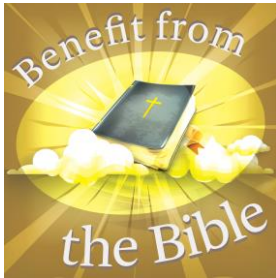


- **Easter Brunch:** After our BIG Easter celebration at 9:00, everyone is invited to stay for our Easter Brunch.

Online

- **Website:** Our address is long, *but easy to remember:* BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com You will find many: Sermons, Studies, and Brochures
- **Podcast:** It's called "Benefit from the Bible" – access it through the podcast app on your phone or tablet. It's an easy way to listen to our sermons.



Personal

- **Pastor – Member Ratio:** We have about 100 members who attend, so *the ratio is 1:100* (in some of the larger LCMS congregations in our area, the ratio is 1:300 or higher).
- **Accessible:** I am available to talk with you, pray for you, and visit you.
- **Family:** As we know the members of our family, *so the members of Bethlehem know each other and care about each other!*
- **Friendly:** We are glad to see fellow members and all visitors; *everyone is welcome!*

Facility and Grounds

- **Handicap Accessible:** There are no steps from our parking lot to our main level, which is where almost everything takes place.
- **Grounds:** We have 14 acres, some is mowed and ready for activities; some is wooded and ready for hiking.
- **Pavilion:** We have a covered area for picnics and events, as well as a fire pit.

Childcare Center

We have a 3-Star Step-Up-to-Quality rated center, which is a ministry of our congregation and serves our community:

- We care for children from six weeks old to pre-kindergarten.
- We offer a summer camp program for school-agers.



Conclusion

Thanks for reading! Overall, I want YOU – *by God's work and God's grace* – to ♦know Jesus, ♦continue in Him, ♦grow up in God's Word, ♦live for Christ, and ♦be with God forever!

How can I help you? *Pastor Green*

Connect With Us

Website: BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com
Location: 7500 State Road, Parma, Ohio 44134
(Just South of Pleasant Valley Road)
Schedule: See our "Join Us" brochure
Facebook: "Bethlehem Lutheran Church Parma"
Podcast: "Benefit from the Bible"
Contact: 440-845-2230

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How Is Bethlehem Unique and Beneficial?



Introduction

Dear Friends: People who live in or near Parma have many choices when it comes to a church. In this brochure you will discover how Bethlehem is UNIQUE and BENEFICIAL; then, knowing all the benefits, *I hope you will faithfully receive and eternally benefit!*

The Bible

Preaching: Paul told Timothy, a young pastor, to "Preach the Word" (2 Tim. 4:2); in other words, don't preach your own ideas and don't preach



contrary to the Holy Scriptures; instead, *Preach the full Word of God – no more and no less!!* Paul wrote these words to the pastors whom he had taught who served in Ephesus: *“I am innocent of the blood of all, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God”* (Acts 20:26b-27 ESV). We do those same things – *for YOUR benefit!*

Classes: We have the following each week:

Thursdays at 10:00: Study through the lectionary – *the upcoming assigned readings.*

Saturdays at 3:00: Same content as the Sunday Bible Class.

Sundays at 10:30:

- **Bible Class** – for ninth grade to adults: We study the Bible verse-by-verse; sometimes we do a topical study.
- **Sunday School** – we have two classes and use CPH curriculum:
 - Three years to second grade
 - Third grade to eighth grade

Weekly Divine Services

Saturdays 4:00; Sundays 9:00



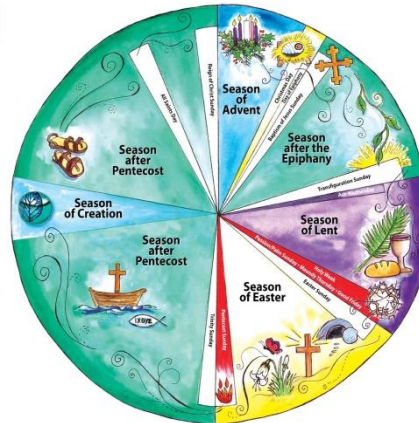
We do our best to thoroughly prepare for each Divine Service so that you are encouraged to *faithfully attend, gladly receive, and eternally benefit.* Some parts:

- **Invocation:** We are the baptized and forgiven children of God!
- **Confession and Absolution:** We have sinned, so God calls us to be sorry and assures us of His forgiveness!
- **Children:** We gladly teach them!

- **Hymns:** We pray, praise, and learn through hymns that are easy to sing and agree with the Bible!
- **Bible:** We read, preach, and teach in understandable and relevant ways!
- **Giving:** We encourage giving that is *proportionate, faithful, and glad* to honor the LORD, support God’s work in and through Bethlehem, and receive God’s promised blessings!
- **Lord’s Supper:** Each week we assure all repentant believers that they have God’s gift of forgiveness in Christ!

Festival Services

We follow the **Church Year, which keeps us focused on the Christ;** the FIVE BIG FESTIVALS include His birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension! Here are a few details:



- **Advent:** We remember our sins and prepare for Jesus’ birth; we have Wednesday services at 11:00 & 7:00.
- **Christmas:** We celebrate Jesus’ birth on Christmas Eve at 6:00 and Christmas Day at 10:00.
- **Lent:** We remember our sins and prepare for Jesus’ ultimate sacrifice to remove our sins; we have Wednesday services at 11:00 & 7:00.

- **Holy Week:** We gather on Holy Thursday at 11:00 & 7:00 and Good Friday at 11:00 & 7:00.
- **Easter:** We celebrate Jesus’ resurrection, knowing *He defeated sin, death, and the devil,* and knowing *He will raise us when He returns!*
- **Ascension:** We gather 40 days after Easter on a Thursday to celebrate Jesus’ ascension to the Father’s right hand, *where He is now ruling over all things for the good of all believers!*
- **Thanksgiving:** On the eve of our National Day of Thanksgiving, at 7 PM, we gather to THANK our Great God and receive His blessings through Word and Sacrament.

Resources

- **Daily Devotions:** We offer two different quarterly booklets, as well as the book, *A Closer Look at the Evidence,* which has 365 devotions.
- **Topical Brochures:** We offer many by our main entrance.
- **Magazines:** We offer the Good News magazines, *each covering one topic.*
- **More:** Sermon copies, topical booklets, Bible class handouts, etc.

Fellowship

- **Refreshments:** We have an *extraordinary* offering of refreshments before our Sunday classes, including coffee, juice, cheese, crackers, grapes, cookies, donuts, and more!
- **Advent and Lent Meals:** We offer free meals on Wednesdays at 12:00 and 6:00.