

**Bethany Lutheran Church  
Gathering**

**Pastoral Welcome and Announcements**  
**Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness** p. 77 LBW  
**Opening Hymn** “O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts” LBW 356  
**Greeting** p. 78 LBW  
**Kyrie** p. 78 LBW  
**Hymn of Praise** “This is the Feast” p. 81 LBW  
**Prayer of the Day**

**Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth  
and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have.  
Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and  
prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen**

**We Hear God’s Word**

**First Lesson** Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18  
**Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12** p. 258 LBW  
**Second Lesson** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
**Gospel** Matthew 25:14-30  
**Sermon**

**We Respond In Faith**

**Hymn of the Day** “Lord of Light” LBW 405  
**Apostle’s Creed** p. 85 LBW  
**Prayers of the Church** “Hear our Prayer”  
**Sharing of the Peace**  
**Special Music** Choir  
**Offering**  
**Offertory Response** “Let the Vineyards” p. 86 LBW  
**Offertory Prayer** “Merciful Father” p. 87 LBW  
**Great Thanksgiving** p. 88 LBW  
**The Lord’s Prayer** p. 91 LBW  
**Distribution**  
**Communion Hymns** “Lamb of God” p. 92 LBW  
**Post Communion Canticle** “Thank the Lord” p. 92 LBW

**We Go To Serve**

**Benediction**  
**Bells**  
**Dismissal**  
**Sending Hymn** “O Zion, Haste” LBW 397

**Announcements**

**Welcome to Worship:** A special word of welcome to guests in our midst. Please sign the Guest Register and do come again. Looking for a church home? We invite you to become a part of the family of Bethany.

**Hearing Assistance Devices:** are available for your use during the worship service. Please ask an usher or the person working with the sound system if you would like to try one.

**Invitation to Holy Communion:** All who are baptized and believe Jesus is present in the bread and wine and trust in the words “given and shed for you” are welcome to come and partake in the Holy Meal. Children who do not commune are invited to come with their family and receive a baptismal blessing.

**Prayer Request:** Mariam Lang, Gene Lostetter, Eunice Kanne, Fran Anderson, Charles Trittelwitz, Dean Selander, Jane McLain and Carisa Mueller, daughter of Carol Downing, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

**Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Andy Dahlberg, Eric Hermansen, families of military who have served or are currently serving our country. Missionaries Allan & Marie Krahn and family.

**No Men’s Breakfast and Bible Study:** The men’s group will not meet Friday November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**CCC/Shady Knoll Services:** We will be leading worship this afternoon for CCC and Shady Knoll. Please join us and help out. We will meet at CCC at 1:50pm.

**Pastor Jay Will Be On Vacation:** from 11/20 through Thanksgiving. Emergency calls may be directed to Pastor David Almlie at 327-8384.

**No Confirmation:** There will be no confirmation on 11/26.

**Interested in Being Church Secretary?** Nate will be leaving us as church secretary and we are in need of someone to fulfill these duties. Primary duties are to complete the weekly bulletin, complete the monthly newsletter, with other duties added as needed. We would like someone to express interest soon so Nate can train you ahead of the December Newsletter. Please express your interest to Pastor Jay by December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Yes We Can:** If you are still interested in donating aluminum cans for the youth group please put them in the trailer by the basketball hoop or if you have a lot and need them picked up call Nate 689-3121. Thank you for your support.

**No Youth Night:** There will be no youth night this week on Wednesday. We will resume on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Financial Peace University:** will be tonight at 6:00 pm.

**The Week Ahead**

Date	Event	Time	Place
Tuesday	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Church
Wednesday	Confirmation	5:30 p.m.	Church
	Choir NO Youth Night	6:00 p.m.	Church
Sunday	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.	Church
	Worship	11:00 a.m.	Church

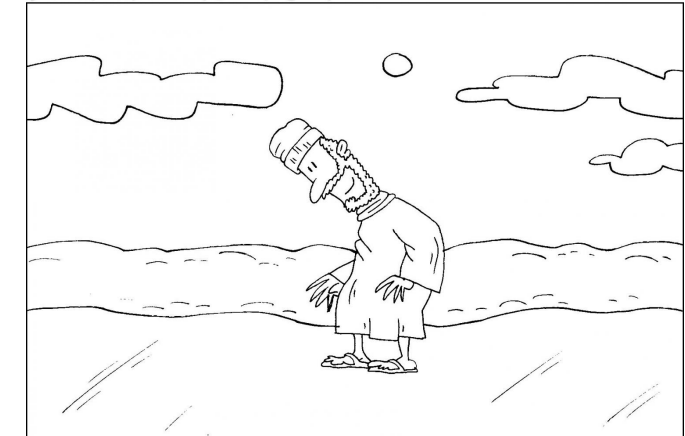
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**Our Mission Statement:** “To Spread the good news of the saving grace of Jesus Christ to our community and neighbors and to nurture and strengthen the faith of, and care for, our members.

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PETER FINDS HIS FAITH TO BE MUCH STRONGER IN THE WINTER