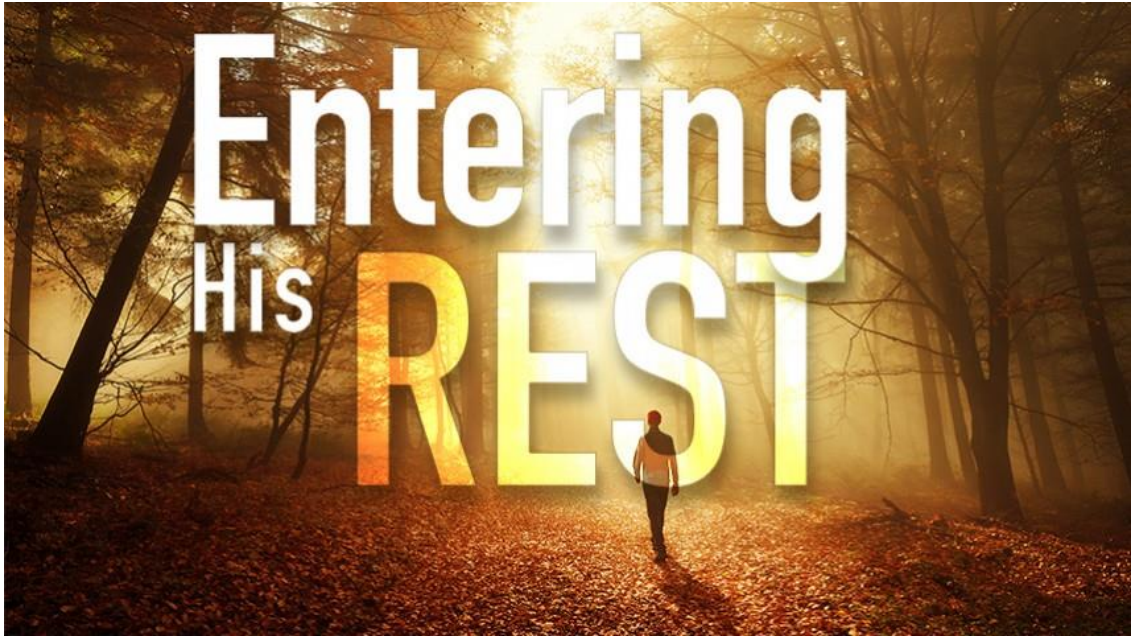
Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Know Jesus – Grow in the Bible – Excel in Loving God and Others!

Sunday, October 21 at 8:00 & 10:45

Monday, October 22 at 7 PM

Twenty-second after Pentecost, Twenty-first after Trinity – 2018



Today's service is **Divine Service, Setting Three** (Adapted from Lutheran Service Book, 184-202).

WELCOME:

1. **Bell:** Please take a service folder and be seated. For the folder on your smartphone: www.BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com/ServiceFolder
2. **Phone:** Please silence at this time.
3. **Welcome:** Visitors – See white pew card.
4. **Lord's Supper:** See the white pew card.
5. **Prayer Request:** See the yellow pew card.

PRELUDE: Holy, Holy, Holy
We listen and prepare in silence.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

↑ **GOD'S WORK of SORROW and ASSURANCE:**

- L: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.**
- 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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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 *[in the place of]* 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 (*Face the entrance and focus on Jesus*).

SERVICE OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE HYMN:

Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens
 See the words below / LSB 589

1 Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens,
 Let Your Word to me come near;
 Newborn life and spirit give me,
 Let each promise still my fear.
 Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife,
 Wars against Your Word of life;

Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor
 That I cling to You forever!

2 Oh, what blessing to be near You
 And to listen to Your voice;
 Let me ever love and hear You,
 Let Your Word be now my choice!
 Many hardened sinners, Lord,
 Flee in terror at Your Word;
 But to all who feel sin's burden
 You give words of peace and pardon.

KYRIE (Mark 10:46-52): *Let Us Pray*

L: O Lord, **C: have mercy upon us.**
 L: O Christ, **C: have mercy upon us.**
 L: O Lord, **C: have mercy upon us.**

SALUTATION and COLLECT:

L: The LORD be with you.
C: And also with you.
 L: *Let us pray.* Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end.
A: Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight;
 L: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen. ↓

Children – Please come forward!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Enough or More?



OLD TESTAMENT: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20 ESV

See Below / Pew Bible Page 1040 / Own Bible

¹⁰ He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. ¹¹ When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? ¹² Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

¹³ There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴ and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. ¹⁵ As he came from his mother’s womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶ This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? ¹⁷ Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation [*displeasure*] and sickness and anger.

¹⁸ Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. ¹⁹ Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil-- this is the gift of God. ²⁰ For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 119:9-16 ESV

See Below / Front of LSB / Own Bible

L: How can a young man keep his way pure?

C: By guarding it according to your word.

L: With my whole heart I seek you;

C: let me not wander from your

commandments!

L: I have stored up your word in my heart,

C: that I might not sin against you.

L: Blessèd are you, O LORD;

C: teach me your statutes!

L: With my lips I declare

C: all the just decrees of your mouth.

L: In the way of your testimonies I delight

C: as much as in all riches.

L: I will meditate on your precepts

C: and fix my eyes on your ways.

L: I will delight in your statutes;

C: I will not forget your word.

A: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE: Hebrews 4:1-13 ESV

Pew Bible Page 1865 / Own Bible

Will be read during today's sermon!

↑ ALLELUIA and VERSE:

See the words below / LSB 156

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.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:23-31 ESV

See Below / Pew Bible Page 1571 / Own Bible

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O LORD.

²³ And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”

²⁴ And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”

²⁶ And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?”

²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.”

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first [in] will be last [out], and the last [out] first [in].”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ. ↓

HYMN OF THE DAY:

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

See the words below / TLH 428 / LSB 729

- 1 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.
- 2 I am trusting Thee for pardon;
At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.
- 3 I am trusting Thee for cleansing
In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy
By Thy blood.

SERMON: Entering His Rest

Hebrews 4:1-13 ESV

1. **Heaven Is Still Open:** ¹ Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest [thus, into heaven] still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it.

- a. Heard, but did not believe: ² For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.
- b. Heard, and believe: ³ For we ~~who have believed~~ [believing ones] enter that rest, as he has said, “As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest,’” although his works were finished from the foundation of the world.

2. **God’s Intent, From the Beginning:** ⁴ For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.”
3. **It’s Not Too Late for You:**
 - a. For some, heaven is closed: ⁵ And again in this passage he said, “They shall not enter my rest.”
 - b. For others, heaven is still open: ⁶ Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of

disobedience, ⁷ again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”

4. **Rest Defined:**

- a. The Promised Land: ⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on.
- b. Heaven: ⁹ So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

5. **Living as Believers:**

- a. Let us strive to do our part: ¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.
- b. Let us let the Word do its work in us: ¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and

discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

- c. Let us remember that God knows everything: ¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

See the words below / TLH 428 / LSB 729

- 4 I am trusting Thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev’ry day and hour supplying
All my need.
- 5 I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.
- 6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.

↑ OFFERTORY: *Let Us Pray*

A: 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.

CREEDAL HYMN:

We All Believe in One True God

See the words below / LSB 953

1. We all believe in one true God,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need,
Praised by all the heav'nly host;
All He made His love enfolds,
All creation He upholds.
2. We all believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Mary's son,
Who descended from His throne
And for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we
Rescued from all misery.
3. We all confess the Holy Ghost,
Who from both in truth proceeds,
Who sustains and comforts us
In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessèd, holy Trinity,
Praise forever be to Thee! Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: *Let Us Pray*

After Each Petition: L: LORD, in Your mercy.
C: Hear our 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. ↓

OFFERING: *Let us honor the Lord!*

OFFERTORY: O How He Loves You and Me

BEFORE COMMUNING PRAYER: Front of LSB

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

↑ PRAYER FOR RIGHT RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: *Let Us Pray*

- L: O LORD, heavenly Father, the lamp of Your
Word searches the dark corners of our souls
and finds nothing but sin and every evil.
- C: **We examine ourselves and find that in us –
that is, in our flesh – there dwells no good
thing.**
- L: We repent in dust and ashes.
- C: **We come to Your Table on our knees, O
Jesus.**
- L: Grant that we, in faith, rightly partake of
Your body and blood.
- C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER:

- L: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and
teach us to pray:
- A: **Our Father who art in heaven...**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD: *On Good Friday*

PAX DOMINI: *The Peace of the Lord*

- L: The peace of the Lord be with you always!
- C: **Amen.**

HYMN: *O Perfect Life of Love*

See the words below / TLH 170 / LSB 452

- 1 O perfect life of love!
All, all, is finished now,
All that He left His throne above
To do for us below.
- 2 No work is left undone
Of all the Father willed;
His toil, His sorrows, one by one,
The Scriptures have fulfilled.
- 5 In perfect love He dies;
For me He dies, for me.
O all-atoning Sacrifice,
I cling by faith to Thee. ↓

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION:

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

See the words below / TLH 652

1. I lay my sins on Jesus,
The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us
From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus
To wash my crimson stains
White in His blood most precious
Till not a spot remains.
2. I lay my wants on Jesus,
All fulness dwells in Him;
He healeth my diseases,
He doth my soul redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus,
My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases,
He all my sorrows shares.
3. I rest my soul on Jesus,
This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces,
I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus,
Immanuel, Christ the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes
His name abroad is poured.
4. I long to be like Jesus,
Meek, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be like Jesus,
The Father's holy Child.
I long to be with Jesus
Amid the heavenly throng
To sing with saints His praises,
To learn the angels' song.

↑ POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: *Let Us Pray*

L: Father in heaven, *with sorrow* we have come to the Supper, *with faith* we have received Your gift of forgiveness, and *with peace* we have returned to our places; *help us now* – by the instruction of Your Word and the power of Your Spirit – to live unto Your glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens

See the words below / LSB 589

- 3 Lord, Your words are waters living
When my thirsting spirit pleads.
Lord, Your words are bread life-giving;
On Your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, Your words will be my light
Through death's cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing
And my cup of joy unailing!
- 4 As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;
Let Your words in me take root.
May Your Spirit e'er be near me
That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing Your praise,
From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given
In the endless joy of heaven.

BENEDICTION: *Receive and Be Blessed*

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 upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen. ↓

POSTLUDE and CANDLE EXTINGUISHING:

This is My Father's World

SPECIAL BLESSINGS FOR YOU:

- ♦ **Receive Prayer:** Meet up front with: Dee (8:00); Jerry/Brian (10:45).
- ♦ **Sermon Copies:** Available in the Narthex.
- ♦ **Refreshments** (9:10-9:30): Join us down the hall for coffee, juice, bakery, and more!
- ♦ **Grow Up in God's Word** (9:30-10:30): Attend Bible Class / Sunday School!

- ♦ **Giving Report:**
 - Actual: *Received Last Week:* \$4,523
 - Budget: *January → Last Week* (planned vs. actual): \$ - 17,807
 - Actual: *Jan. → Sept.* (received: \$170,604; spent: \$185,458): \$ - 14,854
- ♦ **Participation Guide:** See today's insert!

THANKS FOR SERVING ON 10/21

Organist: Gayle Powers
Altar Guild: Eileen K, Nancy B
Financial Team: Natalia F, Inez G

8:00 Service

Ushers: Matt K, Mel B, Bonnie M
Pastor Team: Tim C
Prayers: Dee K

9:30 Refreshments: Miriam E and Doris C

10:45 Service

Ushers: Jerry H, Bart P, Lillie R
Pastor Team: Brian Z
Prayers: Jerry H / Brian Z

THANKS FOR SERVING ON 10/28

Organist: Gayle Powers
Altar Guild: Tricia W, Carol D
Financial Team: Natalia F, Jerry H

8:00 Service

Ushers: Matt K, Mel B, Bonnie M
Pastor Team: Tim C
Prayers: Alan C

9:30 Refreshments: Miriam E and Doris C

10:45 Service

Ushers: Jerry H, Bart P, Lillie R
Pastor Team: Brian Z
Prayers: Jerry H / Brian Z

Note: See today's Participation Guide for important information regarding our upcoming Voters Meeting!

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