

# 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.

## Opening Hymn #383 A Great and Mighty Wonder



1 A great and mighty wonder, A full and holy cure:  
2 The Word becomes incarnate And yet remains on high,  
3 While thus they sing your Monarch, Those bright angelic bands,  
4 Since all He comes to ransom, By all be He adored,  
5 All idols then shall perish And Satan's lying cease,



The virgin bears the infant With virgin honor pure!  
And cherubim sing anthems To shepherds from the sky.  
Rejoice, O vales and mountains, And oceans, clap your hands.  
The infant born in Bethlehem, The Savior and the Lord.  
And Christ shall raise His scepter, Decreeing endless peace.

### *Refrain*



Proclaim the Savior's birth: "To God on high be



glory And peace to all the earth!"

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## Invocation (please stand)

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  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)



Show, O heavens, | from above,\*  
and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;  
**let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit;\***  
**let the earth cause them | both to sprout.**  
The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,\*  
and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.  
**Their measuring line goes out through all the earth,**  
**and their words to the end | of the world.\***  
**In them he has set a tent | for the sun,**  
which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his | chamber,\*  
and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.  
**Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the | end of them,\***  
**and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.**  
*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.*  
Show, O heavens, | from above,\*  
and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;  
**let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit;\***  
**let the earth cause them | both to sprout.**

### Kyrie



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

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Let us pray.

**P** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

### Old Testament Reading

*Deuteronomy 18:15–19*

<sup>15</sup>“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—<sup>16</sup>just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’<sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. <sup>19</sup>And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.’”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

The LORD is near to all who | call on him,\*  
to all who call on | him in truth.  
My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD,\*  
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.

## Epistle

*Philippians 4:4–7*

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

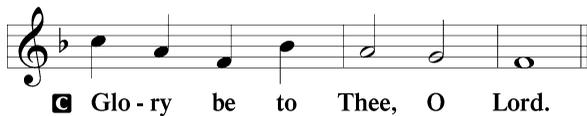
## Alleluia



## Holy Gospel

*Luke 1:39–56*

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



<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” <sup>46</sup>And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup>for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup>for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup>And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; <sup>52</sup>he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; <sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. <sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup>as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.” <sup>56</sup>And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

**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.

### 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
 2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest  
 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy  
 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
 all things might - i - ly; To us the path of  
 tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst  
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.  
 give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



*Refrain*  
 Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

- 5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
 And open wide our heav'nly home;  
 Make safe the way that leads on high,  
 And close the path to misery. Refrain
- 6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
 And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
 Refrain

- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
 In one the hearts of all mankind;  
 Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
 And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

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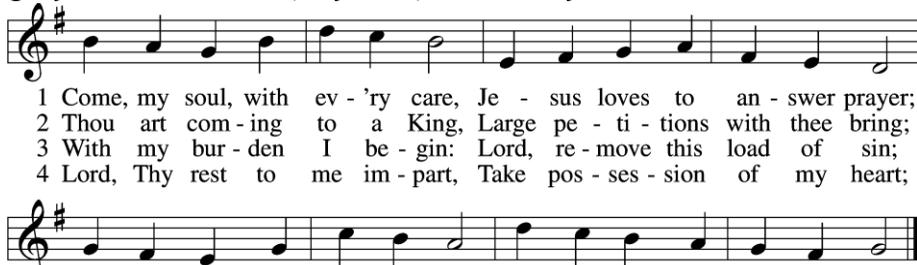
### Sermon

## 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 Hymn #779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care



1 Come, my soul, with ev - 'ry care, Je - sus loves to an - swer prayer;  
2 Thou art com - ing to a King, Large pe - ti - tions with thee bring;  
3 With my bur - den I be - gin: Lord, re - move this load of sin;  
4 Lord, Thy rest to me im - part, Take pos - ses - sion of my heart;

He Him - self has bid thee pray, There - fore will not turn a - way.  
For His grace and pow'r are such None can ev - er ask too much.  
Let Thy blood, for sin - ners spilt, Set my con - science free from guilt.  
There Thy blood - bought right main - tain And with - out a ri - val reign.

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|---|--|---|--|
| 5 | While I am a pilgrim here,<br>Let Thy love my spirit cheer;<br>As my guide, my guard, my friend,<br>Lead me to my journey's end. | 6 | Show me what is mine to do;<br>Ev'ry hour my strength renew.<br>Let me live a life of faith;<br>Let me die Thy people's death. |
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*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, Berenice Stoppenhagen*

*Dan Price (Father of Andy Price)*

*Jerry Clausen (brother of Otto Clausen)*

*Carol Tieman (mother of Sandy Meyer)*

### **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*

*Charlotte Dippel (Lutheran Life Village)*

# 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.

**Distribution Hymn #628 Your Table I Approach**



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.  
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;  
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.  
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In - blest re - al - i - ty.  
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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**Distribution Hymn #353 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring**



1 Je - sus came, the heav'ns a - dor - ing, Came with peace from  
2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy When our hearts are  
3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, Bring - ing news of  
4 Je - sus comes in joy and sor - row, Shares a - like our



realms on high; Je - sus came to win re - demp - tion,  
 worn with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer  
 sins for - giv'n; Je - sus comes with words of glad - ness,  
 hopes and fears; Je - sus comes, what - e'er be - falls us,



Low - ly came on earth to die; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 To an ear - nest, heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Lead - ing souls re - deemed to heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Cheers our hearts and dries our tears; Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de - spair.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Com - forts us in fail - ing years.

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## Distribution Hymn #934 My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord



1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; My spir - it  
 2 For He a - lone who shows such might Has done a -  
 3 His arm is strong; His strength is great. He scat - ters  
 4 He feeds the hun - gry as His own; The wealth - y



leaps for joy in Him. He keeps me in His kind re -  
 maz - ing things to me. His mer - cy flows; His name like  
 those of proud in - tent And casts them down from high es -  
 leave with emp - ty hands. He gives His help to Is - ra -



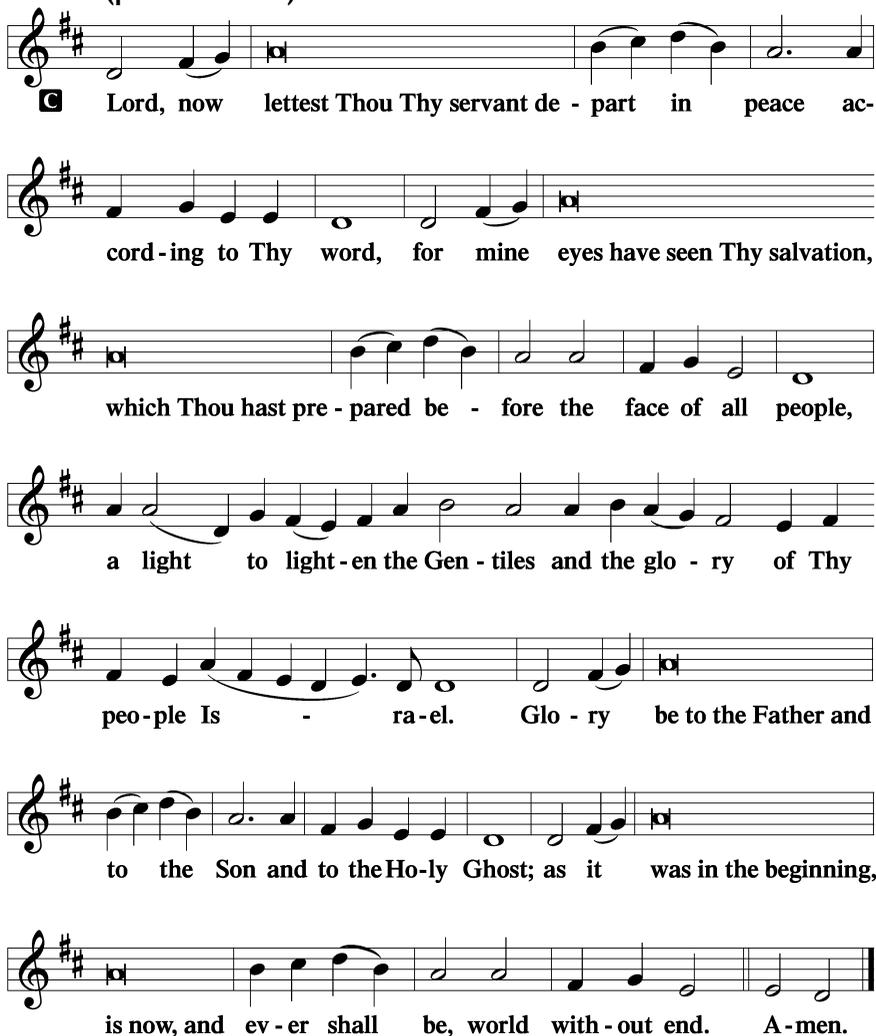
gard, And I am blest for time to come.  
 light Re - mains in time per - pet - ual - ly.  
 tate, Then gives the low His nour - ish - ment.  
 el; His gra - cious prom - ise al - ways stands.

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

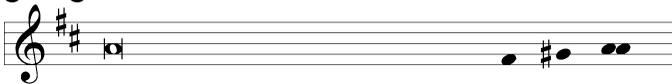
Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins,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

### Nunc Dimittis (please stand)



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Thanksgiving



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



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

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A - men.

## Salutation



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

## Benedicamus

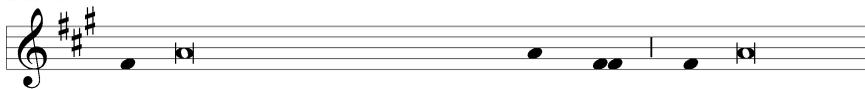


**A** Bless we the Lord.

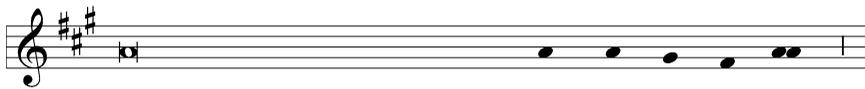


**G** Thanks be to God.

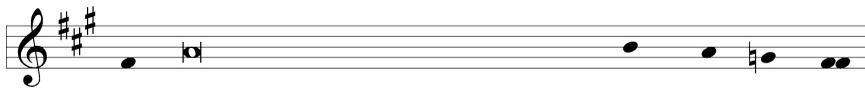
## Benediction



**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.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn # 337 The Night Will Soon Be Ending



1 The night will soon be end - ing; The dawn can -  
2 The One whom an - gels tend - ed Comes near, a  
3 The earth in sure ro - ta - tion Will soon bring  
4 Yet nights will bring their sad - ness And rob our  
5 God dwells with us in dark - ness And makes the



not be far. Let songs of praise as - cend - ing Now  
child, to serve; Thus God, the judge of - fend - ed, Bears  
morn - ing bright, So run where God's sal - va - tion Glows  
hearts of peace, And sin in all its mad - ness A -  
night as day; Yet we re - sist the bright - ness And



greet the Morn - ing Star! All you whom dark - ness  
all our sins de - serve. The guilt - y need not  
in a sta - ble's light. As old as sin's per -  
round us may in - crease. But now one Star is  
turn from God a - way. But grace does not for -



fright - ens With guilt or grief or pain, God's ra - diant  
cow - er, For God has rec - on - ciled Through His re -  
ver - sion Is mer - cy's vast de - sign: God brings a  
beam - ing Whose rays have pierced the night: God comes for  
sake us, How - ev - er far we run. God claims us



Star now bright - ens And bids you sing a - gain.  
demp - tive pow - er All those who trust this child.  
new cre - a - tion—This child its seal and sign.  
our re - deem - ing From sin's op - pres - sive might.  
still as chil - dren Through Mar - y's in - fant Son.

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## IN HIS SERVICE

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<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	9:30 a.m. Family Bible Class
	<b>10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	11:30 a.m. Board of Elders Meeting
	11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
<b>MONDAY</b>	NO School (Christmas Break Dec. 21-Jan. 3)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. Advent Mid-week Divine Service/Holy Comm.</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service</b>
	<b>9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service</b>
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
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	<b>10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

***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 LADIES AID** will be making and delivering fruit baskets to our members who are 80 years and older on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**2021 Calendars** of the Lutheran Churches of the Decatur Circuit are available for purchase in the narthex. Proceeds from the calendar sale will go to the [Siberian Lutheran Mission Society](#). Calendars are \$10 each.

**ALTAR GUILD** –Volunteers are needed for the New Year. Signup 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.

**LWML Mites** – Your Mites for Missions can be placed in the LWML Mite box in the narthex at any time. Thank you

**For those following Vicar Ethan Stoppenhagen, check out the following link to listen to his sermons. [www.oscraleigh.org](http://www.oscraleigh.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 December 13, 2020**  
**Financial Report**

<u>Average weekly need</u>	\$11,342
Home Fund Env.	\$14,609.73
Synod	55.00
Loose	384.00
Scholarship Fund	269.29
Improvement Fund	244.73
Endowment Fund	
Advent Evening	508.00
Memorials	315.00
School Tuition	<u>6,072.43</u>
Total	\$22,458.18

**Home Fund Balance \$8,353.36**

Next week bills due: \$14,000

Bills due two weeks: \$12,000

**Savings Account Balance \$20,741.12**

Borrowed from Savings: \$18,941.00

Operating Loan Debt: \$9,702.78

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

**Church/Communion Attendance**

8:00 a.m. 75/52

10:00 a.m. 79/42

Wednesday 32/19

**Offering Envelopes** for the New Year are available for pick up 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:**

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 TODAY 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.



The Poinsettia plants decorating our sanctuary  
this Christmas have been  
given to the glory of God by the following:

- \**Scott Bauermeister in loving memory of Glenn and Pauline Bauermeister*
- \**Bethlehem Ladies Aid in honor of "Our Saviors Birth"*
- \**Josh and Wendy Boehm in loving memory of Deb Meyer (Aunt Debbie)*
- \**Lee and Julie Braselton in loving memory of  
Walter and Gloria Schwehn and in honor of Ellen Brady*
- \**Aldon and Charlotte Bultemeier in loving memory of our Family and Friends  
who have passed and in honor of Pastor, Church Workers and School Staff  
for keeping the facility operational*
- \**Brian and Jenny Bultemeier and family in loving memory of  
Joyce Bultemeier and Woody and Lucy Mewhorter  
And in honor of teachers and staff of Bethlehem Lutheran School*
- \**Imogene Bultemeier in loving memory of husband Gilbert  
and our daughter, Carla Powell*
- \**Otto and Judy Clausen in loving memory of our parents*
- \**Larry Eichler in loving memory of Joan Eichler*
- \**David and Ronda Flesch in loving memory of Keith Flesch  
and Glenn and Pauline Bauermeister also in honor of Josie Flesch*
- \**Marilyn Franke in loving memory of Delin, beloved husband and father*
- \**Jeff and Lisa Gresley in loving memory of Pink and Helen Gresley*
- \**Dan and Heidi Kleppinger in loving memory of  
Mark & Joyce Kleppinger, Ruth Hofmann and Carol Stibolt  
and in honor of Bethlehem and its faithful servants*
- \**Keith and Dorothy Krick in loving memory of Edward Scheumann,  
Paul and Marquerite Krick*
- \**Jason and Tisha Laley and family in loving memory of Lynn Dishong and Mike Laley*
- \**Jay and Cheryl Louison in loving memory of Jesse and Donna Louison  
and in honor of Charles and Janet Spurgeon*
- \**Rev. Don and Lois Lutz given to the Glory of God*
- \**Lloyd and Joellen Meyer in honor of all healthcare workers*
- \**Marilyn L. Meyer in loving memory of husband Eugene  
and daughter Connie and Deb and in honor of my family*
- \**Mike and Emilie Meyer in loving memory of Marvin L. Meyer*

- \*Rick Meyer in loving memory of Deb Meyer*
- \*Stan and Pat Meyer and family in loving memory of  
Wilbur and Ilene Meyer, Shelley Ambriole and Dave and Joan Sprunger*
- \*Rev. and Mrs. Martin Moehring in loving memory of Rev. and Mrs. William Brege*
- \*Mike and Kathy Nahrwold in loving memory of  
Robert Worden and Carl and Helen Nahrwold also in honor of Bonnie Worden*
- \*Tom and Colleen Patrick in loving memory of Carl and Helen Nahrwold,  
George and Betty Patrick and Jim Patrick also in honor of our grandchildren;  
Kyle, Cole, Hannah, Maisie and Cora*
- \*Mark and Vicki Schallhorn in honor of our Savior's Birth*
- \*Helen and Donna Scheumann in loving memory of Edward Scheumann*
- \*Don and Amy Schueler in honor of our Church Family*
- \*Ralph and Donna Schumm in loving memory of our loved ones*
- \*Ted and Denise Schumm in loving memory of  
Frederick and Rosie Schumm and Edward Scheumann  
also in honor of Helen Scheumann*
- \*Jerry Springer in loving memory of Parents and Grandparents; Junior & Delight  
Springer, Simon and Elise Springer, Orlo and Iola Fisher*
- \*Berenice Stoppenhagen in loving memory of my Family and husband Raymond*
- \*Dean Stoppenhagen in loving memory of Harold, Marie and Loren Stoppenhagen*
- \*Neil and Susan Stoppenhagen and family in honor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
Family*
- \*Bruce and Diana Thorpe in loving memory of Linda Thorpe and Lynn B. Dishong*
- \*Sylvia Wann in loving memory of Tom Wann, Mr & Mrs Abner Tyson,  
Mr & Mrs Harry A Wann and Kathleen Tyson*
- \*Doyle and Laura Werling in loving memory of Herman and Esther Werling*
- \*Gary Werling in loving memory of Wilmer "Butch" Werling  
and in honor of Jackie Werling*
- \*Glen and Julie Werling in loving memory of Orvil and Wanita Werling  
and Charles and Ruth Oswalt*
- \*LouAnn Winans in loving memory of Michael Winans*
- \*Pastor and DoRena Wirgau in loving memory of infants who died before birth,  
including Alice Odom and Baby Townes*

***The Altar Guild committee wishes to thank everyone for their Poinsettia plant orders.  
Please plan to pick up your plants after the 9:00 am Christmas Day Service.***

## **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 is John 1:9-14*

**9. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.**

**10. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.**

**11. He came to his own, and his own people<sup>ἑαυτοῦ</sup> did not receive him.**

**12. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,**

**13. who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.**

**14. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**