

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.

Opening Hymn #555, 1-5 Salvation unto Us Has Come



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and
2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had
4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -
5 Yet as the Law must be ful - filled Or we must die de -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They
ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For
giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And
ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our
spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled, Our



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those
by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a
guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's
hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for us the



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
pure de - sires The spir - it of the
mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our
Law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.
ven - geance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.

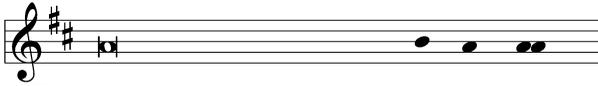
Lent Versicles (please stand)



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Antiphon (Lent)



L The Lord has re - deemed His peo - ple.



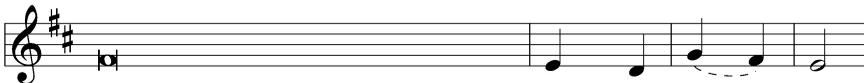
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite



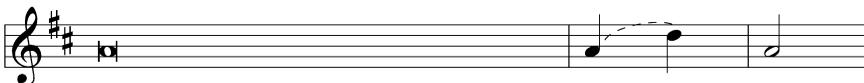
- C** 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon (Lent)



- L** The Lord has re - deemed His peo - ple.



- C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Introit (sung responsively)



The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;*
the snares of death con- | fronted me.

In my distress I called up- | on the LORD.*

From his temple he | heard my voice.

I love you, O | LORD, my strength.*

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer.

For you save a humble | people,*

but the haughty eyes | you bring down.

[You have] equipped | me with strength*

and made my way | blameless.

For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the | nations,*

and sing | to your name.

*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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the snares of death con- | fronted me.

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From his temple he | heard my voice.

Hymn of the Day #555, 6-10 Salvation unto Us Has Come



6 Since Christ has full a - tone-ment made And brought to us sal-
7 Let me not doubt, but tru - ly see Your Word can - not be
8 The Law re - veals the guilt of sin And makes us con - science-
9 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone And rests in Him un-
△ 10 All bless - ing, hon - or, thanks, and praise To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad And
bro - ken; Your call rings out, "Come un - to Me!" No
strick - en; But then the Gos - pel en - ters in The
ceas - ing; And by its fruits true faith is known, With
Spir - it, The God who saved us by His grace; All



build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear
false - hood have You spo - ken. Bap - tized in - to Your
sin - ful soul to quick - en. Come to the cross, trust
love and hope in - creas - ing. For faith a - lone can
glo - ry to His mer - it. O tri - une God in



Lord, I plead, Your death is now my
pre - cious name, My faith can - not be
Christ, and live; The Law no peace can
jus - ti - fy; Works serve our neigh - bor
heav'n a - bove, You have re - vealed Your



life in - deed, For You have paid my ran - som.
put to shame, And I shall nev - er per - ish.
ev - er give, No com - fort and no bless - ing.
and sup - ply The proof that faith is liv - ing.
sav - ing love; Your bless - ed name we hal - low.

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Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17:1–7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 9:24–10:5

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified. ¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the

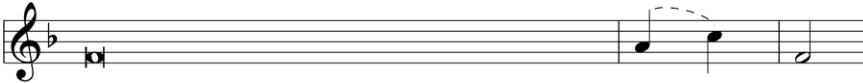
Athanasian Creed

- L** Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
- C** **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**
- L** And the catholic faith is this,
- C** **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**
- L** For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- C** **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**
- L** Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- C** **the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**
- L** the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- C** **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**
- L** And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- C** **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**
- L** In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- C** **and yet there are not three Almighty, but one Almighty.**
- L** So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- C** **and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**
- L** So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- C** **and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**
- L** Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- C** **The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**
- L** The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- C** **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**
- L** Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- C** **And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**
- L** but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshipped.
- C** **Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**
- L** But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.**
- L** He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- C** **perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**
- L** equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- C** **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**

- L** one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- C** **one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**
- L** For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- C** **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**
- L** ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- C** **At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**
- L** And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- C** **This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

Sermon

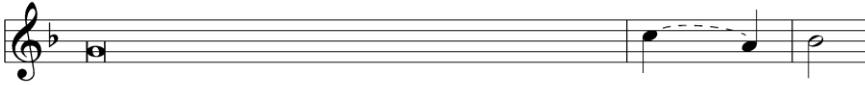
Benedictus



- C** 1 Blessed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el;
- 2 as He spoke by the mouth of His holy proph - ets,
- 3 to perform the mercy promised to our fa - thers
- 4 being delivered from the hand of our en - e - mies,
- 5 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most — High;
- 6 through the tender mercy of our God;
- 7 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



- 1 for He has visited and re - deemed His peo - ple
- 2 who have been since the world be - gan:
- 3 and to remember His ho - ly cov - e - nant,
- 4 might serve Him with - out fear,
- 5 for you will go before the Lord to pre - pare His ways;
- 6 when the day shall dawn up - on us from on high
- 7 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 and has raised up a horn of salvation for _____ us
 2 that we should be saved from our en - e - mies
 3 the oath that He swore to our father A - bra - ham,
 4 in holiness and righteousness be - fore _____ Him
 5 to give knowledge of salvation to His peo - ple
 6 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
 7 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 in the house of His ser - vant Da - vid,
 2 and from the hand of all who hate _____ us;
 3 to grant us that _____ we,
 4 all the days _____ of our life.
 5 in the for - give - ness of their sins,
 6 to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.
 7 is now, and will be for - ev - er. 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

- Dean Scheumann
- Jeff Gresley
- Bernice Gephart (mother of Linda Bultemeier)
- Bruce Thorpe
- Jerry Clausen (brother of Otto Clausen)

Comfort and Peace at time of death Dan Price (father of Andy Price)

The Church and its faithful workers

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

All military personnel Active and Inactive

Thanksgiving for safe return home Seth Wanner and Rob Gresley

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



C 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,



bles - ed is He, bles - 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 ✠ 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



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.

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:

- approach the railing by individuals or family groups.
- 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 #639 Wide Open Stand the Gates



1 Wide o - pen stand the gates a - dorned with pearl, While
 2 He speaks the Word the bread and wine to bless: "This
 3 The cher - u - bim, their fac - es veiled from light, While



round God's gold - en throne The choirs of saints in
 is My flesh and blood!" He bids us eat and
 saints in won - der kneel, Sing praise to Him whose



end - less cir - cles curl, And joy - ous praise the Son!
 drink with thank - ful - ness This gift of ho - ly food.
 face with glo - ry bright No earth - ly masks con - ceal.



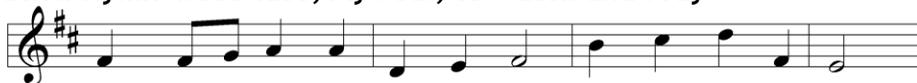
They watch Him now de - scend - ing To vis - it wait - ing earth.
 All hu - man thought must fal - ter— Our God stoops low to heal,
 This sac - ra - ment God gives us Binds us in u - ni - ty,



The Lord of Life un - end - ing Brings dy - ing hope new birth!
 Now pres - ent on the al - tar, For us both host and meal!
 Joins earth with heav'n be - yond us, Time with e - ter - ni - ty!

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Distribution Hymn #663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -
 2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find
 3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat
 4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -
 5 But while watch - ing, al - so pray To the Lord un - ceas -



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -
 you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and
 you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and
 fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy
 ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and faith in -

tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a
 blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -
 cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less
 sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your
 creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -

har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.
 cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.
 friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.
 hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.
 nite to serve Him And for - ev - er love Him.

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Distribution Hymn #668 Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

1 Rise! To arms! With prayer em-ploy you, O Chris-tians, lest the
 2 Cast a - far this world's vain plea - sure And bold - ly strive for
 3 Wise - ly fight, for time is fleet - ing; The hours of grace are

foe de-destroy you; For Sa - tan has de-signed your fall.
 heav'n-ly trea - sure. Be stead-fast in the Sav - ior's might.
 fast re-treat - ing; Short, short is this our earth - ly way.

Wield God's Word, the weap - on glo - rious; A - gainst all foes be
 Trust the Lord, who stands be - side you, For Je - sus from all
 When the Lord the dead will wak - en And sin - ners all by

thus vic - to - rious, For God pro-TECTS you from them all.
 harm will hide you. By faith you con-quer in the fight.
 fear are shak - en, The saints with joy will greet that day.

Fear not the hordes of hell, Here is Em - man - u - el.
 Take cour - age, wea - ry soul! Look for - ward to the goal!
 Praise God, our tri-umph's sure. We need not long en-dure

Hail the Sav - ior! The strong foes yield To Christ, our shield,
 Joy a - waits you. The race well run, Your long war won,
 Scorn and tri - al. Our Sav - ior King His own will bring

And we, the vic - tors, hold the field.
 Your crown shines splen - did as the sun.
 To that great glo - ry which we sing.

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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.

C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.



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

566 By Grace I'm Saved



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip-ture ev - er false-hood taught? No! Then this word must
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

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IN HIS SERVICE

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| 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 |
| Kantor | Richard Brinkley |
| Altar Guild Chairman | Amy Schueler |
| Ushers | Josh Boehm, Rob Meyer, Aspen Fisher Brian Bauermeister, Don Schueler, Graham Stoppenhagen |

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| SUNDAY | 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) |
| WEDNESDAY | 10:15 a.m. Chapel Service |
| | 1:30 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting |
| | 6:00 p.m. Catechesis Class |
| | 7:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion |
| NEXT SUNDAY | 8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion |
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| | 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion |
| | 11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7) |

Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 597-7121.

Please note a new email address for the church and school secretary:
bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU to Pastor Wirgau and our fellow believers for your outpouring of prayers, sympathy, and support at the passing of Loren's dad, Calvin Dathe, and Anita's mom, Diane Guiler. Thank you for your encouraging reminder of hope through Our Lord's Grace and Redemption. Loren and Anita Dathe

WE EXPRESS OUR THANKFULNESS – Your prayers and consoling thoughts comforted our sorrows during the passing of our parents Edward and Ruth Springer. We thank God for giving them to us to know and to love. One day we will all be reunited with those who have gone before us. His tender promises reassure us of the joy to come. May God's peace comfort us. The Springer family

THANK YOU to Pastor and my church family for all of the prayers and good wishes during my extended illness. Gratefully, my prognosis is looking promising and the doctors feel that further testing is not necessary at this time. Amy Schueler

DOOR OFFERING--Holy Scripture reminds us "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:10). Bethlehem has a family in our church who is in need of some assistance by the body of Christ due to some unavoidable expenses. That being the case, the Board of Elders has decided to collect a door offering on Sunday, February 7th. Please prayerfully consider how you may be able to help. Thank you.

SUPER BOWL SUBS orders are due today. We will be in the hallway this morning to take your orders or you can call/text orders to 260-301-4342. Orders will be brought out to your car at the gym entrance from 9:15 am - 12:00 pm on Sunday February 7. Please see Denise or Tisha if you'd like to help with this fundraiser.

All men, women and children are invited to attend a calligraphy class (Calligraphy 101) at the church fellowship hall on Saturday, February 6 at 10:00am. The cost will be \$12.00 each. That will include a folder, pen and practice sheets. The class may run 1 1/2 hr long. Call Wendy Boehm 260-415-8526 or Joellen Meyer 260-273-9114 to register. This is a beginner's class and no experience is needed. Be sure to wear your masks.

BETHLEHEM 125TH ANNIVERSARY will soon be here! Committees are being formed and volunteers are needed. If you would like to play a role in planning this celebration, please contact our church chairman, Neil Stoppenhagen.

LADIES AID MEETING – Wednesday, February 3rd at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall – Ladies please join us.

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

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED TO SIGN UP FOR FLOWERS TO BE PLACED ON THE ALTAR OR HYMNBOARD. 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 Amy Schueler or Dalene Springer. **Announcements concerning the flowers should be given to the church office.** 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 OPEN 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

Offering January 24, 2021
Financial Report

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| <u>Average weekly need</u> | <u>\$11,342</u> |
| Home Fund Env. | \$7,631.90 |
| Synod | 271.80 |
| Loose | 104.50 |
| Scholarship Fund | |
| Improvement Fund | 274.73 |
| Endowment Fund | |
| Music Fund | |
| Home Fund Mem. | 565.00 |
| Total | \$8,847.93 |

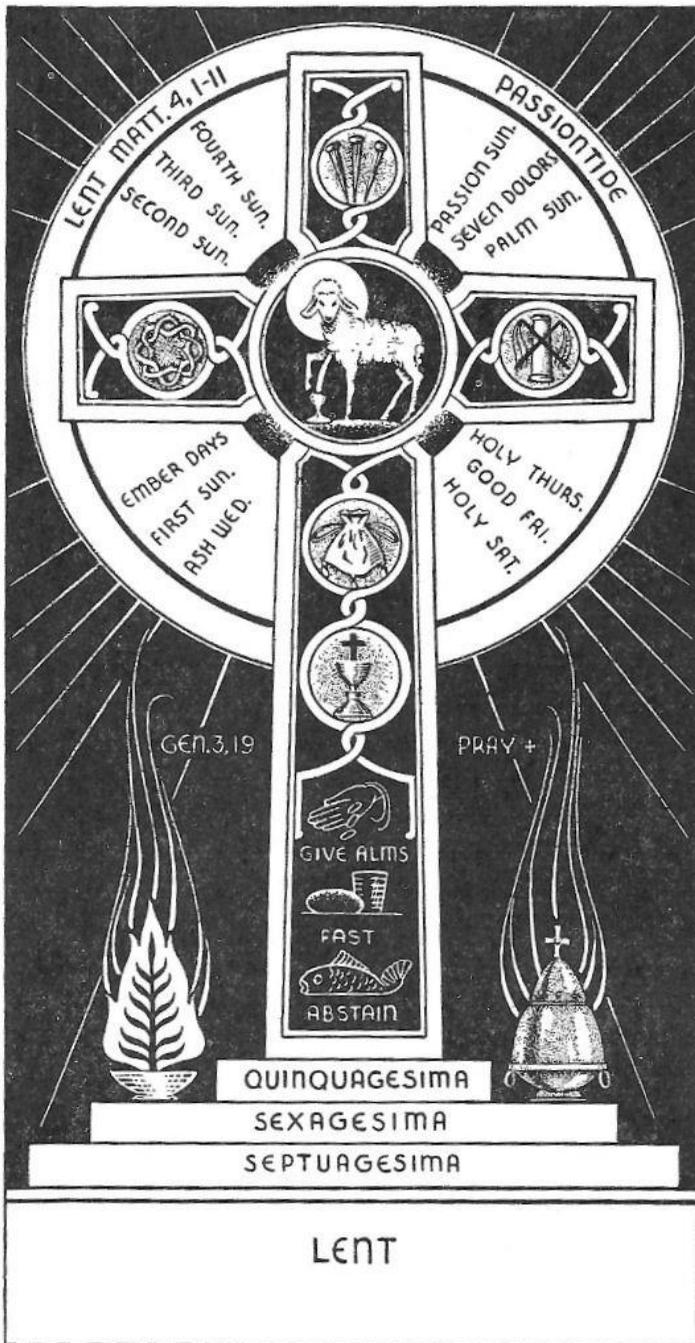
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| Home Fund Balance \$5,603.66 |
| Next week bills due: \$13,000 |
| Bills due two weeks: \$2,000 |
| Savings Account Balance \$35,528.52 |
| Borrowed from Savings: \$7,941.00 |
| Operating Loan Debt: PAID |
| AC Unit fund balance \$20,984.33 |

Church/Communion Attendance

8:00 a.m. 67/61
10:30 a.m. 88/70
Wednesday 30
8:00 a.m. Livestream

<https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemlutheranchurchossian>

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.



LENT MATT. 4, 1-11
FOURTH SUN.
THIRD SUN.
SECOND SUN.

PASSIONTIDE
PASSION SUN.
SEVEN DOLORS
PALM SUN.



EMBER DAYS
FIRST SUN.
ASH WED.

HOLY THURS.
GOOD FRI.
HOLY SAT.



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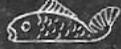
PRAY +



GIVE ALMS



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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 the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean?

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

What is Psalm 145:15-16?

**The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

Psalm 145:15-16