

Announcements

MONTHLY GAME AND CRAFT NIGHT

ON THE SECOND SATURDAY EVERY MONTH
FROM 7PM - 9PM



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November 8th at Life in Christ Church
51 Hillmond Street, Bethlehem PA, 18018



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Second Sunday
Of every month!

Hour of PRAYER & PRAISE

Sunday Nov. 9th
@6:00pm
Life In Christ Church Sanctuary
51 Hillmond Street Bethlehem, PA 18018

Scripture & Testimony Sharing

"Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together."
~Psalm 34:3

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we desire to see people..

entering new life in Christ,
embracing life-principles of Christ, and
empowered for life service by Christ

November 2, 2025

Elders

Pastor Norman Carlisle Lead Pastor

Rev. Mike Henderson Associate Pastor

Martin Rosario

Jamie Sumner

Enoch Whipple

Deacons

James Odinyo Lead Deacon

Alexander Algard

Hannah Bovard

Micah Carlisle

Tim Corbett

Brock Nearhoof

Kriss Olivo

Kathy Pedri

Ministers:

ALL BELIEVERS

Youth Director/ Assistant to the Pastor

Tim Corbett

Current Series:
The Book of Romans
In Fellowship Hall

Lifeinary
Theology learned and lived!
9:30am
for all ages

Current Series:
Grasping God's Word
In Youth Room

Worship Service

10:30am

- Fellowship (in Fellowship hall)
- Welcome & Announcements Ben Bovard
- Baptisms *Henry Harman *Noah Olvio *Olivia Whipple
- Opening Song Music Team
- Scripture Reading & Prayer John Gross
- Youth Testimony Tim Corbett
- Message Martin Rosario
- Praise & Ministry Music Team
- Closing Prayer John Gross

*additional seating available downstairs in the Fellowship Hall

Children's Info

Infants & Nursing Mothers

Nursery Downstairs under Foyer

Children's Church (18mo - 6th grade)

Check-in available in Classrooms Upstairs

Offering

If you would like to give an **Offering** today, please place it in one of the boxes in the **Sanctuary** with your name clearly printed on your envelope. You can also give **Online** through the church **Website** or **App**.



The Week Ahead...

Pastor Norman will be out of the office from
Tue Oct. 28th and will return Tue Nov. 4th



Sunday, November 2nd

Sunday School - 9:30am in Fellowship Hall
Sunday Morning Service - 10:30am

Monday, November 3rd

Staff Meeting - 3pm in Youth Office
Home Group - 6:30pm at the Gross'

Tuesday, November 4th

AWANA - 6pm
Home Group - 7pm at the Schneck's

Wednesday, November 5th

Foundation Youth Group - 7pm in Youth Room

Thursday, November 6th

Youth For Christ - 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall & Youth Rm
Manna Women's Study - 7pm in Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 7th

Young Adult Study - 7pm in Youth Room

Saturday, November 8th

Manna Women's Fall Brunch - 5pm in Fellowship Hall
Music Practice - 6pm in Sanctuary
Game Night - 7pm in Fellowship Hall

Matthew 15:8-10

(NASB)

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Discussion Guide

Date: November 2, 2025

Sermon Title: "Traditions To Live By"



More about Home Groups...

We encourage everyone to be a part of a small group community to deepen your relationship with Christ and His church. If you're interested in knowing more, please check the website or contact the Church Office.



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SCRIPTURE REFERENCES (NASB unless otherwise noted)

Matthew 15:1-20

1Then some Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, **2**“Why do Your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread.” **3**And He answered and said to them, “Why do you yourselves also break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? **4**For God said, ‘Honor your father and mother and, the one who speaks evil of father or mother is to be put to death.’ **5**But you say whoever says to his father or mother, “Whatever I have that would help you has been given to God,” **6**he is not to honor his father or mother.’ And by this you have invalidated the word of god for the sake of your tradition. **7**You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy about you, by saying: **8**‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far away from Me. **9**And in vain do they worship Me teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’” **10**After Jesus called the crowd to Him, He said to them, “Hear and understand! **11**It is not what enters the mouth that defiles the person, but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles the person.” **12**Then the disciples came and said to Him, “Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this statement?” **13**But He answered and said, “Every plant which My heavenly Father did not plant will be uprooted. **14**Leave them alone; they are blind guides of blind people. And if a person who is blind guides another who is blind, both will fall into a pit.” **15**Peter said to Him, “Explain the parable to us.” **16**Jesus said, “Are you also still lacking in understanding? **17**Do you not understand that everything that goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is eliminated? **18**But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and those things defile the person. **19**For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, acts of adultery, other immoral sexual acts, thefts, false testimonies, and slanderous statements. **20**These are the things that defile the person; but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile the person.”

Matthew 20:12 **Deuteronomy 5:16** **Isaiah 29:13**

Proverbs 13:3 **Proverbs 21:23**

References regarding the “heart”

Deuteronomy 6:2 **1Samuel 16:7** **Psalms 37:4**

Psalms 51:10 **Proverbs 3:5** **Ezekiel 36:26**

Matthew 6:21 **2Timothy 2:22** **Jeremiah 23:11**

Job 8:13 **Matthew 13:24-30**

OPENING DISCUSSION

1. What was the main thing you learned from the sermon?
2. What questions do you have about anything that was raised during the message?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What special traditions does your family cherish that really hold meaning for you?
2. Explore the meaning of the word ‘transgression’ and how it relates to **Matthew 15:1-3**. What is the significance in this biblical context?
3. Traditionalism is an attitude that insists something must be preserved at all costs. Can you give some examples of where this ideology might hinder the church, Christians, and families?
4. How can we confidently establish boundaries to prevent traditionalism from infiltrating our homes, churches, and teachings?
5. How do you truly welcome someone when they share biblical truth with you? Do you respond in the way you ideally should?
6. Read **Matthew 13:24-30** and **Matthew 15:13-14**. Consider: what impact could these false teachings have on those who are not firmly grounded in doctrine? Reflect on the importance of discernment to protect your faith.
7. Explain why the heart holds such deep significance in shaping who we are as Christians and guiding us in our daily lives.
8. How do we keep our hearts from becoming defiled: What specific actions or attitudes can we adopt to protect our inner purity from negative influences such as dishonesty, bitterness, or temptation?



Women's Fall Brunch

Saturday, November 8, 2025
10:30am - 12:30pm

Please see bulletin for details