

# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Prayer

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake.

## 333 Once He Came in Blessing



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -  
2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He  
3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y  
4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,  
feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,  
pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor  
lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to  
Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will  
And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful  
That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.  
nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.  
shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.  
fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Introit (Sung Responsively)



Say to the daughter of | Zion,\*

“Behold, your sal- | vation comes.”

**The LORD will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,\*  
and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.**

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock!\*

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.

**Restore us, | O God;\***

**let your face shine, that we | may be saved!**

Turn again, O | God of hosts!\*

Look down from | heaven, and see.

**But let your hand be on the man of your | right hand,\***

**the son of man whom you have made strong | for yourself!**

*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\**

*and to the Holy | Spirit;*

*as it was in the be | ginning,\**

*is now, and will be forever. | Amen.*

Say to the daughter of | Zion,\*

“Behold, your sal- | vation comes.”

**The LORD will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,\*  
and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.**

### Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



## Gradual

**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God | shines forth.\***

**Our God comes; he does not keep | silence;**

**“Gather to me my | faithful ones,\*  
who made a covenant with me by | sacrifice!”**

## Epistle

*Romans 15:4–13*

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.” <sup>10</sup>And again it is said, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.” <sup>11</sup>And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.” <sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.” <sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 21:25–36*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>25</sup>[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” <sup>29</sup>And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that

the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup>“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

### 336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



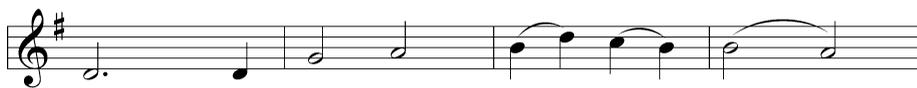
1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him  
3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion  
4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,



Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;  
Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;  
Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,  
High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;



Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
Those who set at naught and sold Him,  
Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



Swell the tri - umph of His train:  
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,  
To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.  
Claim the king - dom as Thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly  
With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.  
rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

## Sermon

### 781 We Give Thee But Thine Own



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive  
3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,  
4 To com - fort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!  
And lambs for whom the Shep-herd bled Are stray - ing from the fold.  
To tend the lone and fa - ther-less Is an - gels' work be - low.

5 The captive to release,  
To God the lost to bring,  
To teach the way of life and peace,  
It is a Christ-like thing.

6 And we believe Thy Word,  
Though dim our faith may be:  
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,  
We do it unto Thee.

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### Offertory



☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

*Offering may be left before or after the service in the plates by the doors.*

## Prayer of the Church

### **All those in need of continued strength and healing**

Amy Schueler, Charlotte Dippel, Anita Troemel, Lee and Julie Braselton  
Lorene Rekeweg, Andy Price and Dan Price (Father of Andy Price)  
John Rahn (grandfather of Sem. Aaron Coggins)  
Jerry Clausen (brother of Otto Clausen)  
Carol Tieman (mother of Sandy Meyer)

**Sympathies in time of death:** Family of Calvin Dathe (father of Loren Dathe)  
Family of Kathy Tyson (sister of Sylvia Wann)

### **The Church and its faithful workers**

Rev. and Mrs. Steven Schumacher  
Rachel Meyer (sister of Mr. Peter Meyer)

### **All military personnel** Active and Inactive

Seth Wanner and Rob Gresley (deployed)

### **Our members currently shut-in**

Jackie Werling, Ruth Witte, (Ossian Healthcare)  
Imogene Bultemeier, (Woodcrest)

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



**G** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**G** A - men.

## Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## Distribution

**Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper** in our worship. Bethlehem Lutheran Church administers this Holy Supper in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we receive, along with the Bread and Wine, the very Body and Blood of Jesus through which we receive the forgiveness of sins. Furthermore, the communicants as a body of believers make a confession of the unity of their faith. Those desiring to receive the Sacrament with us, who are not communicant members of Bethlehem or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, are asked to please speak with the Pastor before the service.

***For the distribution of Holy Communion Pastor will wear a mask. Please:***

- when released from your pew by the Elders, go to the far end of the railing on the side you are sitting on,
- do not kneel,

- extend your hand to receive the host/wafer.
- If taking an individual cup place empty glass in the basket on your way back to your seat.
- return to your seat when Pastor has pronounced the blessing for you or your family unit

### Prayer before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### 625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace  
 2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -  
 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free  
 4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,  
 ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,  
 re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight  
 would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well  
 Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -  
 In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,  
 O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress



for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,  
 ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,  
 Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,  
 this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,



Give me Your grace and mer - cy.  
 To share Your cup of heal - ing.  
 As - sured of Your full par - don.  
 O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

## 508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,  
 2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,  
 3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing  
 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -  
 And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -  
 What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was  
 Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on  
 wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -  
 dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be  
 trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.  
 might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.  
 known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.  
 judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe  
 And for my sin was smitten;  
 Within the Book of Life I know  
 My name has now been written.  
 I will not doubt, for I am free,  
 And Satan cannot threaten me;  
 There is no condemnation!

6 May Christ our intercessor be  
 And through His blood and merit  
 Read from His book that we are free  
 With all who life inherit.  
 Then we shall see Him face to face,  
 With all His saints in that blest place  
 Which He has purchased for us.

7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,  
 But hasten our salvation;  
 We often tremble on our way  
 In fear and tribulation.  
 O hear and grant our fervent plea:  
 Come, mighty judge, and set us free  
 From death and ev'ry evil.

### 343 Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!  
2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!  
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



*Refrain*  
Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

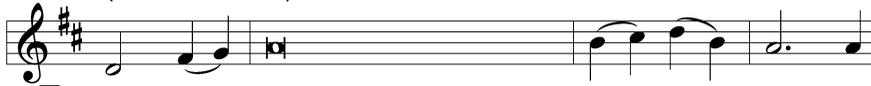
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### Prayer of Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### Nunc Dimittis (Please stand)



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Salutation



**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus



**A** Bless we the Lord.

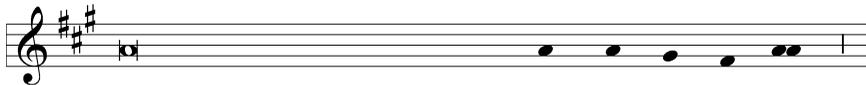


**G** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**G** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;  
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;  
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f' rings bore,  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.  
Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.  
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.  
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.  
In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.  
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

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## IN HIS SERVICE

<b>Preaching</b>	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
<b>Fieldworker</b>	Sem. Nicholas Gapski and Sem. Aaron Coggins
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<b>Elders on Duty</b>	Brian Bauermeister, Glen Werling
<b>Kantor</b>	Richard Brinkley
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<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	9:30 a.m.	Family Bible Class
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
<b>MONDAY</b>	NO	Handbell Choir Practice
<b>TUESDAY</b>	6:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Education Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel Service</b>
	6:00 p.m.	Catechesis Class
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Advent Mid-week Divine Service/Holy Comm.</b>
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***Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at [hklep@msn.com](mailto:hklep@msn.com) or by calling the church office at 597-7121.***

**THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR** this morning have been given to the glory of God by Berenice Stoppenhagen in loving memory of her late husband Raymond and in remembrance of their Wedding Anniversary.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – Sunday, December 13th**

**THANK YOU** - To the whole congregation for the heartfelt outpouring of thoughts, prayers and cards during Deb's short illness and passage into Heaven. Our family is truly blessed to be part of such a caring congregation. A special thank you to pastor wirgau who has been by our side and has given me and the family great Christian help and understanding during this time. Rick Meyer and Family

**THE LWML** Today is the last day to contribute to the Fieldworker Christmas Ingathering. Gift cards and unwrapped gifts can be placed in the box under the poster. Thank you for your generosity.

**Attention Ladies Aid members:** The Ladies Aid Christmas Party has been cancelled. Plan to bring and pick up your cheer sister gifts to church TODAY and put them in the Fellowship Hall. If you cannot be at church let one of the officers know and we will get it to you. Delores Scheumann will be contacting you with your New Year Cheer Sisters.

**THE LADIES AID CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 7. Due to the pandemic, there will be some changes this year. The Ladies Aid will provide the students with a sack/box lunch in their classrooms. Students and teachers only, no extra guests.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA TREE-** This year's color for the tree will be RED. An order form has been inserted in today's bulletin. Please leave your order and check payable to Dalene Springer in the church office. ***Deadline for orders is TODAY Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.*** Thank you

**ALTAR GUILD** –Volunteers are needed for the New Year. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board. Please consider helping to prepare the Altar for Divine Services. Contact Wendy Boehm if you have any questions.

**For those following Vicar Ethan Stoppenhagen, check out the following link to listen to his sermons. [www.oslcraleigh.org](http://www.oslcraleigh.org)**

**The SCRIP TABLE** will be closed for the next couple of weeks. Please continue to use the scrip program for all of your holiday shopping needs! You can call or text your order to Melissa Price at 260-433-5307. Thank you

## Offering November 29, 2020

### Financial Report

Average weekly need	\$11,342
Home Fund Env.	\$10,176.77
Synod	105.00
Loose	131.70
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fund	104.73
Endowment Fund	
Lutheran Witness	19.00
Thanksgiving	2,271.22
Gym Use	45.00
Memorials	<u>610.00</u>
Total	\$13,463.42

### **Home Fund Balance \$3,942.68**

Next week bills due amt: \$13,000

Bills due two weeks: \$6,000

### **Savings Account Balance \$20,112.04**

Borrowed from Savings: \$18,941.00

Operating Loan Debt: \$15,702.78

### **AC Unit fund balance \$17,026.44**

### **Church/Communion Attendance**

8:00 a.m. 72/53

10:00 a.m. 72/45

Wednesday 47/37

**Offering Envelopes** for the New Year will be available for pick up **TODAY** in the north hallway.

<https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemlutheranchurchossian> 8:00 a.m. Livestream

Pastor Wirgau will also be available as needed to serve you Christ's gifts in an individual or smaller setting if that is what is best. You can utilize the sign up here on this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0444aba823aaf85-bethlehem1> or send me an email: [samuel.wirgau@gmail.com](mailto:samuel.wirgau@gmail.com), or call or text: 260-273-7595. You can also call the church or email Heidi and she can get that set up as well.

### **HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE:**

Wednesday Evening Advent Services with Holy Communion begin at 7:00 p.m. Dec. 9-23

December 16<sup>th</sup> - Children's Christmas Service – **Video taped**

December 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve Services 7:00 p.m. or 9:00 p.m.

December 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day Service 9:00 a.m.

December 31<sup>st</sup> - New Year's Eve Service 7:00 p.m.

In order to utilize the physical distancing as part of our temporary protocols here at Bethlehem we will be having two (identical) Christmas Eve services at 7:00pm and 9:00pm on December 24. We are asking those who wish to attend to please sign-up for their time by December 20. Please also indicate the number attending and if you would be open to switching times if too large a number of people are attending a particular service. Sign-up sheets are available at both doors or you can call or email the church office or call or text Pastor. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate these strange times while continuing the proclamation of Christ this Christmas.

## **RECITATION & PRAYER FOR CLASSROOM AND HOME**

*The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of Baptism.*

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*A hymn may be sung.*

*Recite Together:*

*The Ten Commandments*

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it Holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*The Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Additional Memory Work for the week may be recited.*

*Scripture Reading and/or Devotion Lesson*

*Prayers and Intercessions*

*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.

**Learn-by-heart all or some of the provided text as age and ability of your household allows.**

*What does such baptizing with water indicate?*

**It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

*Where is this written?*

**St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six:**

**We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. Romans 6:4**

*What is Galatians 5:17?*

**For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. Galatians 5:17**