



## **90 Days of Prayers: Part 2**

**For God's Blessing on Our Congregation  
and Our Capital Campaign**

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

**September 29 – December 27, 2019**

# 90 Days of Prayer

This booklet is an encouragement to pray, but specifically to pray for Bethlehem. I do pray for people in the church, but often my prayers become focused on my family, my needs, my friends. There's great benefit in taking the time to pray for the whole church. These prayers will help you do that. Especially since each Sunday we pray the same prayer, that points to our capital campaign theme "Set free to build up the family of Christ."

This booklet is a bit different than the first. Many of the prayers were written by members of our congregation- people you know! Our elders, prayer team, staff, youth, and more all contributed. They were written specifically for you, to pray.

If you make it through this whole booklet with just a short prayer a day maybe with family or in the car before work- you will have picked up a habit that may last for a life time. Please don't stop on the day's prayer at the word "Amen" but add your own prayers as well. The important part isn't to just make requests or read this book- it's the time to talk with our Heavenly Father, stopping to acknowledge Him, speak to, and hear from Him.

If you want extra booklets you can pick them up in the narthex.

Blessed time with God,

Eric Oswald DCE

My heart for very joy must leap,  
My lips no more can silence keep,  
I too must sing, with joyful tongue,  
That sweetest ancient song,

Glory to God in highest heaven,  
Who unto man His Son has given  
While angels sing with pious mirth.  
A glad new year to all the earth!  
Amen!

Martin Luther

**Thursday December 26, Day 89**

Heavenly Father, the day after Christmas is rough. For some, this was the “greatest” Christmas ever—caring relationships, incredible “eats”, thoughtful gifts, and above all, gratitude for the indescribable gift of your Son, Jesus. But that day is past. But for others, it was a hard day of brokenness. It may have been the first Christmas with an empty chair where a loved one used to sit, or a day spent all alone.

Give us the gospel Lord wherever we are. For our best days are in need of the gospel, and none of our worst days are beyond the reach of the gospel. When the shepherds left Jesus’ manger, they were still shepherds. They still were stereotyped as less than by many. A five-star inn in Bethlehem didn’t open up for Jesus family the day after He was born. Life moved on. We praise you that Jesus came into a real world where everything is broken, but He did come to make all things new, starting with us. Make us grateful regardless of our yesterday. Make us new and point us to Christ each day! Amen.

**Friday, December 27 Day 90**

Dear Lord God, we thank you for 90 days of prayer. Let this not be the end but a beginning to making prayer a bigger part of Bethlehem’s life. Talking with You changes us- let’s keep the conversation and relationship going. Bless Bethlehem as we enter the New Year. Bless the campaign as now the pledges have been made, but the gifts need to be made, but more importantly help us to move forward to be set free to build God’s family. Help us to collect each other’s prayer needs and lift one another up to You! We pray all these 90 days of prayer and more in your name alone. Amen!

*Glory be to God Alone!*

**The Reason for this Campaign**

***Set Free to Build God’s Family***

Since we know that "the Gospel cannot be bound (2 Tim 2:9), this campaign is about freeing us to more effectively do our mission of building the family of God. It frees up resources for us to serve and love well. It gets us all pulling together in the same direction. It proves that we can go through the hard times and take the next steps into the future.

We have all been led by God to be at Bethlehem. He has arranged us, the parts of His body, just as He wants (I Cor. 12), and the body is still developing. At this Bethlehem, there is more room in the inn!

This campaign will enable the Bethlehem faith family to continue to “do what God is blessing” – to serve and connect more with our community, with our members, and with our God!

***On the Campaign Calendar – Home Gatherings begin this week. Be sure to join with your fellow members. If you lost your invitation call the church office and we will get you to a home in your neighborhood.***

**Sunday, October 20 Day 22**

*Heavenly Father, builder and sustainer of all things, because you have brought Bethlehem this far, from the manger all the way to Aloha, we pray that you will continue to build your family, particularly here in our neighborhood. You have broken the chains of our sins and set us free so that your church can be built among us. Lord, have mercy on us as we pay down our debt so that Bethlehem can be free to serve and connect more with our community, with our members and with You our God. With all thanks and glory, Amen.*

**Monday, October 21 Day 23**

O Lord, bringer of salvation, we humbly pray for more opportunities to serve those who do not know You. May this campaign unite us further as a congregation and move us closer to You. Guide our home gathering meetings and help them to be opportunities not only for us to grow in knowing one another but in knowing You more. This we ask for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Tuesday, October 22 Day 24**

Heavenly Father, thank You for our church home here at Bethlehem and the way You make us a family to worship and serve You. We are blessed to have families open their homes to both those they know well and maybe others they don’t know well yet. May You make those homes a holy place to strengthen relationships and dream about how our congregation can serve and love well. We ask that You be at the center of our conversations as we gather. Help is to dream new dreams for the future of Bethlehem for when we have been Set Free to serve well. Help us to see what Your plan is for us at our church home here at Bethlehem. In your name we pray. Amen

-Shayna Harwood

**Wednesday, October 23 Day 25**

Father in Heaven, the cattle on a thousand hills are Yours and You hold the Universe in Your hands. When we grasp so tightly onto things we think are ours and give such importance that these things come between us and You, forgive us for Jesus' sake. Set us free from the burden

of being "owned" by our possessions so that we might be moved to place these things into service for You as You build your family in our midst. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose blood bought our salvation and membership into Your family. Amen.  
-Pastor Jeff

**Thursday, October 24 Day 26**  
Lord God, Creator and Giver of Life. We humbly ask in Jesus’ Name that You would accept our gifts and bless our endeavor to reduce our debt so that we may expand our work to build Your Kingdom here and wherever You call us to do so. Amen.  
-Harvard Isaak

**Friday, October 25 Day 27**  
Heavenly Father,  
Thank you for being the one constant in my life, for always being there for me, hearing my heart when my words escape me or when they’re too painful to speak. Thank you for always answering my prayers. No matter the answer, You know what is best for me, and you always keep your promises. Thank you for loving me so much.

Father, You provide everything we need and so much more. You see the whole picture and we only see a little piece. You already know the hearts that can be touched and lives that can be changed as our resources are freed up to do Your work. Father, we can’t do this on our own.

Thank You for blessing our building and the lives who have already been changed through education, fellowship, music and relationships. I ask that you continue to bless our Capital Campaign, so that Bethlehem can, indeed, be set free to build Your family, our family. Please continue to open our hearts to serve, love, and connect with You and each other. I boldly ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen  
-Mary Heck

**Saturday, October 26 Day 28**  
Dear Heavenly Father, You are the one true and almighty God, and it is from Your hand that You bestow all provision upon us throughout life. God, it was You who created the rain to fall and nourish the earth, and the sun to shine and bring forth life from the soil, we pray that now, in like manner, You would open the floodgates of Your blessing upon this financial campaign as we aspire to reduce our debt, that in so doing we would be freed to engage in exploring an array of avenues and doors seeking to further ministry in this community and be set free to build God’s family.  
God You are ever faithful and we, we are so very thankful for all You have done for us. With hope and praise we shall wait upon You, Amen  
-Sarah Hengel

**Sunday, October 27 Day 29**  
*Heavenly Father, builder and sustainer of all things, because you have brought Bethlehem this far, from the manger all the way to Aloha, we pray that you will continue to build your family, particularly here in our neighborhood. You have broken the chains of our sins and set us free so that your church can be built among us. Lord, have mercy on us as we pay down our debt so that Bethlehem can be free to serve and connect more with our community, with our members and with You our God. With all thanks and glory, Amen.*

often, through nature, the people you place in our lives, and the Bible. May the Holy Spirit help us to understand Your Word, and will for our lives. Bless our hearts with sustaining joy, and the strength to hold onto it no matter what. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.  
-Meg Bucher

**Saturday, December 21 Day 84**  
O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people at Bethlehem, a blessed end to Advent and start to Christmas, as we prepare for it’s fulfilment- give us joy and peace. Remind us that we are rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Sunday, December 22 Day 85**  
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**For the 4<sup>th</sup> week of advent we focus on love- fitting as we celebrate that love came down at Christmas! Keep up your prayer habit over Christmas!**

**Monday, December 23 Day 86**  
Give me the love of a Father who sent his only son to die.  
It cost You everything to become Emmanuel, God with us. Make Bethlehem reckless enough to follow in Your footsteps this Advent season. Let Your coming be my call to action. Let the incarnation be our battle cry. I pray by the power of Jesus, whose foolish love has given me life, Amen.  
-Gregory Coles

**Tuesday, December 24 Day 87**  
Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.  
— Robert Louis Stevenson

**Wednesday, December 25 Day 88**  
Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,  
Make thee a bed, soft, undefiled,  
Within my heart, that it may be  
A quiet chamber kept for Thee.

Your Word says in Nehemiah 8:10, Don't be dejected and sad, for the *joy* of the Lord is your strength! I will lift my eyes to the hills, Lord, because I know from You comes my joy and peace. Thank You, Father, and I love You. Amen!

**Tuesday, December 77 Day 80**

Creator of all, You have given us voices to proclaim and praise Your Word and Your truth. As we sing of Your mercy in the Divine Service and other times of Prayer, fill us always with the glorious song of old – that You have sent Your Son into this life to redeem us. Help us to sing and show our “alleluias”! In Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Wednesday, December 18 Day 81**

Heavenly Father, how we bless and thank You for the glad tidings of great joy that were given to all people.. through that angelic host so many years ago. Thank You for Jesus and the joy and peace that floods the hearts of all who have found in Him the rock of their Salvation.

Eternity is too short for us to praise and magnify Your glorious name for all Your goodness and love towards us.. and to all who are called by Your name.. for in You is the fullness of joy.

Help me to share this joy of knowing Jesus with all those who You place in my path and I pray that throughout the world there may be many sinners today- who are saved by grace through faith in the shed blood of Christ Jesus -so that they too may experience the joy and peace that passes understanding which is freely available to all who paid heed to the glad tidings of the gospel of grace. May that gift of joy be shared through our Christmas boxes assembled tonight. This we ask in Jesus name, Amen

**Thursday, December 19 Day 82**

Loving Lord and heavenly Father, thank You for the joy and peace that I have in trusting You and I lift up my brothers and sisters in Christ who are going through difficult times or feeling alone or discouraged.

Father I pray that Your love would fill their hearts, that Your peace would flood their inner being, and that they may overflow with Your joy and hope in believing.. by the power of the Spirit and to Your praise and glory.

Help each one to enter into a deeper dependence upon You and come to a closer communion with the Father. I pray that Your peace which passes all understanding would guard their hearts and that they would find their joy in You – knowing that the joy of the Lord is our strength.. this I ask in Jesus name, Amen

**Friday, December 20 Day 83**

Father, You command us to be joyful always, but You do not expect us to be able to figure out how to attain or retain that joy ourselves.

You gave Your Son Jesus to light the way of a joy-filled life. Through His earthly footsteps, we study the example He left for us to follow. Thank You for Scripture. As 2 Timothy 3:16 states, “**All Scripture is God-breathed** and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”

All of creation reminds us of You. The beauty of nature and marvel of the changing seasons. The uniqueness in all of us and the diversity in the daily horizon. Surround us with reminders of You

**Monday, October 28 Day 30**

Dear Father, thank you for all of the blessings You have provided Bethlehem Lutheran Church over the years. As we look to add new opportunities to build Your kingdom here on earth, we ask for Your mercy and guidance. Our community continues to change and we want to be able to grow with them and share Your love. Please open our hearts to find ways for each of us to consider how we can financially support the capital campaign so we can reduce our debt in order to reach out and build. Help us to be cheerful givers of our time, talents and treasures. We know You have a plan for us and we beg you to share that plan with each of us as we work together. Through this campaign and growth, we also look forward to deeper relationships with You, one another and our community. Please continue to bless Bethlehem and our neighbors as we embark on this new and exciting opportunity in your kingdom. In Jesus name, Amen.

-Heather Cammack

**Tuesday, October 29 Day 31**

Our Heavenly Father, You have blessed Bethlehem Lutheran Church mightily beyond measure and all You ask of us is to treat others as You have treated us. We ask for Your guidance in our stewardship of Your blessings, that we would follow Your example of sharing not only the Gospel with others, but also to reach out in generosity with what You have provided.

With Your blessings comes the responsibility to properly manage Your blessings. Our current capital campaign is our attempt to own that responsibility so that we may pass on Your blessings to those in need.

In all of this, we ask for Your loving guidance for all congregant members to partake in this ownership and share in the joy of being Your servants by serving others. Let us all have the same vision of glorifying You in this regard. In Jesus’ blessed name we submit to You. Amen.

-Wayne Moses

**Wednesday, October 30 Day 32**

Dear Heavenly Father, we are so thankful and blessed to be called Your children whom You love despite our many personal shortcomings and human frailties. You are Father and provider of all that we have. You have blessed this church family and all of us individually with more than we could ever possibly deserve. Most importantly, You blessed us with the gift of Your son Jesus Christ that through his death and resurrection we have been given the greatest gift of all, eternal life in heaven with You.

As followers in Christ, it is our heartfelt privilege and prayer to further Your kingdom by sharing Your word and love through the Gospel with others. It is for this purpose that we boldly pray for Your blessing on the capital campaign to help us steward Your church at Bethlehem so that we can focus our ministry more on building Your family within our community and ministering to their spiritual and physical needs by sharing Your love through the gifts that You have given and entrusted to us.

Please grant each of us wisdom and discernment as we all contemplate the many gifts that You have blessed us with and prayerfully determine how we can best support this capital campaign in furtherance of Your ministry at Bethlehem. We thank You for the opportunity to serve Your church and would humbly ask Your continued blessing on each and every member of our church family as we seek out to follow Your will. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

-Greg Starts

**Thursday, October 31 Day 33**  
Father in heaven and source of all blessings.  
We ask You this day, through the power of your Spirit to move and touch hearts.  
... to move the hearts of our leaders to see and act on ministry opportunities and understand the impact of the witness of their actions as they boldly engage your family here and in the world around us.

... to move the hearts of our members, all ages and all stages to seize opportunities to grow in word and deed and respond to Your grace generously with time, talent and treasure. Modeling the actions of Christ in our daily lives.

... to move the hearts of our numerous new neighbors to be open to receiving Your word, enjoying your blessings and to chose through the power of Your Spirit to lend their energy to the growth of Your kingdom.

Help us all to look forward to a future of ministry unfettered by the joys and woes of the past but as forgiven sinner-saints ready to listen to the shepherd, Your Son Jesus as He leads on forward.

We ask this in the name of our risen Savior and Lord, Jesus the Christ, Amen.  
-Greg Long

**Friday, November 1 Day 34**  
Almighty God, You hold all things in Your mighty hands - what great comfort we find in this Truth! We ask that You continue to make Yourself known as we seek to follow where You lead. Guide us, empower us, and use us to show Your love to this community. We come to You in the precious name of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.  
-Kerry Bauer

**Saturday, November 2 Day 35**  
Dear Creator God, You bless us with abundant gifts. Gifts we tend to take for granted. Our home that keeps us safe and warm. Family to provide for us. Family to care for. Our health, our resources, our job. Please bless us with the gifts of joy and conviction as we ponder what we can return to you from our abundance. You sent your son who gave everything for us. Help us to give something in return.  
Amen.  
-Joe Bernard

**Sunday, November 3 Day 36**  
*Today we begin a week serving Families in our church so keep them in your prayers as well for all those serving with Family Promise and those being served by Family Promise.*  
*Heavenly Father, builder and sustainer of all things, because you have brought Bethlehem this far, from the manger all the way to Aloha, we pray that you will continue to build your family, particularly here in our neighborhood. You have broken the chains of our sins and set us free so that your church can be built among us. Lord, have mercy on us as we pay down our debt so that Bethlehem can be free to serve and connect more with our community, with our members and with You our God. With all thanks and glory, Amen.*

**Thursday, December 12 Day 75**  
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; Where there is hatred, let me sow charity; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is error, the truth; Where there is doubt, the faith;

Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; and Where there is sadness, joy. O, Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; To be understood as to understand; To be loved as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; And it is in dying to ourselves that we are born to eternal life. Amen.  
-St. Francis of Assissi

**Friday, December 13 Day 76**  
Dear Lord, Help me remember you are indeed Lord of my life. You have the right to rule all that I think, believe and do. When I allow my mind to run to places that destroy my peace, remind me these are unauthorized thoughts. You do not want me to dwell on thoughts and emotions that contribute to unreasonable fears.  
I know my mind will remain in perfect peace as I fix my thoughts on you; so Lord Jesus, let your peace rule in my heart. Remind me of the peace I have in your family, and teach me how to be thankful for those circumstances that cause me to run to you, focus on you, and abide in you. I never need live with fearful, anxious thoughts. The truth is, you are in control!  
~ Dawn Wilson

**Saturday, December 14 Day 77**  
Father, Sometimes I feel afraid in the tough trials of life. Sometimes the darkness overwhelms me, and I grow discouraged as I face the uncertainties of life, wearying temptations, or scary attacks from the enemy. But this is not what you have for me, and my victory comes from you. Satan wants me to believe I fight my spiritual battles by myself. Help me remember I am not alone in my battles. Your Word is clear. You have commanded me to be strong and take courage in you, and that is my desire. I can count on your presence wherever I go, and rely on the power and provision of your presence in my times of deepest need. Thank you for being near, for walking with me every day. Amen.  
-Dawn Wilson

**Sunday, December 15 Day 78**  
*Heavenly Father, builder and sustainer of all things, because you have brought Bethlehem this far, from the manger all the way to Aloha, we pray that you will continue to build your family, particularly here in our neighborhood. You have broken the chains of our sins and set us free so that your church can be built among us. Lord, have mercy on us as we pay down our debt so that Bethlehem can be free to serve and connect more with our community, with our members and with You our God. With all thanks and glory, Amen.*

***Today we begin week 3 of advent with a focus on joy! We also pray for our Christmas boxes that they would bless those who come be a part of it.***

**Monday, December 16 Day 79**  
Father, I pray that You fill me with the joy of the Lord, that overwhelming joy. Your joy is unlike anything this world has to offer. It brings peace, trust and hope and with that a rest because I know You are in control.



*ask that you because I know that you can do more than I could ever guess, imagine or request in wildest dreams ([Eph 3:20](#)). God, you are my hope and I trust you. Amen.*

**Sunday, December 8 Day 71**

*Heavenly Father, builder and sustainer of all things, because you have brought Bethlehem this far, from the manger all the way to Aloha, we pray that you will continue to build your family, particularly here in our neighborhood. You have broken the chains of our sins and set us free so that your church can be built among us. Lord, have mercy on us as we pay down our debt so that Bethlehem can be free to serve and connect more with our community, with our members and with You our God. With all thanks and glory, Amen.*

***Today begins the second week of advent. The 2<sup>nd</sup> candle lit stands for peace, which we will focus on this week. Pray for the second round of “The Real Christmas Gift” at 10am today especially for those pre-school families who will sing with us.***

**Monday, December 9 Day 72**

*Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; and Where there is sadness, joy... Divine Master; Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

-Gail Rodgers

**Tuesday, December 10 Day 73**

Father in heaven, thank You for the gift of Your son Jesus who came to be the *Prince of Peace* and save us from our sinfulness. Thank You for giving us another beautiful day. Help us to trust in Jesus to make us complete and to show the peace of Jesus to one another. You provide us with all we have in our lives. Grant us the faith and the trust we need during this special time of growth and changes taking place in our church. If it is Your will, guide and provide our members the reassurance of their offerings for our benefit. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Wednesday, December 11 Day 74**

Slow me down, Lord! Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind. Steady my harried pace with a vision of the eternal reach of time. Help me to know the power of sleep, teach me the art of taking minute sabbaths of slowing down to look at a flower; to chat with an old friend or make a new one; to smile at a child; or to read a few lines from a good book.

Remind me each day that the race is not always won by the swift; that there is more to life than increasing its speed. Slow me down, Lord, And inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of life's enduring values That I may grow toward the stars Of our greater destiny. Slow us down for our Christmas Concert tonight. May it be a source of calm and light and Christ in this busy season. All this we ask in the name of your Son Jesus. Amen  
- *Orin L. Crain*

**Monday, November 4 Day 37**

Father, We know that You are able to bless abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all we need Bethlehem will abound in every good work (2 Corinthians 9:8). Time and time again You have provided for our needs in our ministry as we have sought to proclaim Your Good News and further Your kingdom. You’ve provided shepherds for your flock when in need; You have raised servants to lead others in areas of ministry to carry out Your will; You have shown us how to care for each other those around us as we seek to reflect You love.

We come before You in need of wisdom and direction as we each prayerfully consider personal support of your church. May each come to you as evaluation and consideration as to how each is personally called to meet the need. Remind us of Your servant Solomon who prayed for wisdom and how, because of his humility before You and deference of your will You granted so much more. Lead each of Your children to trust in You whole heartedly leaning not unto their own understanding that they may willingly acknowledge You allowing You to direct their path (Proverbs 3: 5-6).

All good gifts come from you Father. Thank you for this opportunity to demonstrate gratitude and love.  
Amen.

-Naomi Beale

**Tuesday, November 5 Day 38**

Dear God, Help me to trust You in all things. Help me to know in my heart that You are working in my life and that things will turn out the way You have planned. Please help me to trust You with everything You have given me and use my gifts and talents to Your glory. In Your son's name, Amen.

-Jeff Hoffman

**Wednesday, November 6 Day 39**

Father in Heaven, You call us to be Your hands and feet in this place as we carry out the Great Commission. You also promise that You will never leave us as we do Your work. Empower Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and all of its members, to boldly proclaim Your gospel message in words and action. Make our church a beacon of hope to the community, and give us wisdom and guidance to know how we can reach out. Prepare the hearts of those who hear the message to be ready to receive Your gifts as they are made known. Make Your path for our church clear, and guide us along that path to share Your love and see Your family grow. We ask this for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

-Mike Schiemann

**Thursday, November 7 Day 40**

Dear Lord, Help us through those moments when we, like Moses, are tempted to say "Why me Lord? Send somebody else." Help us to remember that it is not important what we can or cannot do. All that really matters is what You can do. And with You," all things are possible". Amen.

-Kevin Harding

**Friday, November 8 Day 41**

Dear Father, we certainly are poor miserable sinners. Thank you for restoring us all through Jesus' death and resurrection. As we enter this time of fund raising, the temptation is to ask for the money. When the real prayer should be for Your blessing on what we are doing here and that our hearts would be centered on You and nothing else.

Be with our staff that they would teach your Word in truth and relate it so we can with Your Spirit's power, make it part of our lives. Grant this, O Lord, In Jesus' name. Amen.  
-Ron Hoffman

**Saturday, November 9 Day 42**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. We ask that you watch over our pledge event tomorrow. That you would calm the people running the event, encourage us to be generous in our giving, and that you would be blessed through the lunch! Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*On the Campaign Calendar – Today is the culmination of our campaign. Be sure to join us at the lunch after late service for an inspiring program when we will make our pledges.*

**Sunday, November 10 Day 43**

*Heavenly Father, builder and sustainer of all things, because you have brought Bethlehem this far, from the manger all the way to Aloha, we pray that you will continue to build your family, particularly here in our neighborhood. You have broken the chains of our sins and set us free so that your church can be built among us. Lord, have mercy on us as we pay down our debt so that Bethlehem can be free to serve and connect more with our community, with our members and with You our God. With all thanks and glory, Amen.*

**Monday, November 11 Day 44**

Lord, we are overflowing with thankfulness. The gifts You have given each of us individually are numerous and far beyond our accounting. You watch over all our ways and lead us in paths of righteousness (Psalm 23:3) and You bless us and surround us with favor (Psalm 5:12). And there is no greater gift than that you have personally give each in the sacrifice of Christ allowing each of us to be blameless in your sight and receive salvation. You alone can see inside our hearts and know the depth of our humble gratitude. We express our thankfulness through word and deed.

Before us lays an opportunity to further offer up of ourselves. May each of us consider Your words from Paul as we do so:

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.” Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.”(2 Corinthians 9:6-10).

share all these gifts with more in our community. We cannot accomplish this task without you. With all thanks and glory, Amen.

**Wednesday, December 4 Day 67**

Heavenly Father, You established the Church on the crucified Jesus, the Stone the builders rejected. Keep our congregation ever founded upon this Rock by the hearing and meditation upon the Word, and grant that we may continue to be a place for your people to gather in the name of Your Son. Watch over the kids tonight as they perform Analise’s script in the Christmas musical, “The Real Christmas Present.” Calm nerves, help them to do awesome and praise You well! With joy we pray to you Lord Jesus, Amen.

**Thursday, December 5 Day 68**

Father, just as You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus, help me to clear the path in my heart, too. Show me the distractions in my life that block me from all-out worship of You this Advent. Lord, I await Your coming! As I celebrate the first Advent—the first coming—I look toward the day where I will see You face to face. I imagine what it will be like. Give me a heart, Lord, that looks for Your coming on a daily basis. Help me to live my life where I'm constantly seeking Your presence. My offering to You today is my righteous life for I know I am only clean because of Jesus. Show me today how I need to be refined, purified, forgiven. Give me the strength to ask for forgiveness and to then change my ways.  
~Sarah Martin, from “[The Awe & Wonder of Advent: Day 18](#)”

**Friday, December 6 Day 69**

Heavenly father, I am your humble servant,  
I come before you today in need of hope.  
There are times when I fell helpless,  
There are times when I feel weak.  
I pray for hope.  
I need hope for a better future.  
I need hope for a better life.  
I need hope for love and kindness.  
Some say that the sky is at it’s  
darkest just before the light.  
I pray that this is true, for all seems dark.  
I need your light, Lord, in every way.  
I pray to be filled with your light from  
head to toe. To bask in your glory.  
To know that all is right in the world,  
as you have planned, and as you want  
it to be.  
Help me to walk in your light, and live  
my life in faith and glory.  
In your name I pray, Amen.

**Saturday, December 7 Day 70**

Lord help me to hear your voice over all others, especially when you say “I am your hope” Help us to run to you with arms wide open. . *Fill me up with hope and give me a tangible reminder today that hope is an unbreakable spiritual lifeline ([Hebrews 6:19-20](#)). God, you know those things in my heart that I barely dare to hope for, today I give them to you, I trust them to you, and*



and get prepared for tomorrow’s sales, help us to make the time to pause and be with You to whom we are thankful for. We live in a world of entitlement and complaints where it’s easy to join the chorus, but we ask that you would change our attitudes to ones of gratitude. It’s better for others, for You, and for our own health. Help us to count those many blessings you have given us this day. We ask all this for the sake of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Friday, November 29 Day 62**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let Israel say: “His love endures forever.” The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me? It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in humans.

The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. “The LORD’s right hand has done mighty things! I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done. Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. Amen.

-Psalm 118

**Saturday, November 30 Day 63**

LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you. The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Amen!

-Psalm 118

**Sunday, December 1 Day 64**

*Heavenly Father, builder and sustainer of all things, because you have brought Bethlehem this far, from the manger all the way to Aloha, we pray that you will continue to build your family, particularly here in our neighborhood. You have broken the chains of our sins and set us free so that your church can be built among us. Lord, have mercy on us as we pay down our debt so that Bethlehem can be free to serve and connect more with our community, with our members and with You our God. With all thanks and glory, Amen.*

***Today we begin the season of Advent with the hanging of the greens. The first candle lit in the advent wreath stands for hope- so we focus on that this week.***

**Monday, December 2 Day 65**

Dear Jesus, You are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to Your voice, and focus on what’s really important. We place our hope in You as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Your birth on Christmas. We pray also for the Capital Campaign and the spiritual and stewardship growth of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, that it might be successful. We pray that those who have not pledged may do so at this time. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Tuesday, December 3 Day 66**

Heavenly Father, you open the doors of heaven each week to give us the gifts of your Word and Sacraments. You have blessed us with a faithful pastor in Pastor Jeff and given us a desire to

We ask that individually and as a family of God together to Let us live a life worth of You and please You in every way; bearing fruit in every good work, growing in knowledge (Colossians 1:10) Through Christ we pray, AMEN

-Naomi Beale

**Tuesday, November 12 Day 45**

Lord, I'm begging You please. I'm down on my knees. Help me be stronger. Please, restore faith in my heart, and shed light on this dark. Oh, help me last longer. Amen

**Wednesday, November 13 Day 46**

Gracious and everlasting God, the Giver of all good and fountain of every blessing, all praise to You for Your abounding goodness. We especially praise You for the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ, the richest gift for us of heavenly grace. In Him we receive the fruits of Your saving righteousness and love.

Inspire us now as Your called servants and by the power of the Holy Spirit, to always be generous, compassionate, and faithful in our giving and support of our ministry in this place that the Gospel may abound into many waiting hearts.

For whatever we are able to accomplish in Your name, will be to Your honor and glory and to our joy. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen

-Tom Faszholz

**Thursday, November 14 Day 47**

Heavenly Father Son and Holy Spirit, we are amazed by Your abundant love for us. You tell us to let the little children come to You. We give thanks to You for the youth and children’s ministry here at Bethlehem. You bring together a diverse group of kids to learn about You, grow in faith and build their relationships with each other. These children and youth are a treasured part of our family at Bethlehem. Thank You for bringing energetic and creative leaders to teach and guide our youth. May the capital campaign set us free to expand on this ministry. May You continue to reveal your plan to love and care for our youth and children. Please show them ways to serve well and be light in this world! In your name we pray, Amen.

-Shayna Harwood

**Friday, November 15 Day 48**

Dear Heavenly Father, You are the source of all good things. Thank You for filling our lives and our church with good things and with good people. Forgive us for taking these blessings for granted. Help us to recognize, appreciate, and generously share these blessings with the community. Guide our hands to be Your Hands in service to others. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

-Chris Cullen

**Saturday, November 16 Day 49**

Our giving Father, all that we have is from You. We are stewards. May we be good stewards and share our wealth and talents in this building program. Watch over the youth tomorrow as they lead us in worship and share about what God has done for them through the trips they took this last summer. Help them to sing loudly and proudly of you and for all of us to do the same in service at church and throughout our lives. We pray this in your Son Jesus’ holy name, Amen.

**Sunday, November 17 Day 50**  
*Heavenly Father, builder and sustainer of all things, because you have brought Bethlehem this far, from the manger all the way to Aloha, we pray that you will continue to build your family, particularly here in our neighborhood. You have broken the chains of our sins and set us free so that your church can be built among us. Lord, have mercy on us as we pay down our debt so that Bethlehem can be free to serve and connect more with our community, with our members and with You our God. With all thanks and glory, Amen.*

***This week’s prayers all come from Bethlehem’s youth!***

**Monday, November 18 Day 51**  
Dear God Thank you for giving us a face to worship and praise you with others who love you. Thank you for Pastor Jeff, Kerry Bauer, and Eric Oswald, your light and love shines through them. I pray that our church can be a safe place for anyone wanting to take refuge and hear from your loving words. Thank you for this day and every day. Amen.  
-Anonymous

**Tuesday, November 19 Day 52**  
Dear Lord and Father in Heaven, blessed be your name, we thank you for all you’ve done for us already and that you have provided us with so many different people who lots of very different gifts. We are sorry that we have believed in the past that everything we have we deserve. Help us realize that what we have is your blessing for us. We also ask that you help us with our capital campaign, and that it will be a blessing for everyone. We thank you for letting us call the congregation family. Please let me give willingly so that everyone else may benefit from us. Please make not our will be done, but yours. Help what is best for us to happen. Thank you for your everlasting love. Amen  
-Megan Hoffman

**Wednesday, November 20 Day 53**  
Thank you for God for providing and helping our capital campaign which could help with things, such as debt so we will be able to do more ministry throughout the community. Give us more acolytes to help. In your name we pray, Amen.  
-6<sup>th</sup> graders

**Thursday, November 21 Day 54**  
Dear Lord, please forgive us for all that we have done wrong in our lives. Please bless the Sunday school teachers with wisdom and knowledge so that we learn a lot about Jesus and the Bible. Please help me to also be willing to learn and to grow spiritually through the teachers. Amen

**Friday, November 22 Day 55**  
Dear Lord, thank You for all the blessings you’ve given us. Even so Lord we have not done Your will and have fallen short of your glory. Please forgive us. Please watch over the capital campaign, watch over those not yet Yours, and watch over us all. Help me with my self control and strengthen my faith. Thank you Lord. In Jesus name we pray Amen

**Saturday, November 23 Day 56**  
Dear Lord God almighty, You have done so many good things through Bethlehem! You’ve made it family and home for so many. Bethlehem has people to serve and to serve and praise you so

well with. There’s joy in the creativity of this space. You’ve made it holy, blessed and awesome! Help us to continue to build it up so even more people can call You home. Help us to confess our sins and get rid of those things that weigh us down, where there is brokenness, give us healing. Help us to think outside of ourselves- free in You. Amen.

**Sunday, November 24 Day 57**  
*Heavenly Father, builder and sustainer of all things, because you have brought Bethlehem this far, from the manger all the way to Aloha, we pray that you will continue to build your family, particularly here in our neighborhood. You have broken the chains of our sins and set us free so that your church can be built among us. Lord, have mercy on us as we pay down our debt so that Bethlehem can be free to serve and connect more with our community, with our members and with You our God. With all thanks and glory, Amen.*

***As this is Thanksgiving week this week’s theme for prayers are those of thanksgiving.***

**Monday, November 25 Day 58**  
O God, we thank you for this earth, our home; For the wide sky and the blessed sun, for the salt sea and the running water, for the everlasting hills and the never-resting winds, for trees and the common grass underfoot. We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds, and see the splendor of the summer fields, and taste of the autumn fruits, and rejoice in the feel of the snow, and smell the breath of the spring. Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty, and save our souls from being so blind that we pass unseeing when even the common thornbush is aflame with your glory. O God our creator, Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
— *Walter Rauschenbusch*

**Tuesday, November 26 Day 59**  
O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry. When I have work, help me to remember the jobless. When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all. When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer. And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency, bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help, by word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen.  
— *Samuel F. Pugh*

**Wednesday, November 27 Day 60**  
God, let us therefore proclaim our gratitude to Providence for manifold blessings — let us be humbly thankful for inherited ideals — and let us resolve to share those blessings and those ideals with our fellow human beings throughout the world. On that day let us gather in sanctuaries dedicated to worship and in homes blessed by family affection to express our gratitude for the glorious gifts of God; and let us earnestly and humbly pray that He will continue to guide and sustain us in the great unfinished tasks of achieving peace, justice, and understanding among all men and nations and of ending misery and suffering wherever they exist. Amen.  
— *President John F. Kennedy*

**Thursday, November 28 Day 61**  
Dear God, our Heavenly Father. We humbly thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to work in Bethlehem’s hearts and minds, keeping us in the faith of Your Holy Word and the promise of the everlasting life to come. Watch over the service at church today and may it be a blessing for all who come and even those who lead it. As we make the turkey, throw and watch the football,