

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
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November 16, 2008 ~ 9:30 am
Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE Amos
O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Duane Werner - organist

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION P. 77

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN #460
I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus

APOSTOLIC GREETING P. 78

KYRIE P. 78

HYMN OF PRAISE "This is the feast..." P. 81

PRAYER OF THE DAY P. 82

FIRST LESSON Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18

PSALM 90: 1-8 [9-11] 12

ANTHEM *A Heart to Love You More* Pethel
Senior Choir
Lisa Gawlik - Director

SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

VERSE "Alleluia..." P. 83

GOSPEL Matthew 25: 14-30

SERMON Rev. Rodney A. Juell, STS

HYMN OF THE DAY (WOV) #710
One Bread, One Body

APOSTLE'S CREED P. 85

PRAYERS P. 85

PEACE P. 86

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Trio* Boyvin

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Let the vineyards..." P. 86

PRAYER P. 87

GREAT THANSGIVING P. 88

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY P. 89

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LAMB OF GOD P. 92

POST COMMUNION BLESSING P. 92

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE P. 92

POST COMMUNION PRAYER P. 94

CLOSING HYMN (WOV) #752
I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)

BENEDICTION P. 95

DISMISSAL P. 95

POSTLUDE *O God, Thou Faithful God* J.S. Bach



WELCOME

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope - word, water, bread and wine - eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

Visitors, please take a moment to sign our guest register, in the Narthex, at the conclusion of our service. All who commune are reminded to complete a registration card.

FLOWERS

The flowers on the reredos today are in loving memory of Pat Griffin, given by her husband Marvin.

ASSISTING TODAY:

Lay Assistant: Sheryl Hudson
Lector: John Lavelle
Acolyte: Sam Olson

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD:

Attendance last Sunday: 75 adults + 11 children = 86

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Weekly Envelopes	\$ 2020.00
Synod Benevolence	40.00
Major Repair escrow	20.00
Mission Committee	20.00
Thanksgiving	50.00
Social Ministry	20.00
<i>The Lutheran</i>	23.65

HOSPITALIZED AND PASTORAL CARE

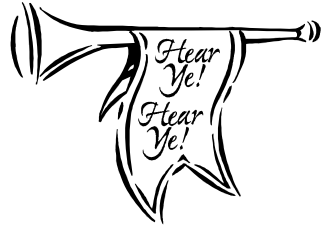
If you know of someone from Bethlehem who is hospitalized, or needs pastoral care, please call the church office (815-726-4461) or call Pastor Juell at home (815-741-2734).

**WORSHIP
NEXT
SUNDAY**

Christ the King Sunday
8:30 am - Senior Choir
- Sunday School Music
8:45 am - Education Hour
9:30 am - Worship Service with
Holy Communion

"Well done,
good and faithful
servant!"
Matthew 25:21, NIV





THIS WEEK:

Friday - NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



CHRISTMAS TREE TRIMMING

We will be decorating the church for the holiday on Sunday, November 23. All are invited to join in the fun! The more, the merrier! A light lunch will be served.



Salvation Army Bellringers

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF BETHLEHEM are being asked to ring bells for the Salvation Army on Saturday, December 6. We will be ringing at Jewel-Osco and at Walgreen's. Both are located at Rte. 30 and Nelson Rd in New Lenox. Hopefully you can donate one hour of time to this worthy cause. Please see Marlene

Lewis for the sign-up sheet or give her a call at 815-722-6177. Thanks!

I will be out of the office for the Thanksgiving holiday, November 26-28. If anyone can help out by coming in to answer the phone, get the mail, or the flower delivery, please call the church office (815-726-4461) so I can put you on the schedule. Thank you so much for the help. - Dana



WE HAVE TWO OPENINGS available for Altar flowers. If you are interested in placing flowers on the reredos on Sunday, November 30, or Sunday, December 7, please contact the church office (815-726-4461) or Eleanor Wrath (815-436-3428).

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Concordia University Chicago will present its Annual *Service of Lessons and Carols* Saturday, Dec. 6 at 7pm and Sunday, Dec. 7 at 4pm and 7pm in the Chapel of Our Lord (7400 Augusta St, River Forest, IL).

This service, which includes Scripture, choral music, and congregational singing, has become a traditional part of the Christmas preparation for hundreds of people in the Chicago area. (*Freewill offering supporting the Music Department*)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a meeting of the congregation in the chapel after the worship service on Sunday, November 30, 2008. The purpose of the meeting is to consider, discuss and approve the temporary use of our sanctuary, after our worship services, during the months of August and September 2009 by the Prayer Tower Church of God.