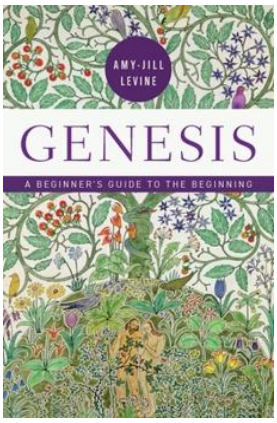
CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Eblast

October 15, 2026



FALL BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

Join Canon Melinda most Mondays beginning October 19 and ending around November 30 as we explore six foundational stories in the Book of Genesis. Amy-Jill Levine, a professor of New Testament AND an orthodox Jew, writes accessibly and humorously, providing both Jewish and Christian perspectives on: Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah, the binding of Isaac (the Akedah), Jacob's dream, and Joseph, Potiphar & Potiphar's wife.

Monday Mornings: October 19, Nov 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 10:15 to 11:45 at St. John Lutheran Church, South Wing.

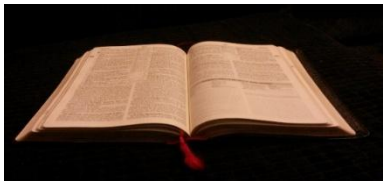
Monday Evenings: October 19, 26, Nov 2, 9, 16 and 30th from 6:30 until 8:00 pm, also at St. John, South Wing.

Please read the introduction and the first chapter prior to our first session.

Welcome Jim Ford

This Sunday and next we welcome back Jim Ford as our substitute organist while Marcella is away.

Scripture Reflection



This week, set aside some time to take inventory of your life. Consider your spiritual gifts. How do you use them in the service of God and others? Consider your material goods. How do you make use of these possessions?

SCRIPTURE LESSONS OCTOBER 10 & 11	**Serving in Worship for October 18**
Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9, [10-13] 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew: 22:15-22	**Worship Assistant:** Diane Siebecker **Greeter:** Diane Siebecker **Usher:** Scott Johnson **AV Operator:** Nina Seebeck

Rose Carpenter	10/2
Diane Siebecker	10/8
Thomas Shay	10/8
Alex Murrelle	10/8
Emily Cole Skjòld	10/16
Beth Williams	10/17
Nina Seebeck	10/20
James Bennett	10/21
Jerry Evans	10/21
James Nobles	10/24
Michael Wayman	10/26
Harold Anderson	10/31

Don & Norma Stevens	10/11
Ray & Penny Pennoyer	10/12
Joseph & Sherry Gabauer	10/23
Glenn & Amy Murrelle	10/27

Join Us for Coffee Time in the atrium **this Sunday** at approximately 10:15 being lovingly hosted by Heather Romano.

All Saints Day

All Saints Day is Sunday, November 1st. If you have a loved one that has died in the past year and we are not aware of it and would like them remembered on this day, please call or email the church office with their names by no later than 11:00 a.m. on October 28th. **Thank you!**

OUTREACH AT REDEEMER

For the month of October we will be collecting for canned fruit our local food pantries.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION PART 2: Delegates Linda Murrelle and Margaret Cole join Canon Melinda in Allentown Friday and Saturday for the Diocesan Convention with the Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe. Canon Melinda WILL be back in time for the Saturday worship service.

Save the Date

For St. Mary's Fall Fair on Thursday, November 12th

Plenty Good Room

There's Always Room for One More

In our household when I was growing up, and it is still true today, there was always room for one more in our home and at our table. It was not uncommon to awaken and find someone asleep on our sofa – whether an old friend of the family who just happened by or a family acquaintance who was experiencing a challenging time in their life. It could even have been the children of one of our upstairs neighbors who were experiencing conflict in the family. My parents opened our home to our schoolmates to keep them from going to a shelter while things were resolved with their parents. We shared our room and a space at our table to accommodate three additional guests. No matter the season there was always room at the Bennett Inn, there were loaves and fishes, and there was always plenty good room at our table.

Praying shapes believing and practice not only gets you to Carnegie Hall, it also makes perfect. "You give them something to eat." Jesus' words – an admonition to some an invitation to others – we get to embody in table fellowship where all are treated equally and all are fed. This way of being, this way of discipleship, this spirit of generosity and compassion was modeled for us by our family, in our church, and at our babysitter's home where no child was a stranger and tables were set in the eat-in kitchen and railroad length hallway and Sunday morning we were all given our envelopes with a dollar enclosed for the collection plate (if we didn't already have one). There was always room for one more and enough to share. There was plenty good room. Even now at our family gatherings we prepare for the unknown guest who may be invited to share our table.

A spirit of generosity and abundance finds its root in the beatitudes, in the story of the walk to Emmaus, in the wedding feast at Cana, and in the commandment to" love one another as I have loved you." Jesus made space for the vulnerable, the marginalized, the poor, and the list could go on ending with all of us. There was plenty good room at his table. When we respond to God's generosity in kind, there will always be enough, there will always be loaves and fishes, and there will always be plenty good room.

Questions for Reflection:

So who's missing from your table? Is there space at your table or do you need to add another in response to God's generosity and abundance?

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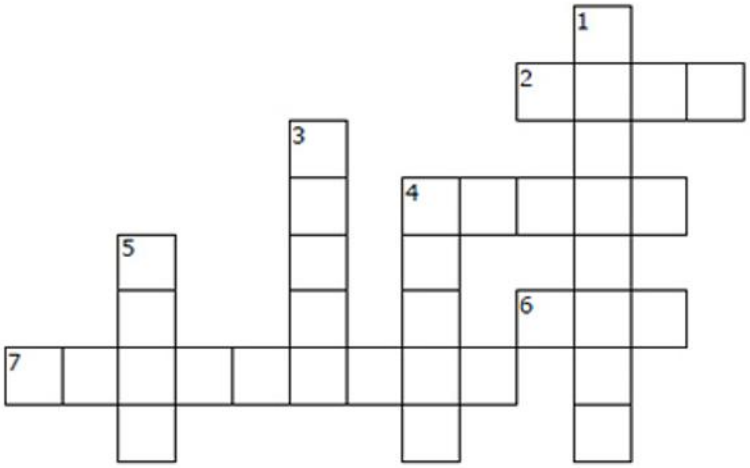
Based on Matthew 22:15-22 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. A usually flat piece of metal used for money.
4. A statement that agrees with fact or reality.
6. To give someone money in return for something.
7. A religious group who were strict followers of the law.

DOWN

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3. The details of how something is going to be accomplished.
4. Money paid to the government.
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TAXES	TRAP	PORTRAIT	PLANS
TRUTH	PAY	PHARISEES	COIN

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Choose the word that best matches the definition.

___1. A religious group who were strict followers of the law.
A. pharisees B. republicans C. hypocrites D. democrats

___2. The details of how something is going to be accomplished.
A. taxes B. plans C. trap D. words

___3. A situation from which it is difficult or impossible to escape.
A. trap B. plans C. truth D. coin

___4. Something that we speak or write.
A. taxes B. amazed C. words D. trap

___5. Someone who gives instructions to students.
A. teacher B. pharisees C. portrait D. Caesar

___6. A statement that agrees with fact or reality.
A. plans B. words C. truth D. trap

___7. To give someone money in return for something.
A. trap B. pay C. plans D. truth

___8. Money paid to the government.
A. trap B. portrait C. Caesar D. taxes

___9. What a person thinks about something.
A. trap B. opinion C. truth D. plans

___10. A usually flat piece of metal used for money.
A. coin B. taxes C. words D. pay