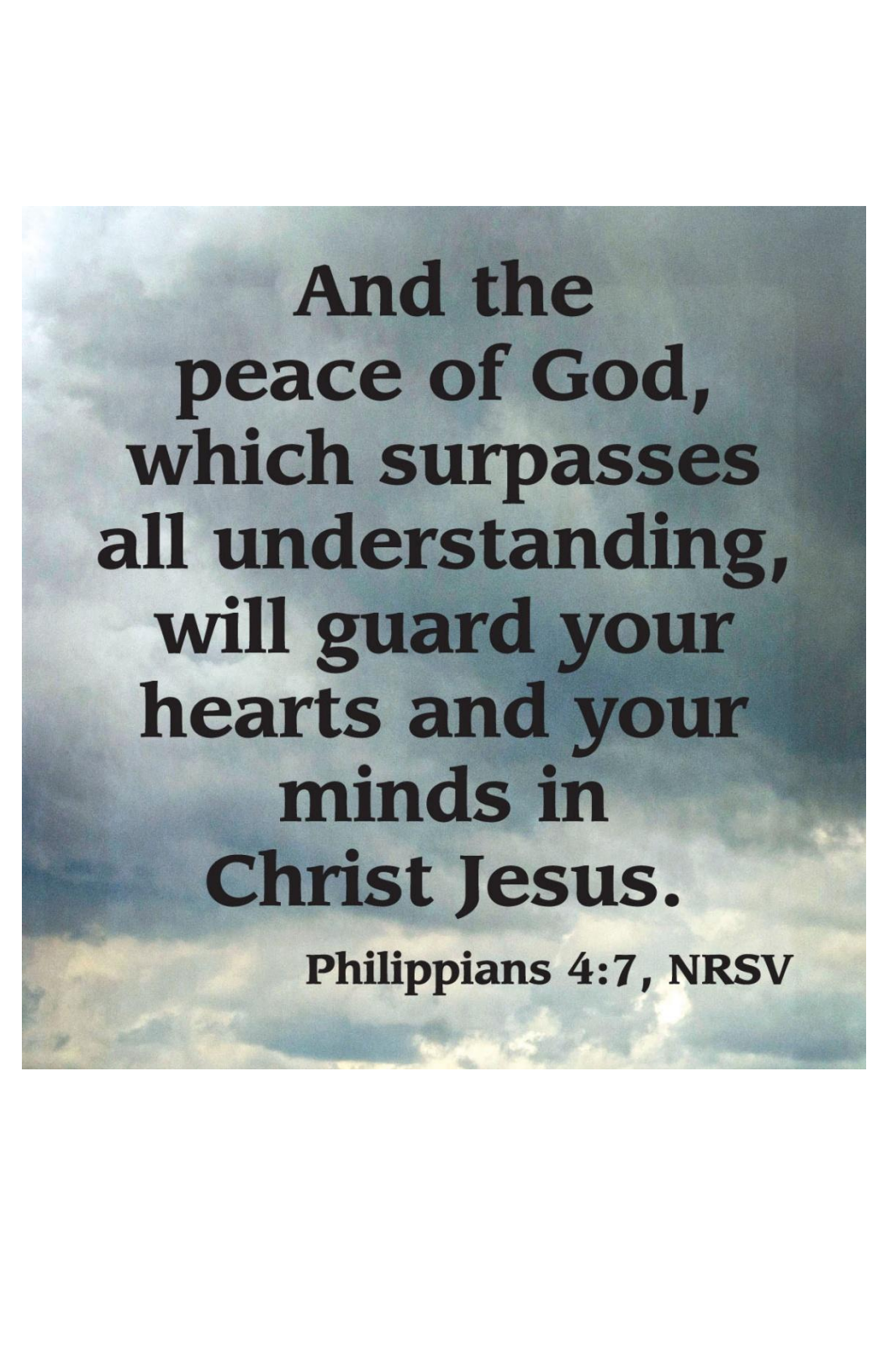




**And the
peace of God,
which surpasses
all understanding,
will guard your
hearts and your
minds in
Christ Jesus.**

Philippians 4:7, NRSV



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Worship Service – 10:00

October 11, 2026, 20th Sunday after Pentecost

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Sovereign God, as you bring us together this morning, quiet our hearts and minds and raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image this week; created for you, let us act for your glory in all we do; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME

We count it a privilege to receive guests into our worship service. The ministry of Bethlehem Lutheran Church exists to bring glory to God and to serve you. We hope you sense that Jesus is at the heart of all we do.

If you are a guest, and would like more information about our ministries, please call the church office at 482-3225.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bethlehem Lutheran is a praying church; this is one of our Faith Practices/Marks of Discipleship. A white card is provided in the pew rack for requesting petitions of concern or thanksgiving to be included in the prayers of the congregation. Fill out the card and hand it to an usher during the Hymn of the Day. If you would like the person named on the card to be notified about the prayer offered on their behalf, please include an address on the card.

If you would like your concern to be prayed for every day this week, please fill out a blue card, place it in the basket in our prayer corner, or hand it to an usher to bring forward.

Silencing cell phones and handheld devices and keeping conversation to a minimum during worship is appreciated.

PARISH NOTES

TODAY IS MISSION SUNDAY Gifts received in a special mission offering will be given to the Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministry at the Pine Ridge Retreat Center in South Dakota.

MOBLIE FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION Wednesday, October 14 is our next food distribution. Please sign up in the Social Hall. Many helping hands are needed. Thank you for signing up to help!

WE CELEBRATE THE FESTIVAL OF REFORMATION

Don't forget to wear Red! The official day of the Reformation is October 25, 2026. Red is a liturgical color reserved for special days (Pentecost, etc.), and for Martyrs' Days. **Reformation Sunday** is one of those special days. The focus of Reformation Sunday is not on Martin Luther, but rather on justification by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. That is the heritage of the Reformation, because that is the heart of the Bible and the Church.

CHURCH CLEAN-UP On Saturday October 24 we will meet at 9 a.m. to tidy up the outside of the building and surrounding area. Bring your gloves, rakes, etc.... Thank you, Board of Buildings & Grounds.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY November 1st is “All Saints Sunday”, we will remember the great cloud of witnesses that have gone before us in the faith. If you are grieving the loss of a friend or family member, from the past 12 months, we would like to remember them during the worship service. Call the church office by Monday, October 26, to include their name in worship.

LYONS ELEMENTARY CLOTHING PROJECT 2026-27 With the support of the Board of Outreach, I am excited to announce the winter clothing collection for Lyons Elementary School! New item on the list is “Tennis shoes” for gym class. Shoes for gym class need to be “actual” **tennis shoes**, not any other type of shoe. They can only join in activities if they are wearing proper gym shoes because of safety, otherwise they have to set out. Thank you, Cindy Marsh. **Here is what the school needs this year:**
Waterproof gloves - preferably not pink or purple (**need to be new**)
Snow pants, sizes 6 -12 - preferably not pink or purple (can be new or gently used)
Winter coats for girls and boys, sizes 6 -14 (can be new or gently used)
Tennis shoes, kids' sizes 12, 13, and 1- 4 (can be new or gently used) for gym class
Winter outdoor boots, kids' sizes 12, 13, and 1- 4 (can be new or gently used)
Girls' sweats or stretchy pants, sizes 6 -10 (gently used is best or new)
Boys' sweats, sizes 6 -10 (gently used is best or new)

A collection area will be set up at church in early November, so watch for announcements about where/when that will be ready.

KIDS ACTIVITY NIGHT Things to donate for kids night: fruit (whole or cut), snackable veggies, drink mixes-lemonade/fruit punch, hot dogs/buns, disposable plates/bowls, disposable silverware (esp. spoons), paper napkins, a kid-friendly meal (serving about 20; see Shannon or Eliot for scheduling as we have generous assistance already), please no chips or candy, a <\$5 unisex toy (e.g. a squishy) for good behavior drawing prize. Most of all, we appreciate people donating their time! It is enormously helpful to have grown-ups around to supervise and engage with our kids. Come to play basketball, Uno, or trucks with 'em! Just be a welcoming presence. It doesn't have to be a weekly commitment; all are welcome whenever they want to.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY We will meet on Thursdays at 3:30 in the library. The sessions are intended to last for an hour, but it's not unusual to run overtime. However no one seems to mind. No tests, no required homework, no attendance taken, no obligations, just men together, seeking answers and understanding as we travel along through scripture. Questions? Contact Jack Midgley.

SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY All are welcome for Sunday Night Bible Study on the First and Third Sundays of every month at 7:00 pm. We will meet in the library. Our focus will be on the readings for that Sunday, and the sermon reflection questions... And whatever else might be on our minds. Please join us when you can!

COMMUNION CARDS Please fill out a communion card from the pew rack before you come forward to receive communion. Keeping track of who has attended worship allows us to provide better pastoral care for our members.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Please join us on Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. for Sunday School, to learn about the love of Jesus.

LIVING LUTHERAN MAGAZINE Check out The Living Lutheran Fall Edition on the Welcome Table.

HANDBELL DIRECTOR The church is looking for a director for the Handbell Choir. If you or someone you know might be interested, please let Tim Nelson or Susan Mahoney know.

WEDDING COMMITTEE Assistants needed! We are looking for ladies who would like to help with our weddings. We need ladies who are committed to assist during rehearsal time for a couple of hours and to assist during the wedding for several hours. Two or three assistants help with a wedding a few times a year. Thank you for your consideration in joining our Wedding Committee! For questions, see Audrey Olson or Sue Christiansen.

Thoughts for the Week

Though the fig tree doesn't bloom, and there's no produce on the vine;
though the olive crop withers, and the fields don't produce food;
though the sheep are cut off from the pen, and there are no cattle in
the stalls; I will rejoice in the Lord. I will rejoice in the God of my
deliverance. The Lord is my strength. He will set my feet like the deer.
He will let me walk upon the heights. -
Habakkuk 3:17-19

In the Bible, "shalom" translates most fundamentally as wholeness,
completeness, and soundness, stretching far beyond the English
concept of mere "peace" or the absence of conflict.

ATTENDANCE Worship Attendance: 10/04/26, 62 in-person, with 32
views on YouTube with an average viewing duration of 34:10, 16 peak
concurrent viewers for the live worship and the recorded service.

STEWARDSHIP NUGGET *From now on, brothers and sisters, if
anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on
these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure,
all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise.* - Philippians 4:8.
A vital aspect of faithful stewardship is directing your thoughts and
emotions towards what is Godly, true and beautiful.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME On November 1st, 2026, set your clocks
back one hour for daylight savings time, so you won't be late for church.
please speak to Eliot Nutt or Shannon Nobles. Thank you.

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

GUEST PASTOR – Rev. John Schleicher

ASSISTING MINISTER – Bob Meeker

GREETERS – Sherry Bass-Pohl, Don Telles

USHERS – Ron Miller, David Westover, Donna TenHave, Dale Meyer

ACOLYTE – Sabrina Prowdley

LAY READER – Joe Shreffler

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Jim & Liisa Whitman

ALTAR GUILD – Eliot Nutt, Carrie Rice

Our Thoughts &
Prayers
are with...



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS and with your cards and visits:

*Marilyn Bass-Huyser, Independence Village, Grand Ledge
Virginia Bauman, 5214 Evergreen Ridge Dr. Cincinnati, OH
John Nelson, Grand Haven Living Center-Senior Care in Lansing
Betty Strother, Independence Village, East Lansing
Joe Skidmore, 475 Jacks Canyon Road, Apt. 229, Sedona, AZ
Julie Clark, Burcham Hills Residential, East Lansing*

Those at home: *Kaye Alden, John Bartel, Tosha Brisbo, Ron Clark
Crystal Collins, Keith Ferguson, Tom Finn, Carl Gallagher
Nancy Jackson, Bruce Large, Michael Mahoney
Linda McClellan, Mark Nelson, Don Olson, Tharin Palmer
Bob & Gloria Robbins, Sandy Rollis, Connie Scott, Dana Stevens
Ken Teter, Betty VanConant, Cheryl VanPatten*

If you, as a member, would like to be included on this list or removed from it, please call the church office.

MISSION PARTNERS Pray for the people and ministry at Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Pray for the Baker/Donora Neighborhood Association.

THOSE WHO SERVE Please pray for those who are on active duty in the United States Military Services:

Chris Browne – U.S. Air Force (Member of the Kern family)
Isaiah Castellanos – U.S. Army (Margo Devine's great nephew)
Andrew Devine – U.S. National Guard (Margo Devine's nephew)
Anthony Erb – U.S. Army (family of Mary Jakubiak)
Carson Kosloski – U.S. Marines (Jeff Kosloski's great nephew)
Joshua Kosloski – U.S. Army (Laura Halbakken's cousin)
Christopher Morgan – U.S. Marines (friend of The Darling family)
Ben Painter – U.S. Air Force (Laura Halbakken's cousin)
Ryan Schiffner – U.S. Air Force (Rick & Jean Peckham's nephew)
Nicholas "Leo" Snow – U.S. Navy (cousin of Ferguson & Snider families)
Dayton Tucker – U.S. Marines (Friend of the Devine family)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Larry Bauman, husband of Virginia Bauman, who died October 5, 2026. May God comfort those who mourn with the promise of eternal life for all those who trust and believe in Jesus Christ.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR If you wish to sponsor Altar flowers, sign your name on the flower chart in the lobby for the Sunday you wish to sponsor flowers. Include: memory of, honor of, celebration of. Thank you.

PORTALS OF PRAYER **October - December 2026** booklets are available on the Welcome Table in the lobby. If you would like a copy, call the church office, 482-3225, and we will send you one.

PRAYER PARTNERS Each Sunday we pray for a congregation in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod to offer our support and to emphasize the ministry that we share. This week we pray for St. Paul Lutheran Church in Alpena, Michigan, Supply Pastors.

ONLINE GIVING Did you know that you can contribute via our website and not create an account? Clicking on the online giving link and filling out the donation form is all you need to do to make an online contribution. If you would like to create an account, go to the 'Printables' page on the BELC website for instructions. **Scan this QR Code by putting your cell phone camera up to the code and follow the link to give electronically to Bethlehem.**



THOSE WHO SERVE IN OUR WORSHIP

GUEST PASTOR – Rev. John Burow

ORGANIST – James Schippers

CHOIR DIRECTOR – Sue Nelson

PRAISE TEAM COORDINATORS – Debbie Simmons, Laura Halbakken

ASSISTING MINISTER – Don Telles

GREETERS – Dorothy Martin, Peggy Teter

USHERS – Ralph Sergeant, Ron Miller

LAY READER – Peggy Teter

ACOLYTE – Adreanna Fernandez

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Vicki Schreur, Christina Raia

ALTAR GUILD – Leah Henrys, Donna TenHave

A/V PRODUCTION – David Holderread, Jon Holderread, Kevin Meeker, Kevin Peckham, Marvin White, David Westover

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, Oct. 11	8:45a	Sunday School
<i>Mission Sunday</i>	10:00a	Worship – Holy Communion
<i>Rev. John Burow</i>		
MONDAY		Columbus/Indigenous Day (office closed)
	10:00a	Larry Bauman Visitation & Funeral
	6:30p	Board of Stewardship & Finance
TUESDAY	5:30p	Board of Worship Life
	6:30p	Handbell Choir
	7:30p	Senior Choir
WEDNESDAY	10:00a	Capital Area Baby Café
	1:00p	Mobile Food Pantry Dist.
	5:30p	Kids Night
	6:30p	Harmony Circle
	6:30p	Board of Buildings & Grounds
	6:30p	Moore's River Condo Assoc. meeting
THURSDAY	3:30p	Men's Bible Study – Library
	6:30p	Congregation Council meets
FRIDAY		church office closed (Tracy off)
	7:00p	N.A. meets
SUNDAY, Oct. 18	8:45a	Sunday School
<i>Rev. John Schleicher</i>	10:00a	Worship – Holy Communion
	7:00a	Sunday Night Bible Study

***Baptismal Blessings* for the life of faith**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

- ✦ *to live among God's faithful people,*
- ✦ *to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,*
- ✦ *to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,*
- ✦ *to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,*
- ✦ *and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?*

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.¹

¹*Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Affirmation of Baptism, Page 237.*