

2 Samuel 11.1-5, New Living Translation

¹¹ In the spring of the year, when kings normally go out to war, David sent Joab and the Israelite army to fight the Ammonites. They destroyed the Ammonite army and laid siege to the city of Rabbah. However, David stayed behind in Jerusalem.

² Late one afternoon, after his midday rest, David got out of bed and was walking on the roof of the palace. As he looked out over the city, he noticed a woman of unusual beauty taking a bath. ³ He sent someone to find out who she was, and he was told, “She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite.”⁴ Then David sent messengers to get her; and when she came to the palace, he slept with her. She had just completed the purification rites after having her menstrual period. Then she returned home.⁵ Later, when Bathsheba discovered that she was pregnant, she sent David a message, saying, “I’m pregnant.”

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²⁶ When Uriah’s wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. ²⁷ When the period of mourning was over, David sent for her and brought her to the palace, and she became one of his wives. Then she gave birth to a son. But the Lord was displeased with what David had done.

2 Samuel 12.1-9

¹² So the Lord sent Nathan the prophet to tell David this story: “There were two men in a certain town. One was rich, and one was poor. ² The rich man owned a great many sheep and cattle. ³ The poor man owned nothing but one little lamb he had bought. He raised that little lamb, and it grew up with his children. It ate from the man’s own plate and drank from his cup. He cuddled it in his arms like a baby daughter. ⁴ One day a guest arrived at the home of the rich man. But instead of killing an animal from his own flock or herd, he took the poor man’s lamb and killed it and prepared it for his guest.”

⁵ David was furious. “As surely as the Lord lives,” he vowed, “any man who would do such a thing deserves to die! ⁶ He must repay four lambs to the poor man for the one he stole and for having no pity.”

⁷ Then Nathan said to David, “You are that man! The Lord, the God of Israel, says: I anointed you king of Israel and saved you from the power of Saul. ⁸ I gave you your master’s house and his wives and the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. And if that had not been enough, I would have given you much, much more. ⁹ Why, then, have you despised the word of the Lord and done this horrible deed? For you have murdered Uriah the Hittite with the sword of the Ammonites and stolen his wife.



Psalm 51.1-10

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
because of your unfailing love.
Because of your great compassion,
blot out the stain of my sins.
- ² Wash me clean from my guilt.
Purify me from my sin.
- ³ For I recognize my rebellion;
it haunts me day and night.
- ⁴ Against you, and you alone, have I sinned;
I have done what is evil in your sight.
You will be proved right in what you say,
and your judgment against me is just.
- ⁵ For I was born a sinner—
yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.
- ⁶ But you desire honesty from the womb,
teaching me wisdom even there.
- ⁷ Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
- ⁸ Oh, give me back my joy again;
you have broken me—
now let me rejoice.
- ⁹ Don’t keep looking at my sins.
Remove the stain of my guilt.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Renew a loyal spirit within me.

Notes:

October/November Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	☑	Special Prayer	Old Testament	☑
25	Su	1 Corinthians 13			Exodus 4	
26	Mo	1 Corinthians 14			Exodus 5	
27	Tu	1 Corinthians 15			Exodus 6	
28	We	1 Corinthians 16			Exodus 7	
29	Th	2 Corinthians 1			Exodus 8	
30	Fr	2 Corinthians 2			Exodus 9	
31	Sa	2 Corinthians 3			Exodus 10	
1	Su	2 Corinthians 4			Exodus 11	

David and Bathsheba

Have mercy on me,
God
in your goodness; in your abundant compassion blot out my offense.

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October 25, 2026

Laketon Bethel’s Core Values:

A. ACCEPTANCE:

Everyone, regardless of who they are, what they have done, or what they are doing, will be accepted here. Laketon Bethel will be a safe place to explore your relationship with Jesus.

B. BIBLE:

The teachings of Jesus, contained in the Bible, are the final authority for faith and practice. We will study these teachings with open minds and the best scholarship available.

C. CONNECTION:

We invite people to connect with Jesus and with each other in all that we do.

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Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendars!

- October 28: Sherwin’s Bible Study
- November 3: Hand2Hand Packing 7pm
- November 4: Sherwin’s Bible Study
- November 8: Parents’ Pause
- November 9: Food Truck
- November 11: Supper House

Sherwin’s Bible Study “After Before”

Sherwin will be starting a new Bible Study this Wednesday. The agenda for this Bible study is that we will spend the first 15 minutes discussing the passages used the previous Sunday. Then, for the rest of the time, we will dig into the passage for the upcoming Sunday. Hence, “After Before.” Pizza at 6pm followed by the Study.

date	after	before
10.28	2 Samuel 11 and 12. Psalm 51, Matthew 21.22-41	1 Kings 3.4-9, [10-15], 16-28. Matthew 6.9-10
11.4	1 Kings 3.4-9, [10-15], 16-28. Matthew 6.9-10	2 Kings 5.1-15, Matthew 8.2-3
11.11	2 Kings 5.1-15, Matthew 8.2-3	Micah [1.3-5]; 5.2-5; 6.6-8. Matthew 9.13.
11.18	Micah [1.3-5]; 5.2-5; 6.6-8. Matthew 9.13.	Isaiah 36.1-3, 13-20; 37.1-7; 2.1-4. Matthew 5.14

Special Seniors: Jack & Jean Moore

Please sign the card located on the table in the entryway

Today’s Volunteers

- 1st Service Coffee Server: Diane Brantsen
- 2nd Service Coffee Server: Mark Gaultney
- 1st Service Nursery: Lori Anderson
- 2nd Service Nursery: Sally Hendrixon

Announcements

Trunk-Or-Treat! Today is the Trunk-Or-Treat So Others Can Eat 3:00 – 4:30pm. Come and enjoy the fun! Those of you who are decorating trunks and volunteering should be here by 2pm. Thank you!

Parents’ Pause Kids Play. Parents Breathe.
A free babysitting event hosted by Laketon Bethel Students! Sunday, November 8th from 12:30–3:00pm. Ages 0 – 10 years old. Please sign up in the entryway.

Women’s Bible Study We have two Women's Bible Studies on Mondays. At 9:30am the book we will be studying is *Women of Faith, Overcoming Worry* by Margaret Feinberg. We will be doing a second book on Mondays at 10:45am, the book will be *52 Weeks of Systematic Theology* by Ella Radley. Join us for one or both! See Maureen Mussman for more information.

Service Opportunities

Coffee Servers We could use a few more people to serve coffee and cookies. If you are interested, call the office at 231-744-1749 or send an email to lbrcoffice@gmail.com.

Hand2Hand provides weekend meals to students at Reeths-Puffer Elementary and Intermediate Schools. There are flyers on the tables by the Sanctuary doors that list the needed items if you would like to donate.

Sacred Suds (Helping Every Living Person Survive)
Cool weather is coming, sweatshirts and pants, long sleeve shirts, sweaters and winter gear will be appreciated. The usual needs are towels, hygiene products, laundry detergent. *Current special needs: blankets, sleeping bags, tents, socks, underwear, belts.*

Order of Worship - 9:00am

- (Songs with #'s can be found in the Hymnal under the chairs)
- Gathering Song
 - “Name Above All Names Medley”
- Call to Worship
 - “Glorious Is Thy Name #145”
 - “In the Name of the Lord #146”
 - “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing #147”
- Welcome & Announcements
- Congregational Prayer
- Worship in Song
 - “Just As I Am #343”
 - “Jesus Paid It All #218”
- Crosstalk – “David & Bathsheba”
- Offering
 - “Mighty Is the Power”
- Benediction
 - “Glory Be to the Father #9”

Order of Worship - 11:00am

- Gathering Song
 - “That’s My King”
- Call to Worship
 - “The King Is In the Room”
- Welcome & Announcements
- Congregational Prayer
- Worship in Song
 - “O Come to the Altar”
 - “Just As I Am”
 - “Made for More”
- Crosstalk - “David & Bathsheba”
- Offering
 - “New Creation”
- Benediction
 - “God Be With You”