Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



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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.

#716 I Walk in Danger All the Way Opening Hymn 1 I The thought shall nev - er walk in dan - ger all the way. 2 I pass through tri - als all the way, With sin and ills con -3 And death pur - sues me all the way, No - where Ι rest se -4 I walk with an - gels all the way, They shield me and be -That Sa - tan, who has marked his prey, Is leave me tend ing; In pa - tience Ι must bear each day The cure -He night, day, He ly; comes by he comes by friend me; All Sa - tan's pow'r is held at bay When foe hid - den snares plot - ting to de - ceive me. This with ad - ver - si - ty of God's own send ing. When in cross prey takes his most sure ly. A fail - ing breath, and Í at - tend me: They heav'n-ly hosts are my sure de - fense, May seize If Ι should fail me wares to un а _ know flee, When storms Ι not where to of woe my death's strong grasp may In lie To face ter ni e All fear sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, and do Ι watch and pray. walk in dan all the ger way. soul dis may, Ι pass through tri als all the way. to day As death pur sues all the way. ty me what they may, Ι walk with an gels all the way.

I walk with Jesus all the way, His guidance never fails me; Within His wounds I find a stay When Satan's pow'r assails me; And by His footsteps led, My path I safely tread. No evil leads my soul astray; I walk with Jesus all the way. My walk is heav'nward all the way; Await, my soul, the morrow, When God's good healing shall allay All suff'ring, sin, and sorrow. Then, worldly pomp, begone! To heav'n I now press on. For all the world I would not stay; My walk is heav'nward all the way. Text and tune: Public domain

Invocation (Please stand)

- \mathbf{P} In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

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- 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)

Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because | of your foes,* to still the enemy and the a- | venger.



O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!* You have set your glory above the | heavens. What is man that you are mind- | ful of him,*

and the son of man that you | care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings* and crowned him with glory and | honor.

You have given him dominion over the works | of your hands;*

you have put all things under his feet.

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.

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Kyrie C Lord, have Christ, have mer - cy up mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have on us. mer -- on us. cy up Gloria in Excelsis O P Glory be to God on high: C and on earth peace, good - will toward ο O O men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, 0 O 0 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O 0 0 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. 0 10 \overline{a} O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O 0 0 0 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of Father, the





P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Genesis 46:1–7

¹So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. ²And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, "Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here am I." ³Then he said, "I am God, the God of your father. Do not

be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. ⁴I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph's hand shall close your eyes." ⁵Then Jacob set out from Beersheba. The sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons that Pharaoh had sent to carry him. ⁶They also took their livestock and their goods, which they had gained in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring with him, ⁷his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters. All his offspring he brought with him into Egypt.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the | nations,* that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory | in your praise. You, O LORD, are our | Father,* our Redeemer from of old | is your name.

Epistle

1 Peter 4:12-19

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.



¹³When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." ¹⁶Then Herod. when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead."²¹And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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 + of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day #385 From East to West



Sermon



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

Kristy Rupert (sister of Pastor Wirgau) Amy Schueler Dan Price (Father of Andy Price) Jerry Clausen (brother of Otto Clausen) Carol Tieman (mother of Sandy Meyer) <u>Sympathies in time of death</u> Diane Guilert (mother of Anita Dathe) <u>The Church and its faithful workers</u> Rev. and Mrs. Steven Schumacher Rachel Meyer (sister of Mr. Peter Meyer) <u>All military personnel</u> Active and Inactive Seth Wanner and Rob Gresley (deployed) <u>Our members currently shut-in</u>

Jackie Werling, Ruth Witte, (Ossian Healthcare) Imogene Bultemeier, (Woodcrest Charlotte Dippel (Lutheran Life Village)

Service of the Sacrament



Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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



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 + 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 + 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





Distribution

<u>Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper</u> 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 #631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness; Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood; Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace: Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

- Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear; The feast, though not the love, is past and gone; The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here; Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above, Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
 - The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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Distribution Hymn #725 Children of the Heavenly Father



Distribution Hymn #370 What Child Is This





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.





Thanksgiving

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



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.



Salutation

P The Lord be with you.



Benedicamus

A Bless we the Lord.



Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



517 By All Your Saints in Warfare





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IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching Rev. Samuel Wirgau Fieldworker Sem. Nicholas Gapski and Sem. Aaron Coggins Deaconess Wendy Boehm **Head Elder** Lloyd Meyer **Elders on Duty** Bruce Meyer and Mike Meyer **Richard Brinkley** Kantor Altar Guild Chairman **Dalene Springer** Ushers Trent Aschliman, Rory Geiger, Lane Harkless Darren Patrick, Mark Patrick, Cole Patrick

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8:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m.	Family Bible Class
10:30 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
School back in session	
10:15 a.m.	Chapel Service
1:30 p.m.	Ladies Aid Meeting
6:00 p.m.	Catechesis Class
7:00 p.m.	Epiphany Service with Holy Communion
8:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m.	Family Bible Class
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	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. School back in 10:15 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m .

Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at <u>hklep@msn.com</u>or by calling the church office at 597-7121.

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, 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.

EPHIPHANY DIVINE SERVICE – Wednesday, Jan. 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Offering Envelopes for the New Year are available for pick up in the north hallway.

LADIES AID MEETING- Wednesday January 6th at 1:30 p.m. Installation of new officers will be conducted.

<u>CARD SHOWER</u> - Delores Scheumann will be turning 90 on January 10th. Because of COVID the Ladies Aid will not be able to host a party for her but wanted have a card shower. Please be sure and send her a 90th Birthday Wish. Thank you

<u>VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING</u> -There will be a special called voters assembly meeting on January 17, 2021 following the second service to discuss and vote on a proposal sent to LCMS congregations to delay the 2022 Synod convention one year.

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 <u>Siberian</u> Lutheran Mission Society. Calendars are \$10 each.

<u>ALTAR GUILD</u> –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.

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED TO SIGN UP FOR FLOWERS TO BE PLACED ON THE

<u>ALTAR OR HYMNBOARD.</u> Simply use the 2021 flower chart posted on the bulletin board to sign up on the date you wish to have flowers. Purchased flowers should be brought to church before the designated date to be sure they are placed properly. For help in placing the flowers, please contact Dalene Springer. Announcements concerning the flowers should be given to the church office. Thank you

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.oslcraleigh.org

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

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Average weekly need	<u>d \$11,342</u>	Home Fund Balance \$14,618.76
Home Fund Env.	\$31,051.38	Next week bills due: \$12,000
Synod	67.00	Bills due two weeks: \$6,000
Loose	77.50	Savings Account Balance \$23,895.58
Scholarship Fund		Borrowed from Savings: \$18,941.00
Improvement Fund	3,044.73	Operating Loan Debt: PAID
Endowment Fund	2,000.00	AC Unit fund balance \$20,495.69
Advent Evening	717.00	
Memorials	10.00	Church/Communion Attendance 12/24-31/2020
Music Fund	25.00	Christmas Eve 209
Christmas Eve	1,297.00	Christmas Day 99/67
Christmas Day	2,999.00	Sunday 149/108
Total	\$41,288.61	Wednesday 15/8
		New Years Eve 42/26