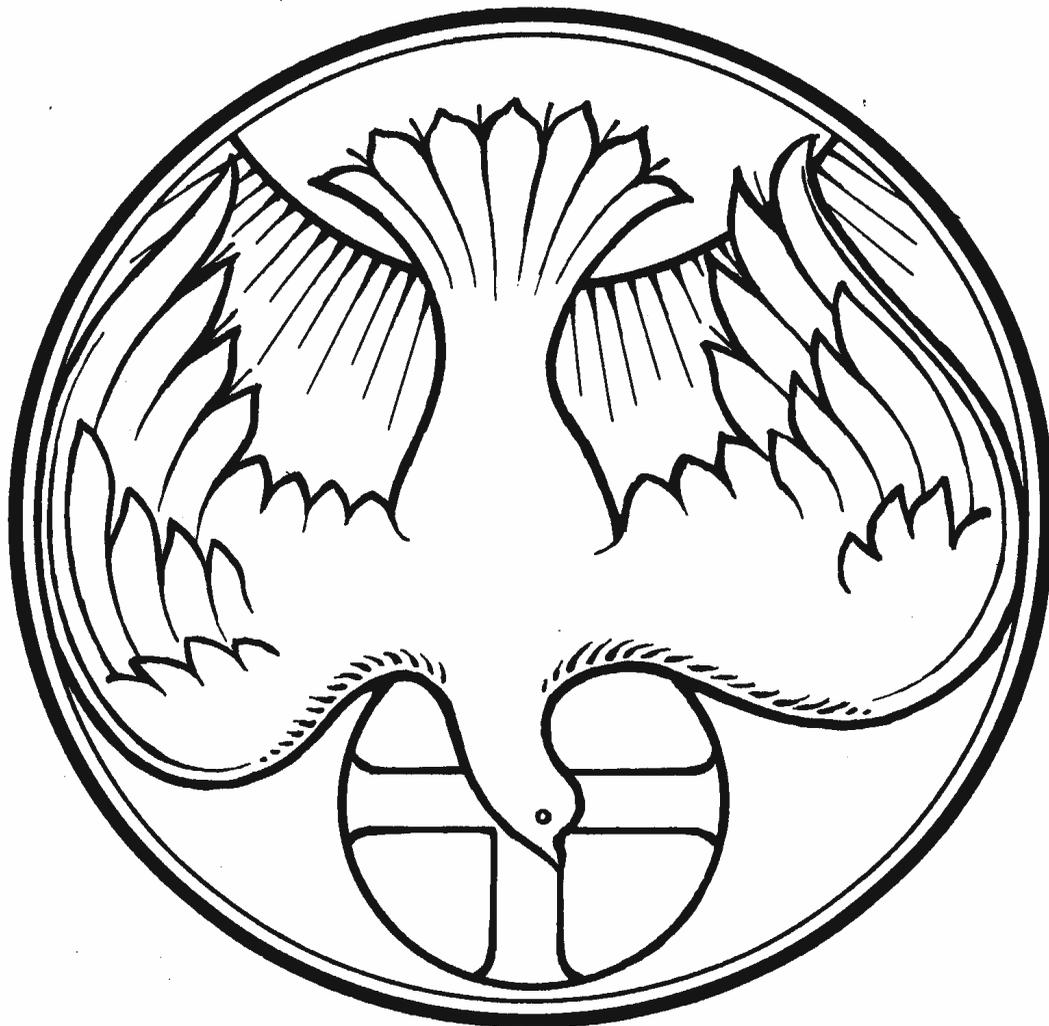


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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Cantate

Divine Service One

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Silent Prayer before Worship

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 #556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, With ex-ul-ta-tion
2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark-ly
3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer-it
4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be-fore the world's foun-
5 God said to His be-lov-ed Son: "It's time to have com-



spring-ing, And with u-nit-ed heart and voice And ho-ly
o'er me. Sin was my tor-ment night and day; In sin my
gain-ing; Free will a-against God's judg-ment fought, Dead to all
da-tion, And mind-ful of His mer-cies great, He planned for
pas-sion. Then go, bright jew-el of My crown, And bring to



rap-ture sing-ing, Pro-claim the won-ders God has done, How
moth-er bore me. But dai-ly deep-er still I fell; My
good re-main-ing. My fears in-creased till sheer de-spair Left
my sal-va-tion. He turned to me a fa-ther's heart; He
all sal-va-tion. From sin and sor-row set them free; Slay



His right arm the vic-t'ry won. What price our ran-som cost Him!
life be-came a liv-ing hell, So firm-ly sin pos-sessed me.
on-ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf-fered.
did not choose the eas-y part But gave His dear-est trea-sure.
bit-ter death for them that they May live with You for-ev-er."

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Invocation (Please stand)

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

- C** Amen.

Introit (sung responsively)



Sing to the LORD a new song, Alle- | luia,*
for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. Alle- | luia.

**His right hand and his | holy arm*
have worked salva- | tion for him.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;*
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!**

**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.**

Sing to the LORD a new song, Alle- | luia,*
for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. Alle- | luia.

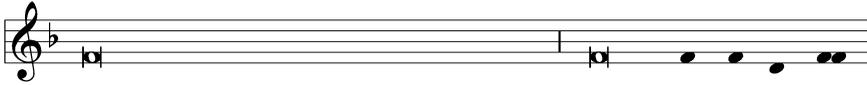
Kyrie



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.



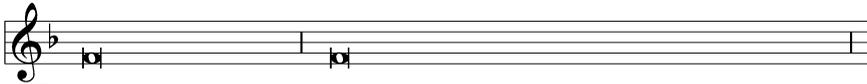
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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 12:1-6

¹You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. ²“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse

Alle | luia. *

The right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly! Alle | luia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never | die again; * death no longer has dominion over him. Alle | luia.

Epistle

James 1:16-21

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. ¹⁹Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness that God requires. ²¹Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 16:5–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁵[Jesus said:] “But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’” ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

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 ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day #556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

6 The Son o - beyed His Fa - ther's will, Was born of vir - gin
 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and
 8 "Though he will shed My pre - cious blood, Me of My life be -
 9 "Now to My Fa - ther I de - part, From earth to heav'n as -
 10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and
 moth - er; And God's good plea - sure to ful - fill, He came to
 cas - tle. Your ran - som I My - self will be; For you I
 reav - ing, All this I suf - fer for your good; Be stead - fast
 cend - ing, And, heav'n - ly wis - dom to im - part, The Ho - ly
 teach - ing; So shall the king - dom's work be wrought And hon - ored



be my broth - er. His roy - al pow'r dis-guised He bore; A
striveand wres - tle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And
and be - liev - ing. Life will from death the vic - t'ry win; My
Spir - it send - ing; In trou - ble He will com - fort you And
in your preach - ing. But watch lest foes with base al - loy The



ser - vant's form, like mine, He wore To lead the dev - il cap - tive.
where I am you may re-main; The foe shall not di - vide us.
in - no - cence shall bear your sin, And you are blest for - ev - er.
teach you al - ways to be true And in - to truth shall guide you.
heav'n-ly trea - sure should de-stroy; This fi - nal word I leave you."

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

All those in need of continued strength and healing

Steve Moehring (son of Rev. and Mrs. Moehring)

Kristy Rupert (sister of Pastor Wirgau)

Bryce Bowman (past Bethlehem student)

Bruce Thorpe, Delores Scheumann

Marilyn Franke (Christian Care Room 107)

Melinda Winston (aunt of Josh Boehm)

Bill Gephart Jr – (relative of the Conrad family)

Bernice Gephart (mother of Linda Bultemeier)

Jerry Clausen (brother of Otto Clausen)

Board of Education Call Process 3-4 Teacher

The Church and its faithful workers

Rev. and Mrs. Steven Schumacher

Rachel Meyer (sister of Mr. Peter Meyer)

All military personnel Active and Inactive

Our members currently shut-in

Jackie Werling, Ruth Witte, (Ossian Healthcare)

Imogene Bultemeier, (Woodcrest

Charlotte Dippel (Lutheran Life Village)

459 Christ Is Arisen



1 Christ is a - ris - en From the grave's dark

pris - on. So let our joy rise full and free;
 Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Were Christ not a - ris - en, Then death were still
 our pris - on. Now, with Him to life re - stored,
 We praise the Fa - ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;
 Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.



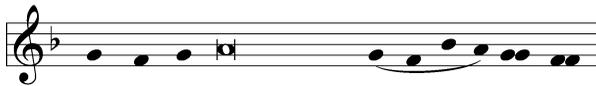
C And al - so with you.



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 in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- C** **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 al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

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.

Silent Prayer before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation we come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let us find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of our souls 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.

Distribution Hymn #631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face



1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God;
3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;
This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;
An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.



Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,
Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.
Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.
The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

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.

6 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.

Distribution Hymn #792 New Songs of Celebration Render



1 New songs of cel - e - bra - tion ren - der To Him who
2 Joy - ful - ly, heart - i - ly re - sound - ing, Let ev - 'ry
3 Riv - ers and seas and tor - rents roar - ing, Hon - or the



has great won - ders done; Love sits en - throned in age - less
in - stru - ment and voice Peal out the praise of grace a -
Lord with wild ac - claim; Moun - tains and stones, look up a -



splen - dor; Come and a - dore the might - y One.
bound - ing, Call - ing the whole world to re - joice.
dor - ing, And find a voice to praise His name.



He has made known His great sal - va - tion Which
Trum - pets and or - gans, set in mo - tion Such
Righ - teous, com - mand - ing, ev - er glo - rious, Prais -



all His friends with joy con - fess. He has re - vealed to
sounds as make the heav - ens ring; All things that live in
es be His that nev - er cease: Just is our God, whose



ev - 'ry na - tion His ev - er - last - ing righ - teous - ness.
earth and o - cean, Make mu - sic for your might - y King.
truth vic - to - rious Es - tab - lish - es the world in peace.

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Silent Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 #795 Voices Raised to You We Offer



- 1 Voic - es raised to You we of - fer; Tune them, God, for
2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your
3 Christ, the song of Love in - car - nate, Touch - ing earth with
4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, Kin - dle faith with -
5 How can an - y praise we of - fer Mea - sure all the



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts You lend us,
heav - en's grace, For Your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;
thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—



For Your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
We re - turn to You to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
For Your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
Through our hands Your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!
Gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!
Al - le - lu - ia! God, Cre - a - tor, source of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, Re - deem - er, Lord of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, Help - er, breath of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!

IN HIS SERVICE

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SUNDAY	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Family Bible Class (Fellowship Hall)
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
	Noon – 3:00 p.m.	Kindergarten Roundup (school)
WEDNESDAY	11:15 a.m.	Chapel Service
	1:30 p.m.	Ladies Aid Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Catechesis Class (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
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<https://www.youtube.com/bethlehelutheranchurchossian> 8:00 a.m. Livestream

VICARAGE PLACEMENT – Congratulations to Seminarian Nicholas Gapski who has been placed to serve as Vicar at Family of God Lutheran Church, Michigan District, Detroit Michigan. We thank you for your service to Bethlehem and pray God's blessings.

CANDIDATE CALL - Congratulations also, to our former fieldworker, Andrew Twietmeyer who received a divine call to Messiah Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids, MI. God's blessing to him and his family.

CALL EXTENDED -Bethlehem Lutheran School extended a call to Mr. Richard Schwantz Jr. who is contemplating taking the 3/4th grade teacher position. The School Board would appreciate your prayers as we go through this process.

The following members were elected as church officers for 2021-2022

Secretary – Dan Springer, Treasurer – Brian Scheumann

Board of Elders – Lloyd Meyer, Glen Werling, Jerry Meyer

Board of Trustees – Cale Schumm, Todd Ottinger, Darrin Werling

Board of Finance – Jay Louison, Jason Laley, Rick Meyer

Board of Christian Education – Andy Price, Richard Brinkley, Lane Harkless

THE NEXT LADIES AID MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, May 5th at 1:30

Ascension Service - This year Bethlehem will be celebrating the Eve of the Ascension of our Lord on Wednesday evening, May 12 with a full sung Divine Service at 7:00pm. Join us as we praise the Lord who has ascended to His Father and our Father.

Hymnals - Beginning next Sunday, May 9, we will begin once again to use the hymnal in our services together at Bethlehem. The bulletins will be simplified for the order of service, readings, and announcements as was done previous to the removal of the hymnals. A full bulletin with the entire service and hymns will still be available electronically. We are once again asking that if anyone has borrowed a hymnal from the church that they please return them at this time.

CONFIRMATION will be held at the 10:30 service on May 23rd with the examination of the catechumens on May 20th at 7:00 p.m.

The next women's group sponsored activity will be learning to crochet on **Saturday, May 15 at 10:30 a.m.** in the church fellowship hall. All church members and friends are invited. It is for men, women, and children. The cost will be \$3 and you will go home with a completed project a crochet hook and your remaining yarn. If you currently have a size H crochet hook, bring it to the class. Reservations are needed by May 9 to Deaconess Wendy Boehm or Joellen Meyer.

BRINGING BACK THE POTLUCK" – MARK YOUR CALENDARS -Sunday, May 16th at 11:30 am. Bring your own place setting and a dish to share! Drinks will be furnished. A freewill offering will be appreciated to help with the 125th Anniversary startup costs. Social distancing and mask wearing while not eating is recommended.

The Ladies Aid trip this summer will be **Saturday, June 5, 2021**. If you would like to join us everyone is welcome. We will carpool from the church to go to Lake Wawasee. When there we will enjoy a 2 hour luncheon cruise around the lake on the SS Lillypad. This is a large houseboat and can accommodate handicap needs. More information about the cost and time to come later in the church bulletin. If questions call to Patty Baker 260-760-6056 or Joellen Meyer 260-273-9114. Reservations needed by May 25.

CEMETERY SADDLES - Diana Thorpe has homemade cemetery saddles available for spring and summer, call 260-438-7159 if interested.

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

ESTATE SALE – St. Marks Lutheran Church on Thiele Road, May 6-8 from 9am -5pm Cash Only. See photos on Facebook/marketplace

REGISTER NOW FOR VBS - This year the dates for the Bethlehem Lutheran Church VBS is June 21-24 9:00am-12:00pm. with closing ceremony 24th at 6:30 p.m. To register, please complete a registration form found in the church foyer or on our website, www.bethlehemossian.org and return to the church office or to Deaconess Wendy Boehm. If you'd like to volunteer for this event, please complete the volunteer form also found on the table.

Registration for **Camp Lutherhaven** online at www.lutherhaven.org or call for more information at 260-636-7101. Earlybird discount if you register before April 1st.

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 after the 10:30 service. Please continue to use the scrip program for all of your shopping needs! ***Don't forget all the summer occasions such as Confirmation, Graduations and Weddings.*** You can call or text your order to Melissa Price at 260-433-5307. Thank you

Offering April 25, 2021

Financial Report

Average weekly need	\$11,342
Home Fund Env.	\$5,176.75
Synod	202.80
Loose	130.50
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fund	244.73
Endowment Fund	
Music Fund	
Total	<u>\$5,754.78</u>

Home Fund Balance (\$9,077.41)

Next week bills due: \$6,000

Bills due two weeks: \$15,000

Savings Account Balance \$38,296.92

Borrowed from Savings: \$7,941.00

Operating Loan Debt: PAID

AC Unit fund balance \$22,548.11

Church/Communion Attendance

Sunday 8:00 49/38

10:30 104/87

Wednesday 23/12

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.

Who receives this sacrament worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.”

But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.

