

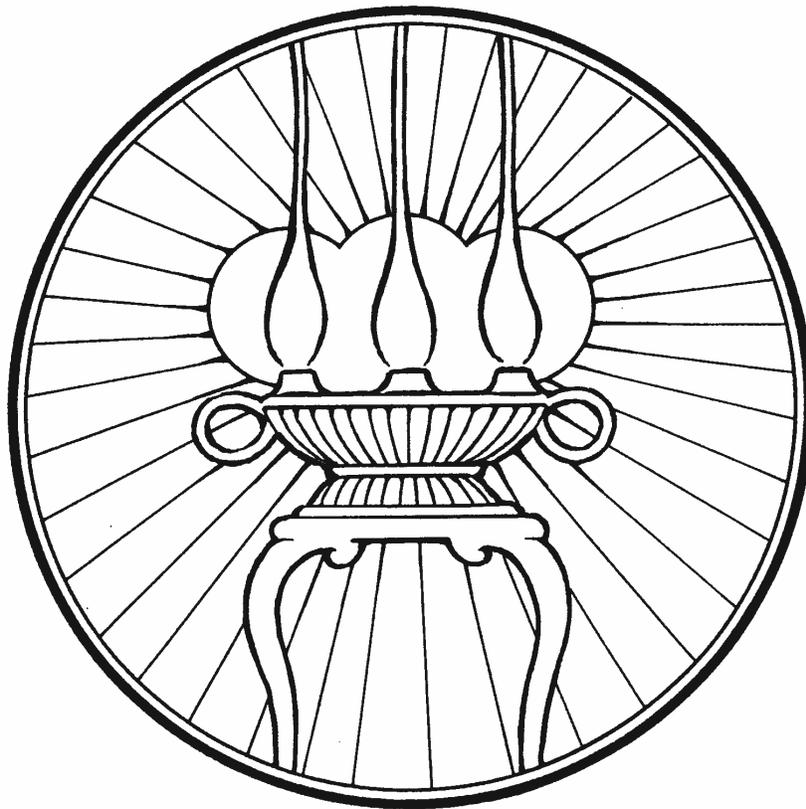


*Bethlehem Lutheran Church—William Penn
Founded 1860—Lutheran Church Missouri Synod*

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

10:15 AM



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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 8, 2026 – 10:15 AM

Divine Service: Setting III

Order of Service: *Lutheran Service Book, pp 184-202*

Pre-Service Music



Representing God's Love
To our Congregation,
Community, and the World

February Bible Verse

Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.

Deuteronomy 31:6

Our Mission Statement

Representing God's Love to Our Congregation, Community, and the World!

Ringling of the Church Bell

OPENING HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People

LSB 825



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing.
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
To all the world go out and tell the
Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

Stand

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

LSB 184

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P 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 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.



Blessèd are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes!
 How can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.
 With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not wander from your commandments!
 I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.
 Blessèd are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes!
 With my lips I declare
all the just decrees of your mouth.
 In the way of your testimonies I delight
as much as in all riches.
 I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.
 I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.
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.
 Blessèd are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes!

GLORIA PATRI

LSB 186

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

KYRIE

LSB 186

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on High,

C and on earth peace, good - will toward

C and on earth peace, good - will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

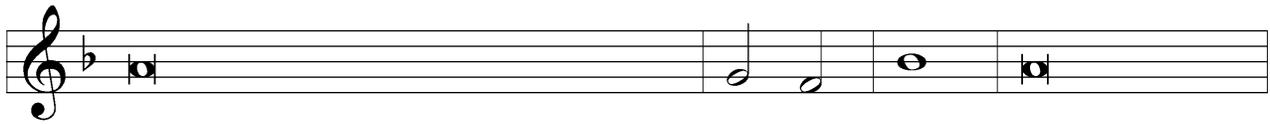
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

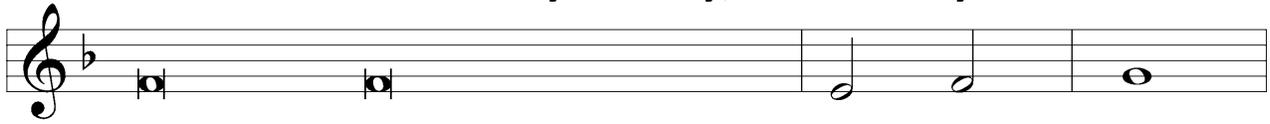
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

C O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 58:3-9a

³“Why have we fasted, and you see it not?

Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?
Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to hit with a wicked fist.

Fasting like yours this day
will not make your voice to be heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose,
a day for a person to humble himself?
Is it to bow down his head like a reed,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?
Will you call this a fast,
and a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶“Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8

Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

COMMON ALLELUIA

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

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



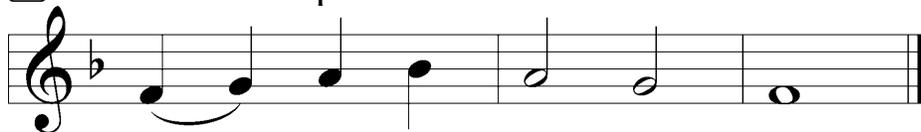
C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹³[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 159

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Jesus Loves Me

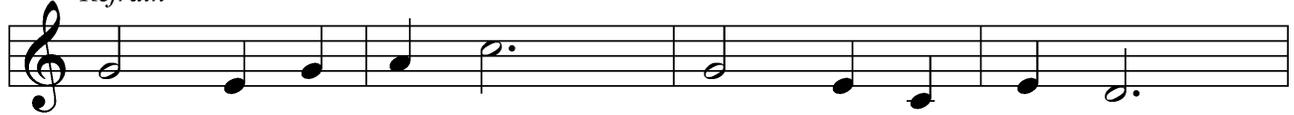
LSB 588



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.
 2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.
 He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Thy Strong Word

LSB 578



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

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SERMON
Nothing Else
1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Stand

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

OFFERING PRAYER

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

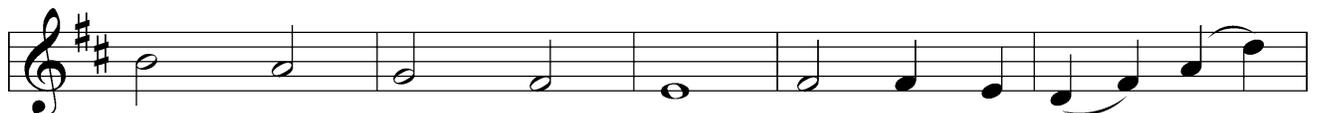
CLOSING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign

LSB 832



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
 2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
 prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
 leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.



POSTLUDE

Welcome to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, where we worship in the name of the crucified and risen Lamb of God, Jesus Christ our Lord. Blessings to you as you worship with us today.

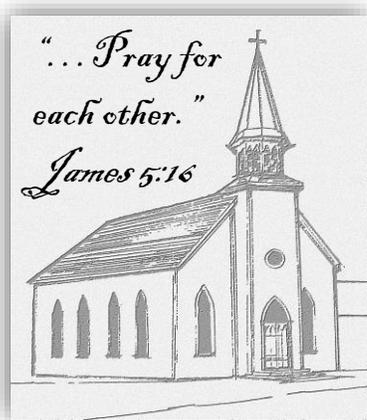


Congregation: Prayers for healing for Lillian Hayden from knee surgery; for Edith Erwin recovery and healing from surgery; for Tom Hayden's recovery after surgery and continued healing; for Becky Lueckemeyer recovery; for Adeline Platt's health; for health and healing for Lathel Norris; and Deloris Griffin; for our shut-in members: Renee Brinkmann, Mildred Holle, Lathel Norris, Elvera Schroeder, and others who are unable to come to church.

Community: for Grace Lutheran School, that they may continue to be a place for the children of our community and congregation to learn and grow in their faith and knowledge of God's world; may our Lord continue to deliver to us favorable weather; for Brenham Pregnancy Center and those whose lives they touched; Faith Mission; families and individuals cared for by Child Protective Services.

World: for all those suffering through war, may God watch over and protect His children, and by His Holy Spirit, may they all come to know Christ as their Savior and thus enjoy eternity with Him, for those who have been led astray into false belief; for those facing crisis pregnancies, that they would find the strength to choose life for their unborn child; for the leaders of the nations, that they would make godly decisions for their people and countries.

Bethlehem at Prayer



Prayer is a vital part of our life together in Christ. To that end, *Bethlehem at Prayer* is a means to encourage more intentional prayer for one another. This is an opportunity for us to support one another in faith, lifting up each household by name before our gracious God. While members can always request prayers at any time, this effort ensures that every family at Bethlehem is prayed for regularly. We invite you to join us in encouragement and intercession, praying for our brothers and sisters in Christ each week.

Please remember these families in your prayers this week:

- Ashorn – Melvin, Shirley
- Baichtal – Judy
- Hodge – David, Cathy
- Holle – Waldo
- Molitor – Kathy
- Molitor – Brad, Tricia, Amber, Maddison

May the Lord bless and strengthen them in faith and life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week's Schedule February 8 – 15

Today:

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



9:00 AM

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

10:15 AM

Divine Worship: Setting III

Acolyte: Norman Krieg

Greeter: Jennifer Krieg

Ushers: Caleb Klussmann

Corey Klussmann

Don Koester

Valgene Kohring

Monday:

6:00 PM

New Members Class



Wednesday:

8:30 AM

Sonshine



4:30 PM

Confirmation Class 7th/8th Grades



Thursday:

6:30 PM

Ladies Bible Study





Next Sunday: *The Transfiguration of Our Lord*

9:00 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

10:15 AM Divine Worship: Setting I with Communion

Acolyte: Wyatt Schramme

Crucifer: Michael Hinze

Greeter: Nancey McClure

Ushers: Travis Medve

Paul Richter

Charles Meyer

Colin Schomburg

Serving in February: Elder – Brad Molitor/Trustee – Robert Kettler

If you have a question or thought concerning spiritual care or the church property, please contact the appropriate elder or trustee.



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Maddison Molitor's 16th birthday.

3rd Annual Quiz Night to Support the Youth League

Summer Trip



The Bethlehem Lutheran Church Youth League, in conjunction with the Grace Lutheran Church Youth League of Brenham, would like to invite you to the **3rd Annual Quiz Night on Friday, February 20th, at the Sons of Hermann hall in Brenham, from 5:30 to 9:00 pm.** The evening consists of 10 rounds of trivia. Questions are answered by teams, and after each round, team standings are announced. Each team consists of six members; please RSVP to Pastor Krieg pastorkrieg@bethlehemwmpenn.org with your team by February 15th. Each round will have a different focus to test your overall trivia knowledge. Prizes are awarded to the winners throughout the night. At the end of the evening, a Quiz Night Champion is crowned. Will your team be proven the smartest in Washington County? Will the trophy stay here at Bethlehem or will Grace take it home? Sign up to find out!



Soup for the Group Fundraiser – Today!!!

Please join us **after church** for *Soup for the Group*, a fundraiser hosted by our Youth League. Warm up with a bowl of homemade tortilla soup and enjoy fellowship while supporting our youth and their upcoming activities. The price of \$10.00 per bowl will go directly to the Youth League. Come hungry, stay awhile, or take a bowl to go, and help encourage our young people in Christ!

Don't forget to direct Choice Dollars®.

Grant Funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice Dollar program can help support projects at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Don't let your designated Thrivent Choice Dollars expire!

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Go to Thrivent.com/Thrivent choice or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. If you have questions, call an area associate @ 979-836-0693.

Life with God—New Members Class

Our adult information class covers the most important teachings of the Bible as they are believed, taught, and confessed here at Bethlehem. It is designed for anyone considering membership, new members, and any member of the congregation who would like a thorough review of basic Biblical doctrine. Mark your calendar and plan to join us **starting tomorrow night, February 9th, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.** Classes run weekly on Monday nights for 10-12 sessions.

Bethlehem is looking for a VBS Director

If you are interested in this *spiritually rewarding position*, please contact one of the following:

Pastor Krieg
Sharon Schwartz
Amy Schroeder
Sheryl Schroeder





Spotlight On Life 2026: The Battle Still Rages

Join us for our fourth annual Spotlight On Life. Politics and technology have shifted the focus of protecting the unborn from the national stage to individual states and from abortion clinics to homes. We will explore how this affects the pro-life efforts.

Speakers: Rev. Dr. Aric Fenske (Director, Lutherans For Life)
Pastor Robert Paul (Memorial Lutheran Church, Houston)
Pastor Michael Salemink (Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry
And Missions, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne)
Mrs. Carol Tobias (President, National Right To Life, Washington, DC)
Pastor Laurence White (Our Savior Lutheran Church, Houston)

Freewill Event for **February 21, 2026**

8:30 AM Check-in • 4:30 PM Wrap-up

Light Breakfast • Intriguing Speakers • Delicious Lunch • Round Table
Q&A • Sanctuary & Bell Tower Tour (optional)

Our Savior Lutheran Church
5000 W. Tidwell Rd.
Houston, TX 77091

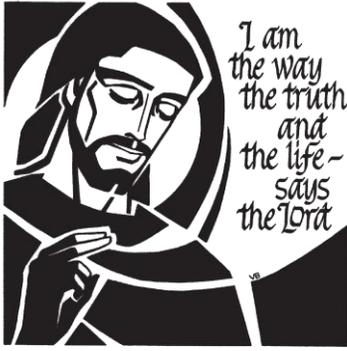
Register here: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/spotlight-on-life-2026-the-battle-still-rages>



February 8 (Epiphany 5) – “You are the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14). God’s people do wonderful things before the world: march for life, support local pregnancy resource centers, speak

up on behalf of the unborn and vulnerable. However, we must always remember that we are to shine our light before men, not to earn favor with men or with God. Such self-serving works “will not make your voice be heard on high” (Isaiah 58:4). Instead, knowing Christ crucified and having the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:2, 16), we let our light shine before men to give glory to God (Matthew 5:16), that all might have life now and forever.

Sunday School Corner



In our Winter unit, we continue our study of the New Testament, beginning with the account of Mary and Martha and continuing through Jesus appearing to Thomas. This morning, the kids studied the lesson “The Passion Prediction – Mary Anoints Jesus.” In the week before His crucifixion, Jesus goes to dinner in Bethany, the hometown of Lazarus, whom He had just raised from the dead. Martha serves as Jesus and Lazarus recline at table. Meanwhile, Mary anoints Jesus’ feet with expensive ointment while wiping them with her hair, preparing Him for burial. When Judas voices his objections, Jesus tells him to leave her alone and points to His upcoming death. To reinforce this lesson with your kids, as a family, discuss: There is a big contrast here between Mary and Judas. How does Mary show the light that we have in Jesus, and how does Judas show the darkness of sin and the devil? Mary showed great humility and thanks toward Jesus. How can we do the same? In 2 Corinthians 1:21–22, we read about how we are anointed with the Holy Spirit. In our Baptism, we are set apart as holy and connected to Christ. How does that change how you think about your identity, who you are, and what you do? Jesus didn’t say to not take care of the poor, but to not put that above worshiping and loving Him. What are some ways we can help those in need while still keeping Jesus the priority in our lives? Also, parents, you can join Pastor Krieg in the adult Sunday School class. See you next week!

High School Lesson

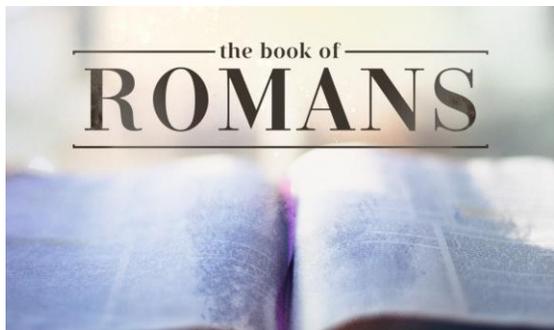
Our High School Sunday School class is beginning a new study series using Not-So-Nice Bible Stories: Master Criminals. In this engaging and thought-provoking study, students will explore the stories of some of Scripture’s most notorious wrongdoers, and discover how God’s mercy and grace still shine through even the darkest human deeds. Each lesson points us to Christ, who took the punishment for all sin upon Himself and gives us forgiveness, life, and salvation. Join us as we dig into God’s Word, wrestle with tough questions, and see how even “master criminals” reveal our need for the one true Savior, Jesus Christ.

Lesson 8 – What’s Yours Is Mine (2 Samuel 11-12)

In this week’s lesson, our High School class explored King David’s sin with Bathsheba and the murder of Uriah in “What’s Yours Is Mine.” Students confronted how power, desire, and self-justification led David to take what was not his and to cover sin with even greater sin. Through Nathan’s confrontation, we saw how God’s Law exposes the heart and calls sin what it is. Yet this account does not end in despair.

We also discussed how God’s mercy met David in repentance and forgiveness, pointing us to Christ, the true King, who took our guilt upon Himself and restores sinners through His grace.

Adult Sunday School Lesson



St. Paul’s letter to the Romans is often called the “chief part of the New Testament.” Romans clearly lays out the heart of the Christian faith: we are justified by grace alone through faith alone on account of Christ alone. In this rich epistle, Paul teaches on sin and righteousness, law and Gospel, baptism, the struggle against the old Adam, and life lived in the freedom of the Gospel. Whether you’ve

been attending or have yet to join us, this is a wonderful time to dig into God’s Word together and grow in our understanding of His mercy in Christ. Come and be strengthened in the faith that saves and learn how the Gospel shapes our daily lives. We look forward to studying this treasure of Scripture with you! If you could not attend today, please join us next Sunday during the Adult Bible Study hour before church, starting at 9 a.m. Now is the time to commit yourself to a deeper and more meaningful understanding of God’s Word and your relationship with Him. I hope to see you all next Sunday as we continue our studies.



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Last Week at Bethlehem

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	GIFTS IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL
Feb. 1	Sunday School	21	\$53.61
	Youth Bible Class	4	
	Adult Bible Class	19	
Feb. 1	Worship Service	121	\$7,110.18 Youth - \$167.00 Quiz Night - \$690.00