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Sunday, November 2, 2025

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader: Rev. Randy Koppenhaver

Musician: Kathy Bowe

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***= Please rise in body or spirit**

CENTERING BREATH PRAYER: as you inhale, say the first part of the prayer to yourself, and say the second part as you exhale. Repeat 5x

Glory for all God's faithful ones :: Praise the Lord!

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #557 v. 1 "I Just Came to Praise the Lord"

I just came to praise the Lord, I just came to praise the Lo—rd

I just came to praise his Ho--ly Name, I just came to praise the Lord

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Deep and Wide"

Sunday School

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

They shall mount up with wings as eagles;

They shall run and not be weary;

They shall walk and not faint.

In the company of all God's saints and pilgrims, come and worship.

We come with prayer and praise to find our strength renewed!

*OPENING PRAYER:

Ancient of days, God of our everyday lives, we praise you for your guidance and care in every generation, and for the example of those who have gone before us, who taught us your name and brought us to faith. In the great mystery of your love, we know these saints gather to praise and adore you for your wisdom that instructs, your grace that redeems, your Spirit who guides us, and for the comfort and hope we claim in the knowledge that neither death nor life can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

TOTEN FEST: ALL SAINTS DAY LITANY

We remember the great ancestors of our faith,
from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:

Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

We remember the prophets and priests,
the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles,
those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

Family of our faith, we remember you.

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren,
brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents
whose lives ended too soon:

Those close in our heart, we remember you.

We lift up to You, O God,
the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives,
knowing that they are with Your heart forever.

As we read these names, we will pause after every name
to remember, pray, and give thanks for their life.

(At this time, the names of the ones who passed during the past year will be read, followed by a chime. After the chime, the family may come forward and light a candle in their honor.

Following the reading of the last name, a general invitation will be made for anyone to come forward to light a candle in memory of a loved one. Please do not crowd the table. Wait until the family before you has finished.)

Will T. Mathes
Jeanette Wriedt

9/2/2025
10/4/2025

We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God,
and lift up many more names in our hearts.

**Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you.
We know you are with us in the spirit of worship,
and you will not be forgotten.**

We give thanks, O God,
for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life.
We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ,
and know that in our grief and celebration, O God,
**You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone.
In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray.
Amen.** (Written by— Rev. Mindi, on her [Rev-o-lution](#) website.)

*HYMN #500 vs. 1, 2, 4, 8

“For All The Saints”

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE:

**Gracious God, you have been faithful to us in every generation.
Yet we confess that we are not so faithful to you.
We shrink from costly discipleship and we seek cheap grace.
Forgive our fleeting enthusiasms and our shallow commitments.
And guide us always with the love and mercy we witness in Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen. *Time of silent reflection...***

WORDS OF GRACE

Dear friends, while it is true that we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are
forgiven through God’s love in Jesus Christ.

We will be at peace with God, with ourselves, and with one another. Amen.

*RESPONSE #565 v. 1

“Blessed be the Name of the Lord”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 149

¹ Praise the Lord.^[a]

Sing to the Lord a new song,

his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

² Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;
let the people of Zion be glad in their King.
³ Let them praise his name with dancing
and make music to him with timbrel and harp.
⁴ **For the Lord takes delight in his people;
he crowns the humble with victory.**
⁵ Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor
and sing for joy on their beds.
⁶ **May the praise of God be in their mouths
and a double-edged sword in their hands,**
⁷ to inflict vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,
⁸ **to bind their kings with fetters,
their nobles with shackles of iron,**
⁹ to carry out the sentence written against them—
this is the glory of all his faithful people.

Praise the Lord.

Luke 6:20-31 (NIV)

²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

²³ “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven.
For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.

²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷ “But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes

your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

*HYMN #505

“Faith of our Fathers”

HOLY COMMUNION

(God's table is open to ALL, regardless of affiliation or membership. Please hold the elements until all have been served and we will partake together. All bread is gluten free. The inner circles are grape juice, the outer rings are wine.)

God be with you.
Lift up your hearts
Give thanks to God.

**And also with you
We lift them up to God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

PREFACE

We remember all who have gone before us ...

...We join them and all the angels and saints of heaven in the hymn of unending praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!

Hosanna in the Highest!

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION/REMEMBRANCE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

BREAKING AND POURING

THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

THE DISTRIBUTION

THE BLESSING

One: May the presence of Christ, Body and Spirit, keep and preserve you to everlasting life.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Let us pray.

All: Thank you most Holy God, for meeting us in this simple meal. May your presence within us ripple beyond us, ever expanding, until the day when you gather all your saints from the four winds to share in your eternal banquet. In all our words and actions may your name be praised now and forevermore. Amen.

*COMMUNION RESPONSE #525 Refrain only “One Bread, One Body”

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER...THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE

**Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him.**

**Open our ears Lord
And help us to listen,
Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus.**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY At Bethlehem United Church of Christ, we collect TWO offerings each Sunday. Our regular operational offering is collected in the wooden plate. In the metal cans, we collect loose change and small bills for a monthly designated benevolent collection. November's Jingle Change supports The Sunday School's community Christmas project.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

“Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ,

His Son (2 times)

And now...

let the weak say, “I am strong”

Let the poor say, “I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done

for us” (2 times)

Give thanks... (2 times)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God, you are faithful and fruitful in every generation. Bless our gifts and make them fruitful beyond our imagining in the work of your kingdom. Keep us faithful in this generation so we can offer the inheritance we have received in Christ to the generation that comes after us. Amen.

***CLOSING SONG “Go Now in Peace”**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of ev’ry day.

Go now in faith. Steadfast strong and true.

Know he will guide you, in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. A-men, A-men, A-men.

BENEDICTION/COMMISSIONING

POSTLUDE

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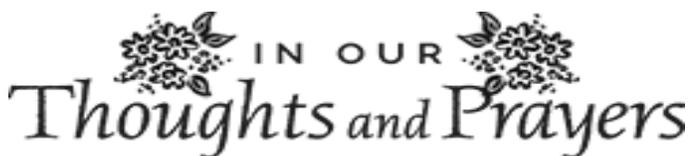
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Bethlehem Ladies will be taking Poinsettia orders. We have single, double and triple red or white poinsettia available. Order deadline is Sunday, November 30th, 2025. Sign up sheet in the fellow ship hall. Please make check payable to Ginny Schultz.

- Bethlehem family and friends can help provide **Thanksgiving Dinner for the Immanuel Food Pantry Clients**. The following items are needed to fill the Thanksgiving Dinner bags: 35 Boxes of Mashed Potatoes, 37 Jars of Turkey Gravy, 40 Boxes of Jello, 4 Boxes of Stuffing, 40 Bags of Marshmallows, 40 Cans of Cream of Mushroom Soup, 80 Cans of Green Beans, 80 Cans of Corn, 30 Cans of Cranberry Sauce, 40 Cans of French Fried Onions, 39 Cans of Yams, and 40 Cans of Pie Filling (Apple or Pumpkin). Please bring your donations by November 16th.
- **ADULT MISSION TRIP 2026!**
The area UCC churches met last week and have scheduled our spring mission trip from March 22-28, 2026. We will be traveling to Pikeville, KY to help with damage caused by floods. If you are interested in joining the group, please let Pastor Randy know. Our next meeting is 11/2 – 6pm at Bethlehem.
- **RCF YOUTH FRIENDSGIVING!!!** All high school-aged youth (Grades 9-12) are invited to St. Peter's UCC on Sunday, Nov. 23rd from 4pm-6pm. Bring a game and snack to share. Bring a friend! (see flyer)
- **Thanksgiving Eve!** Wednesday, Nov. 26 we will be joining with St. John's UCC (NH) and Gloria Dei Lutheran for worship. The service will include communion and be held at Gloria Dei (N1230 7 Corners Rd, New Holstein). Everyone is invited to a light supper at "Gloria's Meals" beginning at 5pm - Worship at 6:30pm. Pie and coffee (decaf) to follow worship. We are seeking any members who may be willing to serve as readers, ushers, or communion assistants. Please see Pastor Randy if you'd like to help by Nov 2.

Community Announcements – See flyers in fellowship hall for details.

- Saturday, Nov. 8 – **Fall Fare** – 9am-2pm – Craft sale, silent auction, bake sale, soup to go – First Congregational UCC, Plymouth
- Sunday, Nov. 9 – 10am – **Mission Fest** – St. Marks UCC, Cleveland
- **Kiel Municipal Band Scholarship Concert**
Celebrate music and mentorship at the Kiel Performing Arts Center on Friday, Nov. 14 at 7 PM! This grand finale of the Friends of Kiel Performing Arts 2025 Series supports the Edgar P. Thiessen Scholarship, helping local high school seniors pursue their dreams. Tickets at www.cur8.com (search "Kiel"). Let's pack the house with heart and harmony!



Joys:

The birth of Ryland Everson Rugowski – Parents: McKenna (Mueller) and Daniel Rugowski

Those Grieving:

The Family of Jeanette Wriedt
The Family of Will Mathes

Those struggling with health issues:

Louie Bowe	Dawson Horneck
Heidi Konen	Darlene Horneck
Brad Westphalen	Jessica Horneck
Sofia	Melissa
Hubert	Larry
John (Friend of Schlegel's)	Dana
Chase Goekes	Lynn
Mark	Darya
Molly	

Those unable to worship with us:

Merlin Ninmer Helen Henning

This Week at Bethlehem:

Sunday 11/2: 8:00am Sunday School; 9:30am All Saints Sunday Worship w/ Communion; 6pm Mission Trip planning Mtg @ BUCC; *Happy Birthday Carolyn Riesterer!*

Monday 11/3:

Tuesday 11/4: *Happy Anniversary Steve & Jennifer Deignan!!*

Wednesday 11/5: 6pm Confirmation Class;

Thursday 11/6:

Friday 11/7:

Saturday 11/8: *Happy Birthday Ryan Arnold!*

Sunday 11/9: 8:00am Sunday School; 9:30am Sunday Worship

November Panty Item: Box of Cake Mix or Frosting

