



Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2017

**All who are able, please stand.*

Welcome and Announcements - Temple Talk

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

***Opening Hymn** "O God of Mercy, God of Light" ELW 714

***Apostolic Greeting**

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Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Kyrie**

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Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

All: Amen.

***Hymn of Praise**

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Leader: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**All: Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

we worship you,

we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ,

only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

***Prayer of the Day**

Leader: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

Receiving of New Member - Roger Struve

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24 OT Page 807

Psalm 70 OT Page 495

Leader: ¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.
O LORD, make haste to help me!

**All: ²Let those be put to shame and confusion
who seek my life.**

**Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor
who desire to hurt me.**

Leader: ³Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!"
turn back because of their shame.

**All: ⁴Let all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you.**

**Let those who love your salvation
say evermore, "God is great!"**

Leader: ⁵But I am poor and needy;
hasten to me, O God!

You are my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, do not delay!

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 NT Page 181

Children's Sermon

***Gospel Acclamation** "Into My Heart"
**Into my heart, into my heart,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.
Come in today, come in to stay
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: The Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th Chapter

All: Glory to you, O Lord

***Gospel:** Matthew 25:1-13 NT Page 24

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Mark

Hymn of the Day "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" ELW 436

***Apostles' Creed** pg 105

***Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Offering "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

**1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!**

**2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!**

3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
 thy wings shall my petition bear
 to him whose truth and faithfulness
 engage the waiting soul to bless.
 And since he bids me seek his face,
 believe his word, and trust his grace,
 I'll cast on him my every care,
 and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

***Offertory Prayer**

Leader: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

All: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Prayers of the People**

Each petition ends: “Lord in your mercy”

Response: “Hear our prayer”

***Lord’s Prayer**

***Benediction**

***Sending Hymn** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” ELW 733

***Dismissal**

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

November 5th: Attendance: 127 Offering: \$6,861.31
Organist: Sue Brugman
Greeters: Steve & Kathy Hegwer, Connie & Mary Lundbeck
Scripture Reader: Lisa Shiley

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM

Today:	9:30	Worship/New Member Sunday
		Sunday School
	10:30	Fellowship
	11:00	Choir Practice
Monday:	6:30	Bible Study
Wednesday:	9:30	Bible Study
	9:30	Esther Bible Study at Cafe
	3:30	King’s Kamp
	4:00	Confirmation
	7:00	Senior High Youth Group
	7:00	Council Meeting
Thursday:	2:00	Dorcas Bible Study at BLC
Sunday:	9:30	Worship/Harvest Festival
		Sunday School
	10:30	Fellowship/Farewell to Knox
		Campbell
	11:00	Choir practice
	11:30	Potluck

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Today, we will be receiving Roger Struve as a new member. Roger is well-known as a worker at the Rossie Elevator and worshipper at Bethlehem. But after his home church closed years ago, his transfer somehow never became a reality. So, we rejoice in Roger’s desire to make it official. He is not only a good guy and good worker, but also has one of the best vinyl record collections ever, along with an encyclopedic memory of every LP released since rock and roll started. Without Roger’s “unique” sense of humor and strong faith, we would be the less. Welcome, Roger. And keep rockin’ in the gospel.



-Ethan Batschelet, Missionary--Siloam
Girls' School in India--Joyce Sabel
(daughter of Roger & Betty Kruse)
-Virginia Christensen--Roger Struve

-Russ Christensen--Arlene Harmon (mother of Joyce Kruse)
-Janice Swanson (friend of Joanne Treinen)--Austin Crew (son of
Peter and Andrea Crew)--June Santage Johnson (Dorothy
Huberg's niece)--Family of Ronnie Langholz--family of
Maryanne Harmon (aunt to Joyce Kruse)--Roger Stough (Carma
Betz's uncle)--Denny Harmon (former teacher at Everly)--Ann
Myers *(Please call the church office to add someone to the
prayer list. Requests stay on the list for one month unless you
instruct us to do otherwise.*

Thanks to everyone for all of the birthday greetings that came
our way this past week. -Pastor Mark and Lynn Wilms

Thank you to the congregation for your generous support of the
angel robe fund. Now all of our little angels will be dressed for
the musical!

-Children and Staff of Sunday School and King's Kamp

Cards were sent to our 4 military personnel honoring them on
Veterans Day with a note from King's Kamp Kids included. This
ministry brings a little "home" to our military personnel.

**There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for "Christ In Our
Home"**. Please indicate if you would like large print.

Baby Bottles are available to help the Cherish Center in
Okoboji support their services. Fill with your change (or write a
check) and return to the church. **Return baby bottles TODAY.**

**There will be a farewell coffee on November 19th for Knox
Campbell** who is moving to Texas. Make sure and bid him
farewell.

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 248 of Royal would like
to invite all Veterans and their family to a dinner TODAY, at
noon at the Royal Community Building. The hot dish, drink and
table service will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to
share. Hope to see you there.

Senior High Youth Group!

Our youth leader, Kendra Schmidt, has a senior high youth group
for any youth in 9th-12th grade. The group meets at the church at
7PM on Wednesday evenings. The night includes a Bible lesson,
prayer, a game or activity, and some sort of snack food (of
course). If you have any questions you can contact Kendra at
knschmidt15@gmail.com



Harvest Festival: This year's
worship celebration and potluck
will be held on Sunday, November
19th. Worship is at 9:30 and lunch

will begin around 11:30 a.m. Please bring a main dish and side
or dessert. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

On Wednesday, November 22, at 6:30 PM, Bethlehem will have
a Thanksgiving Eve service. Come and start out the
Thanksgiving holiday with its original meaning: gratefulness to
God for His many blessings.



Welcome to Kings Kamp!
Wednesdays from 3:30- 5:00

All Children welcome!
4 year olds -to- 5th grade

This week in the Good Shepherd Centers

Pre-1st grade Ten Best Ways to Live
2nd-3rd grade The Promised Land
4th-5th grade Jesus Feeds 5,000

Candlelight Service of Remembrance will be held at the Hope Reformed Church, 919 Grand Ave., Spencer at 6:30 pm on Monday, November 27th. This event is sponsored by Warner Funeral Homes, Hospice of Spencer Hospital, Abben Cancer Center and area Churches.

We light a candle of Love...

In celebration of the people...

And the times.....

That were important in our lives.

Join us for Sunday School. We invite 3 year olds through 5th graders to join us in our one-room classroom. Sunday School aged children are dismissed after the sermon and should meet their teacher in the northwest classroom of the church. Sunday School concludes at approximately 10:40 and the children are encouraged to go to music at the front of the church. We are always looking for volunteer Sunday School teachers. If you're interested, please contact Amanda Mugge or Betsy Schoelerman.

Please note we now have a bucket for coffee grounds and filters. The sacks are cheaper than the 13 gallon kitchen bags. Please refrain from using the tall kitchen garbage for this item. Thank you, Your Friendly Janitor

GIVING MOMENT

Part of good stewardship is being ready at all times – ready to help someone in need, to give of our resources wherever we can, to pitch in with our talents. Like the wise bridesmaids in today's Gospel reading, have your lamp filled with God's gifts to you so that you may share them with others.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

If you would like to order a red Poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, the Altar Guild will order it and have it delivered to the church for you. We are ordering the Poinsettias from the Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School as their fundraiser.

You may take your Poinsettia home after the Christmas Day Service.

To order a Poinsettia, use the form below and give it to an Altar Guild member or leave it at the church office with your check for \$14.00. **ORDER DEADLINE: December 17th.**

I WISH TO ORDER A POINSETTIA
YOUR NAME

I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE IT IN: (Circle one)
HONOR OF: MEMORY OF:

Cost is \$14.00. Make your check out to:
BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN ALTAR GUILD



***Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

***Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

O God of Mercy, God of Light (ELW 714)

1. O God of mercy, God of light,
in love and mercy infinite,
teach us, as ever in your sight,
to live our lives in you.
2. You sent your Son to die for all,
that our lost world might hear your call;
oh, hear us lest we stray and fall!
We rest our hope in you.
3. Teach us the lesson Jesus taught:
to feel for those his blood has bought,
that ev'ry deed and word and thought
may work a work for you.
4. For all are kindred, far and wide,
since Jesus Christ for all has died;
grant us the will, and grace provide,
to love them all in you.
5. In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
may we each other's burdens share;
may we, where help is needed, there
give help as though to you.
6. And may your Holy Spirit move
all those who live to live in love,
till you receive in heav'n above
all those who live in you.

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Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying ELW 436

1 Wake, awake, for night is flying,
the watchmen on the heights are crying;
awake, Jerusalem, at last.
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
The bridegroom comes! Awake;
your lamps with gladness take!"
Alleluia!
Rise and prepare the feast to share;
go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.

2 Zion hears the watchmen singing,
and all her heart with joy is springing.
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
Her dear friend comes down, all glorious,
the strong in grace, in truth victorious:
her star is ris'n; her light is come.
Now come, O Blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son.
Sing hosanna!
Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
and follow to the banquet hall.

3 Gloria! Let heav'n adore you!
Let saints and angels sing before you,
with harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming,
lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming,
with angel choirs around your throne.
No eye has caught the light,
no ear the thund'ring might
of such glory.
There we will go: what joy we'll know!
There sweet delight will ever flow.

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness (ELW 733)

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

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Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain
offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters,
about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others
do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and
rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those
who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the
Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the
Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the
Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call
and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven,
and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive,
who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to
meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever.

¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25:1-13

²⁵“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten
bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the
foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise
took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was
delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight
there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to
meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their
lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil,
for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there
will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the
dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to
buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went
with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.

¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open
to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’

¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the
hour.