

# 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 #586 Preach You the Word



1 Preach you the Word and plant it home To men who  
2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task Your ser - vant  
3 The sow - er sows; his reck - less love Scat - ters a -  
4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched And some be



like or like it not, The Word that shall en -  
bade us un - der - take: To preach Your Word and  
broad the good - ly seed, In - tent a - lone that  
choked and mat - ted flat, The sow - er sows; his



ture and stand When flow'rs and men shall be for - got.  
nev - er ask What pride - ful prof - it it may make.  
all may have The whole - some loaves that all men need.  
heart cries out, "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"

- 5 Of all his scattered plenteousness  
One-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,  
And bears a harvest hundredfold:  
"Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!"
- 6 Preach you the Word and plant it home  
And never faint; the Harvest Lord  
Who gave the sower seed to sow  
Will watch and tend His planted Word.

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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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not

loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Introit (sung responsively)



Awake! Why are you sleeping, | O Lord?\*

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever!

**For our soul is bowed down | to the dust.\***

**Rise up; come | to our help!**

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have | told us,\*  
what deeds you performed in their days, in the | days of old:  
**you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you | planted;\***  
**you afflicted the peoples, but them you | set free.**

But you have saved us | from our foes\*  
and have put to shame those who | hate us.

**In God we have boasted con- | tinually,\***  
**and we will give thanks to your name for- | ever.**

*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

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 55:10–13*

<sup>10</sup>“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

**[Let your enemies] know that you alone, whose name | is the LORD,\*  
are the Most High over | all the earth.  
O my God, make them like | whirling dust,\*  
like chaff be- | fore the wind.**

## Epistle

*2 Corinthians 11:19—12:9*

<sup>19</sup>For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves! <sup>20</sup>For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face. <sup>21</sup>To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that! But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. <sup>22</sup>Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. <sup>23</sup>Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. <sup>24</sup>Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. <sup>25</sup>Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; <sup>26</sup>on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; <sup>27</sup>in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. <sup>28</sup>And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. <sup>29</sup>Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant? <sup>30</sup>If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. <sup>31</sup>The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. <sup>32</sup>At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, <sup>33</sup>but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands. <sup>1</sup>I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup>I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—<sup>4</sup>and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it,

so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. <sup>7</sup>So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, “**My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.**” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Tract



**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 8:4–15*

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>4</sup>When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable: <sup>5</sup>“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. <sup>6</sup>And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. <sup>7</sup>And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. <sup>8</sup>And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” <sup>9</sup>And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, <sup>10</sup>he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ <sup>11</sup>Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup>The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup>And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. <sup>14</sup>And as for what

fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. <sup>15</sup>As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”

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



**C** Praise to You, 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.

## Hymn of the Day #823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace



1 May God be-stow on us His grace, With bless-ings rich pro-  
2 Thine o-ver all shall be the praise And thanks of ev-'ry  
△ 3 O let the peo-ple praise Thy worth, In all good works in-



vide us; And may the bright-ness of His face  
na - tion; And all the world with joy shall raise  
creas - ing; The land shall plen - teous fruit bring forth,



To life e - ter - nal guide us, That we His  
The voice of ex - ul - ta - tion. For Thou shalt  
Thy Word is rich in bless - ing. May God the



sav - ing health may know, His gra - cious will and plea - sure,  
judge the earth, O Lord, Nor suf - fer sin to flour - ish;  
Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Spir - it bless us!



And al - so to the na-tions show Christ's rich - es with-out  
Thy peo-ple's pas - ture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and  
Let all the world praise Him a - lone, Let sol - emn awe pos -



mea - sure And un - to God con - vert them.  
nour - ish, In righ - teous paths to keep them.  
sess us. Now let our hearts say, "A - men!"

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## Sermon

## Prayer of the Church

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

Clarence Troemel (father of Scott Troemel)

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)

Birth of Baby Girl to Jared and Stephanie Fawcett

Birth of Baby Girl to Brad and Amanda Meyer

Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving for 45 years to Keith and Dorothy Krick

### 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)

## Offering Hymn #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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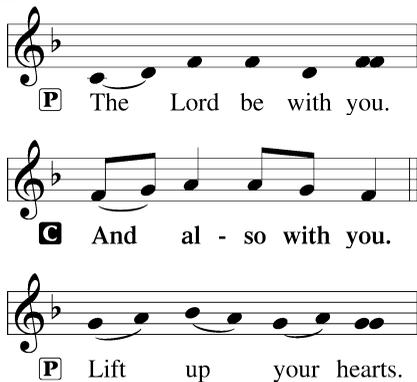
## Offertory



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

## Service of the Sacrament

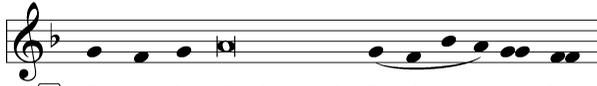
### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And al-so with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



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



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb







1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and  
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and  
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of  
 4 The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal  
 5 You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then self - less



heed his voice; So when You call Your  
 grat - i - tude That You should count us  
 Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one  
 tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -  
 let us be, To serve each oth - er



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.  
 wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.  
 loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?  
 not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.

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## Distribution Hymn #652 Father, We Thank Thee



1 Fa - ther, we thank Thee who hast plant - ed Thy ho - ly  
 2 Watch o'er Thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, Save it from



name with - in our hearts. Knowl - edge and faith and life im -  
 e - vil, guard it still, Per - fect it in Thy love, u -



mor - tal Je - sus, Thy Son, to us im - parts.  
 nite it, Cleansed and con - formed un - to Thy will.



Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy plea - sure, Didst  
As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides, Was



give us food for all our days, Giv - ing in Christ the  
in this bro - ken bread made one, So from all lands Thy



Bread e - ter - nal; Thine is the pow'r, be Thine the praise.  
Church be gath - ered In - to Thy king - dom by Thy Son.

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## Distribution Hymn #577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast



1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like  
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This  
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The  
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of  
ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in  
ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a  
giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.  
ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.  
hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.  
truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

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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 You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

## 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.

## Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn #921 On What Has Now Been Sown



- 1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;  
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou  
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -  
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!  
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.  
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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## IN HIS SERVICE

<b>Preaching</b>	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
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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. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	6:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10:15 a.m. Chapel Service
	6:00 p.m. Catechesis Class
	<b>7:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	NO SCHOOL - TEACHER INSERVICE
<b>NEXT 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>
	11:15 a.m. Board of Elders Meeting
	11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

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[bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com](mailto: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 **TODAY** Sunday, February 7th. Please prayerfully consider how you may be able to help. Thank you.

**PICK UP YOUR SUPER BOWL SUBS TODAY.** We do have extra deluxe subs for \$10.00 each, while they last. All subs will be brought out to your vehicle at the gym entrance from 9:15 am - 12:00 pm. Thank you for your support of The Bethlehem Scholarship Fund.

**BETHLEHEM 125<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**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](http://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**

<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

**Home Fund Balance \$1,054.66**

Next week bills due: \$2,000

Bills due two weeks: \$13,000

**Savings Account Balance \$29,573.25**

Borrowed from Savings: \$13,941.00

Operating Loan Debt: PAID

**AC Unit fund balance \$20,984.33**

**Church/Communion Attendance**

8:00 a.m. Cancelled

10:30 a.m. Cancelled

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Here is the monthly report for the Bethlehem Lutheran School Endowment Fund by the Lutheran Foundation. The following information is accurate as of December 31, 2020.

\$164,927.82 - Amount Bethlehem sent in since 2009

152,383.00 - Amount the Lutheran Foundation matched

195,740.22 - Amount generated since 2009

-85,500.00 - Amount disbursed to Bethlehem since 2009

\$427,551.04 - Value of the Endowment Fund as of December 31, 2020

<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.

## **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 Fifth Petition of the Lord's Prayer?*

**And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against  
us.**

*What does this mean?*

**We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our  
sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the  
things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that  
He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely  
deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and  
gladly do good to those who sin against us.**

*What is Psalm 130:3-4?*

**If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,**

**O Lord, who could stand?**

**But with you there is forgiveness,**

**that you may be feared.**

**Psalm 130:3-4**