



Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost October 21, 2018



Welcome to Bethlehem!

The members of Bethlehem thank you for joining us today! We believe and teach that Jesus Christ is the only way to eternal life in heaven. So we will work to bring glory to Him in our entire service. We pray that more people will hear God's Word and come to know Christ as their personal Savior.

May God bless your worship with us! If you are our guest today, and if you are trying to find a spiritual family where you can feel at home, we are eager to share more about God and about Bethlehem. We would be honored to befriend you in Jesus Christ!

Guest Information

For parents with restless children; we are used to children! Their God-given voices won't make you unpopular around here. Special children's bags have been prepared next to the sanctuary entrance. If it seems right to take the child into the lobby / gathering space, feel free to do so, and return when you are ready. There is still sight and sound, so that you may benefit from the service as much as possible. A changing table is available in each restroom. Restrooms are located along the left-hand wall just outside the sanctuary. If you need assistance with anything, please speak to an usher.



The Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Holy Communion is being celebrated today. Through the Apostle Paul, the Lord tells us it is necessary to recognize Jesus' true body and blood in the sacrament. This comes through a belief in the teaching of the Real Presence. Otherwise, the communicant is sinning against that body and blood. "For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself (sins)," 1 Corinthians 11:29.

Joint reception of the Lord's Supper also is an expression of the common faith we declare primarily by unity with other Christians in church membership. Since Scripture tells us to take part in this Sacrament with prepared hearts (1 Corinthians 11:27-28) and unity of faith (1 Corinthians 10:17), we humbly ask visitors from congregations not in our fellowship to delay communing with us until the pastor has a chance to speak with you. We thank you for respecting our communion practice. Members of WELS and ELS, please speak with pastor prior to the service, if possible.

White grape juice is available for those who cannot have alcohol.

Liturgy and Hymns

God's service to us today is Christ-centered. The *liturgy* (from an old word that means "service") and songs are designed to revolve around salvation in Jesus Christ alone. Page numbers for the liturgy today begin in the front of the red hymnal. The hymns follow after, and they are numbered in order. Those liturgy pages and hymns are also posted on the hymn board.

The Prayer of the Day

Lord, keep your household, the Church, in continual godliness and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen. ♪



The Scripture Lessons

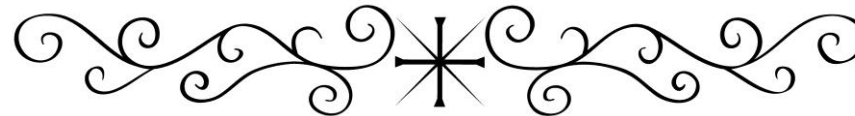
Isaiah 53:10-12: *The paying of our ransom could not be more expensive, but the suffering Servant of Isaiah ransomed us at the cost of His lifeblood.*

Psalms 22: *King David's words tell the future prophecy of Jesus' death.*

Hebrews 4:12-13: *We hear a description about the power of God's Word.*

Ephesians 2:10a: Alleluia. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works. Alleluia.

Mark 10:35-45: *Two brothers ambitiously ask to be served in glory. Instead Jesus, the ultimate servant, turns their idea of glory upside down.*



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Lessons next Sunday: Jer. 31:7-9; Hebr. 5:1-10; Mark 10:46-52.

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Hymn CW # 284
How Precious Is The Book
(Please stand for last verse.)

Liturgy, p. 15 in front of *CW The Common Service*

Prayer of the Day

Lessons | Isaiah 53:10-12
Psalm 22, p. 71

Verse of the Day, Eph. 2:10a

Gospel | Mark 10:35-45

Apostles Creed, p. 19

Children's Message

Hymn CW # 280
Thy Strong Word

SERMON – Hebrews 4:12-13

God's Tool Of Choice

Create In Me, page 20

Offering and Prayers

Lord's Prayer, p. 20

The Sacrament, page 21

Hymn CW # 312
*Lord Jesus Christ,
You Have Prepared*

Thanksgiving, p. 24

Hymn CW # 293
God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

Benediction

C: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen. ♪