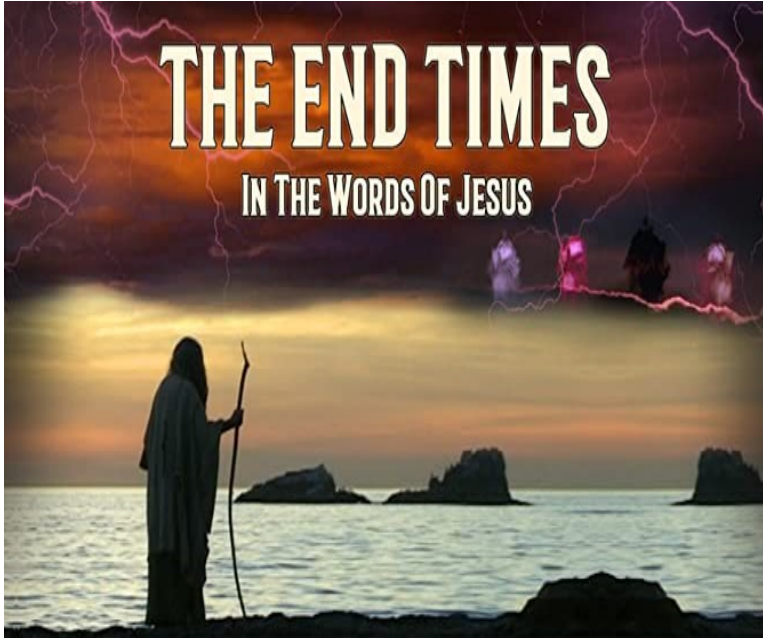


Welcome to Bethania Lutheran Kirke



Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 2022

10:30 a.m.

BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:

<http://www.bethanialutheran.org/bulletins/>

Thank you for worshipping with us today, in an effort to keep everyone safe:

1. Masks are Optional

2. The offering plate will be at the door of the sanctuary.
3. Worshippers are to take bulletins home with them or deposit in recycle bin near the narthex doors.
4. Communion will be by intinction. Dipping the wafer into the wine filled chalice. Grape juice and Covid cups will be available for those who request them.
5. Use of Hand sanitizer is required when entering and leaving the sanctuary.

Prayer List

Heather Joshi, Dan Cruz,
Ann Marie, Pat & Pete Nelson,
Doug & Marianne, Jeff & Sue O.,
Brad, Bonnie Jensen, Kim Flock, Terri Jones, Sam
Molina, Eileen, Tom Thornton, Kim Drasen,
Eli Imhoff, Austin Imhoff, Forest, Kyle, Bob, Bob,
Evian, John, Lily Nemath.



TODAYS WORSHIP LEADERS:

Pastor: Vicar Debbie Hartfield

Communion Assistant: OPEN

Lector: Anita Neilsen

Acolyte: Brooke McIntosh

Coffee Hour: Anita Neilsen

Altar Flowers: Ed & Jacci Young

Building Host: Aldersons

	November 20	November 27	December 4	December 11
Worship Leader	Pastor Allison Johnson	Pastor Chad Kline	Cathi & Cait Webster	Pastor Kara Baylor
Communion Assistant				
Lector		Brad Larsen	Anne Woodward	
Acolyte	Aaron Kechter	Dominic Shawhan	Eli Imhoff	Brooke McIntosh
Coffee Hour				
Altar Flowers				
Building Host	Brad Larsen	John Barnes	Ed Young	Kelly Imhoff

**Order of Worship
for
Sunday, November 13, 2022**

"Despite its language and imagery of destruction, Luke 21:5-19 is ultimately a passage grounded in hope -- in the hope that God remains present in the world and in one's life even when things have gotten so bad that it feels like the world is closing in on us." Gilberto Ruiz

How might we testify to this hope?

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

GATHERING

(Please rise and face the back of the church)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 12)

P: Come people of God; come and celebrate
God's gift of salvation.

**C: We come without fear.
We come trusting in God.**

P: Come people of God; hear God's promises
and witness God's mighty deeds.

**C: In hearing the promises,
in witnessing the mighty deeds of God,
we are strengthened for all that lies ahead.**

P: Come, let us worship and praise God
by shouting aloud and singing for joy,
for God truly is in our midst.

PROCESSIONAL & GATHERING HYMN -

"Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow"

#327

Lutheran Book of Worship –Green Hymnal

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who redeems us in Christ Jesus,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you
and our neighbors.**

**We have ignored voices
that call for your justice.**

**We have neglected actions
that witness to your righteousness.**

**We have spoken and acted
in ways that disrupt your beloved community.**

**We truly repent of things we have done
and left undone.**

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Restore our troubled spirits,
so that we may live in newness,
follow the way of the Spirit,
and build up the body of Christ.**

Amen.

P: Rejoice and be glad!

God hears the prayers of all who cry out,
and restores us to life through the death
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

WORD

OUR FIRST LESSON is from the book of Malachi, chapter 4, verses 1 through 2a.

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that "the day is coming." On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who honor God.

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PLEASE READ RESPONSIVELY - PSALM 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge
the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity

OUR SECOND LESSON is from the book of 2 Thessalonians chapter 3, verses 6 through 13.

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

L: This is the Spirit speaking to the church.

C: Thanks be to God!

(Please rise)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ACS# 972

Refrain
Leader

All

Lis - ten now for the gos - pel! Al - le - lu - ia! It is

God's word that chang - es us! Al - le - lu - ia!

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 21st chapter.
C: Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

(Please be seated)

MESSAGE

Vicar Debbie Hartfield

(Please rise)

HYMN OF THE DAY - "Lost In The Night"

#394

Lutheran Book of Worship –Green Hymnal

RESPONSE TO THE WORD (Isaiah 65, Luke 21)

P: For these words of challenge and of hope,
we give you thanks and praise.
May they enable us to lead lives
that embody both challenge and hope,
bound together by your love.

C: AMEN

PRAYER SONG

(ELW #178)



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

PRAYERS

P: United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

P: Reviving God, keep your church active in its mission and ministry. Encourage bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders to risk boldly in their proclamation and fill them with wisdom and endurance for challenging times. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Renewing God, as the northern hemisphere prepares for winter, make us mindful of the ordered beauty of your creation. Teach us to treasure cycles of rest and new life. Help us care for what you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Loving God, accompany all who make sacrifices for the sake of others. Safeguard first responders and active duty military personnel. Grant peace to veterans and heal any wounds in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Healing God, your people cry out to you. Sustain doctors, nurses, and hospital personnel in their tireless work. Uphold mental health professionals and those in their care. May the sun of righteousness rise on all who are sick (*especially*).

Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Uniting God, unite this assembly in its shared mission and ministry for the sake of the gospel (*specific ministries or initiatives may be named*). Highlight ways we can better work together and give us patience to work through disagreement. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Consoling God, abide with all who grieve for loved ones who have died (*especially*). Comfort us with the promise of resurrection and new life with you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYER SONG (repeated)

(ELW #178)



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

Because of Covid the offering is collected at the center door before worship and will be brought down the center aisle during the repeated prayer song.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray,

Blessed are you, Maker of all things.

As you have entrusted us with all that you have created,

now gather our gifts,

nourish us with this sacrament,

and send us to those who hunger and thirst,

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen

P: Let us join together in the prayer that our Lord taught us to pray:

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.**

BLESSING

P: The God of peace,
who creates all things and calls them good,
who makes us alive in Jesus,
and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,
✝ bless you now and forever.

C: AMEN!

SENDING HYMN - “How Firm A Foundation”

#507

Lutheran Book of Worship –Green Hymnal

RECESSIONAL

A: We follow the cross of Christ into the world.

(Congregation turns as the cross passes them—so they are facing the back of the church)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

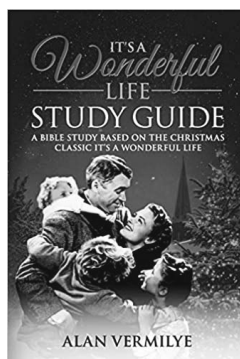


THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY ARE TO THE
GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF OUR
MOTHERS, GLORIA THORNTON AND
LOUISE WISHEAU BY ED & JACCI YOUNG

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Beginning November 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

It's a Wonderful Life Study Guide examines this beloved holiday classic and reminds us how easily we can become distracted from what is truly meaningful in life. A five-week Bible study



There's no better time than at Christmas to be reminded that every human life has value and that true wealth, spiritual wealth, comes from a right relationship with God and selfless love toward others. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the Hearth Room.

Paperback book \$12.99 /

Kindle for \$5.99

NOTE: There will be No Bible STUDY on November 23 due to Thanksgiving.



Please join us
Sunday,
November 20, 2022
To celebrate the
confirmation of:

Ryan Hagerman
Olivia Imhoff
Natalie Shawhan

9:30 am Cake Reception
in the Hearth Room

10:30 am Confirmation
Worship



If you have anyone you would like to have added to the prayer chain **please contact Kelly Imhoff at 262-554-1558 or by email: bethaniaprayer-chain@wi.twcbc.com**

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Please consider hosting coffee hour. The coffee will be started by the building opener. Treats maybe store bought or homemade.

Sign up sheet is in the hearth room on the coffee table.

Cans FOR K-9's

We are still collecting aluminum cans to help support the Racine County K-9 program.



Remember the food pantry. Suggested items: Canned dinners, Peanut butter, toilet paper, hygiene items, soup, and pastas.



Oct. 9th canned vegetables

Oct. 16th canned fruit

Oct. 23th canned gravy

Oct 30th Mac' N cheese

Nov. 6th Peanut butter & Jelly

Nov. 13th box of instant potatoes or 5# bag of potatoes

We will also be accepting monetary donations that will be used to purchase grocery store gift cards which will be attached to each basket. Thank you in advance for continuing to make Thanksgiving special for families who are less fortunate. If anyone knows of a family that could benefit from a Thanksgiving Basket, please make the church office aware.



COOPERATIVE CONFIRMATION **CLASSES**



November 20, 12:30 to 2:30

at United Lutheran Church, 3825 Erie Street

December 18, 12:30 - 2:30

At Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2417 Drexel Avenue

Watch bulletins and Blades for more information and classes

Help Us Decorate Our Church For Christmas...

With Red Poinsettias in Gold foil for \$12.00 each. We will decorate the church for Christmas Eve with the poinsettias that are ordered and then you may pick up your poinsettia after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service or leave it for a shut in. **ORDERS DUE BY: NOVEMBER 27.** Please make checks payable to **Bethania Lutheran Church.** Any questions contact Cathi Webster.

_____ Poinsettias x \$12.00 = _____

In Memory
of: _____

In Honor of:

By: _____

_____ I will take my plant on Christmas Eve.

_____ I will leave my plant for a shut in.



BETHANIA HOSTS COMMUNITY MEAL ON SUNDAY December 4, 2022

We need your help in supplying a meal for Community meal with donations of lunch chips, fruit cups, prepackaged desserts, juice boxes or money towards these items. Volunteers also needed.

Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the hearth room.

Blue Christmas

*Honor your
loss*

*...embrace
God's hope*

For those of us experiencing loneliness, sadness and loss, the Christmas season can be difficult—we can feel singled out by the programmed happiness of “the most wonderful time of the year.” But we are not alone. Many people experience at least some sadness and loss in this season. All of us have experienced loss. Please join us in a simple worship of song, readings and a reflection of God's hope for us and presence with us in feeling what we feel. All are welcome!

A worship service of remembrance and hope

Sunday, December 4, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.

Bethania Lutheran Church + 4120 Wright Ave. + Racine WI

Sunday, November 13, 2022 -

9:30 a.m. – COFFEE HOUR

10:30 a.m. -Worship In Person & on Facebook Live

Monday, November 14, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 242 - F.H.

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

7:00 p.m. - Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.-Office Open

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thread By Thread OPEN

6:00 p.m. - Advent Bible Study, Hearth room.

Thursday, November 17, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Friday, November 18, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Sunday, November 20, 2022 -

9:30 a.m. – COFFEE HOUR/ Confirmation reception

10:30 a.m. -Worship In Person & on Facebook Live