

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, November 8, 2026 ~ 8:30 AM

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE *God the Father, Be Our Stay* - Samuel Scheidt

WELCOME & INVITATIONS

CENTERING TIME *Do Lord*

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory*



Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

APOSTOLIC GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory to God*

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
Receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

CHILDREN'S GOOD NEWS TIME

SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION *Alleluia*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

SCRIPTURE & SERMON

Selections from Exodus 14
Red: page 53-54

HYMN OF THE DAY

Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer



Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
(Use QR code to access prayer list.)

Congregation Response: God of all blessings, **hear our 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 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.

PEACE
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please take a moment to echo Jesus as you share a greeting of peace with your neighbors:
Peace be with you.

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING *Sustaining Ministry Excellence*
Ryan, Amy & Mikaela Erickson

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* - Setting by David N. Johnson

OFFERTORY *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation, **you send rain and sunshine and the earth responds. All blessings and abundance come from you; help us to be generous with what we have. Use our gifts, abilities, and hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.**

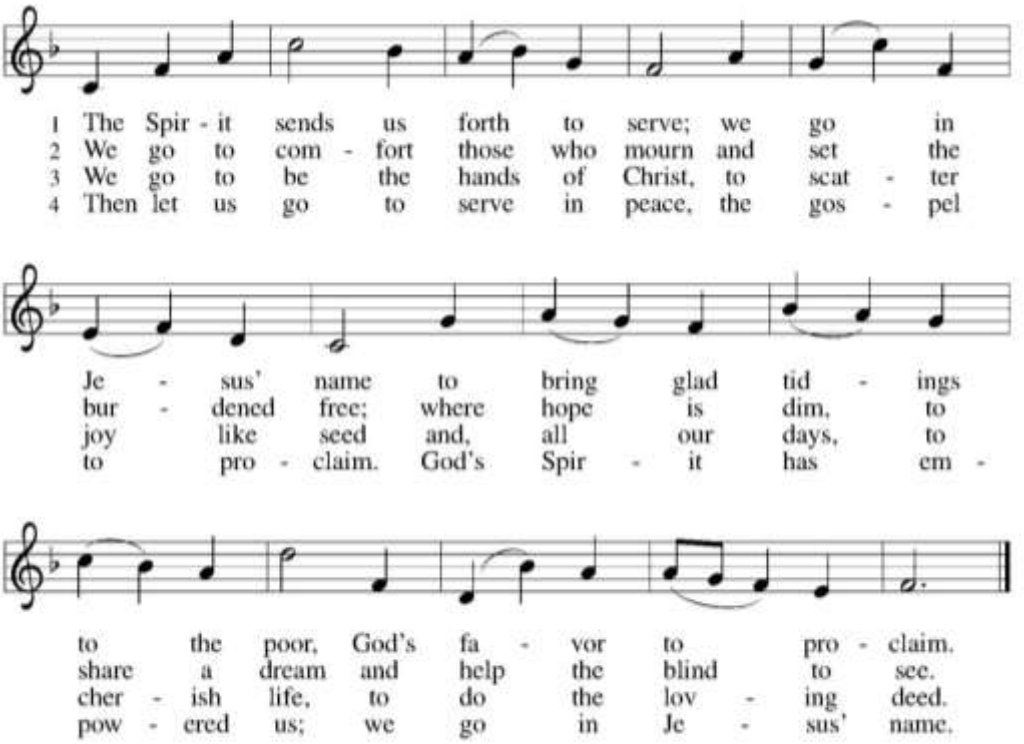
SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*



Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939
Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820
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SENDING WORDS
Go in peace and be the blessing that you are!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Praise to the Lord* - Setting by Timothy Flynn

Today's Ministers

Preaching..... Pastor Jeff Whillock
Presiding .....Pastor Amber Wichmann
Assisting Minister ..... Mandy Boe
Musician..... Handbell Choir, Darlyne Johnson & Pam Fauth
Visual Communications Tech .....Colton Hanigan
Livestream Camera Tech ..... Teri Johnson
Sound Tech .....Al Suedmeier & Sophia Christiansen

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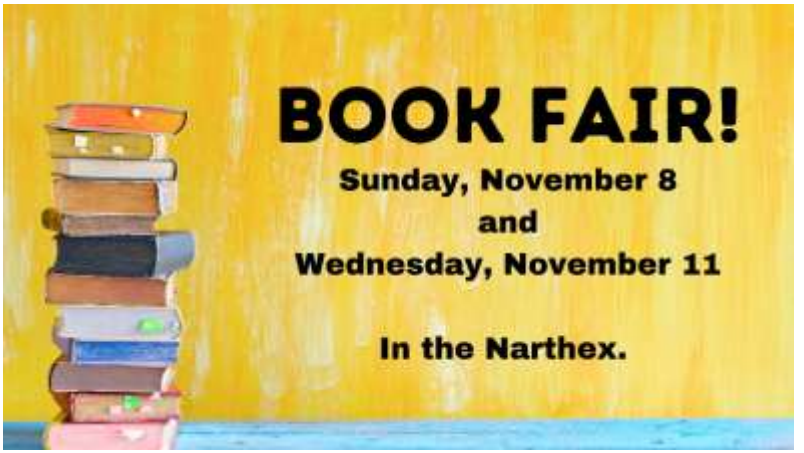
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Questions about your giving? Contact Jeannie, Director of Administration at jhaaland@bethlehemaberdeen.org.

SCAN ME


BOOK FAIR!
Sunday, November 8
and
Wednesday, November 11
In the Narthex.


TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH
EAST FELLOWSHIP HALL
"What You Need to Know about Bone Density"
FOR ADULTS FROM RETIREMENT AGE AND OLDER
2 PM - 3 PM
AGING
Gracefully


soul shop
Suicide Prevention Training for Congregations
Monday, November 16th
5:30 PM
East Fellowship Hall