

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rogate

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 # 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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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.

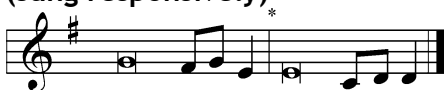
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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)



[With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alle- | luia.*

The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob! Alle- | luia.

Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;*
sing the glory | of his name.

I cried to him | with my mouth,*
and high praise was | on my tongue.

But truly God has | listened;*
he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.

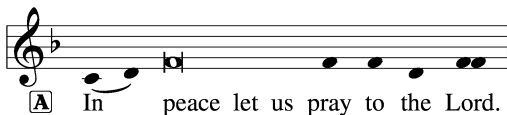
Blessèd | be God,*
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me!

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.

[With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alle- | luia.*

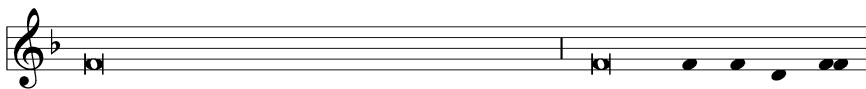
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Kyrie





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.



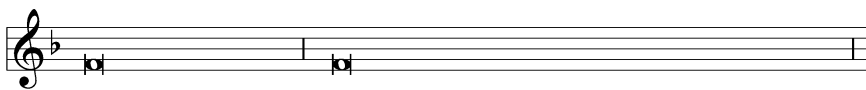
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



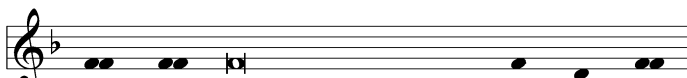
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



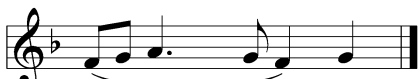
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast



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*



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, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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

Numbers 21:4–9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse

Liturgical Text; John 16:28

Alle- | luia. *

Christ, who has redeemed us with his blood, is risen and has appeared unto us. Alle- | luia.
I came from the Father and have come in | to the world, *
and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father. Alle- | luia.

Epistle

James 1:22–27

²²But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. ²⁶If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

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 16:23–33

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²³[Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. ²⁵“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” ²⁹His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” ³¹Jesus answered them, “**Do you now believe?** ³²Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³I have said these

things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



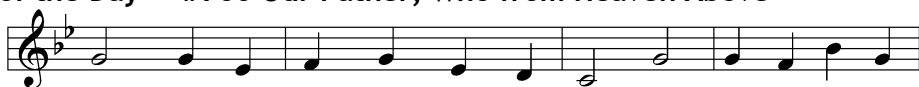
Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day #766 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above



1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove Bids all of us to
 2 Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord, In pu - ri - ty to
 3 Your king - dom come. Guard Your do - main And Your e - ter - nal
 4 Your gra - cious will on earth be done As it is done be -



live in love As mem - bers of one fam - i - ly And
 keep Your Word, That to the glo - ry of Your name We
 righ - teous reign. The Ho - ly Ghost en - rich our day With
 fore Your throne, That pa - tient - ly we may o - bey Through -



pray to You in u - ni - ty, Teach us no thought-less words to
 walk be - fore You free from blame. Let no false teach - ing us per -
 gifts at - ten - dant on our way. Break Sa - tan's pow'r, de - feat his
 out our lives all that You say. Curb flesh and blood and ev - ry



say But from our in - most hearts to pray.
 vert; All poor de - lud - ed souls con - vert.
 rage; Pre - serve Your Church from age to age.
 ill That sets it - self a - gainst Your will.

5 Give us this day our daily bread,
 And let us all be clothed and fed.
 Save us from hardship, war, and strife;
 In plague and famine, spare our life,
 That we in honest peace may live,
 To care and greed no entrance give.

6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore,
 That they may trouble us no more;
 We, too, will gladly those forgive
 Who hurt us by the way they live.
 Help us in our community
 To serve each other willingly.

7 Lead not into temptation, Lord,
 Where our grim foe and all his horde
 Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand.

Help us resist, help us to stand
 Firm in the faith, a mighty host,
 Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.

8 From evil, Lord, deliver us;
 The times and days are perilous.
 Redeem us from eternal death,
 And, when we yield our dying breath,
 Console us, grant us calm release,
 And take our souls to You in peace.

9 Amen, that is, so shall it be.
 Make strong our faith in You, that we
 May doubt not but with trust believe
 That what we ask we shall receive.
 Thus in Your name and at Your Word
 We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

All those in need of continued strength and healing

Eliza Pontius (Great-granddaughter of Denny and Maxine Nahrwold)
Angie Mishler and Faye Stein (mother of Angie Mishler)
Steve Moehring (son of Rev. and Mrs. Moehring)
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)

Mother's Day blessing

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!

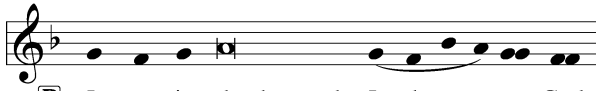
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Service of the Sacrament

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:

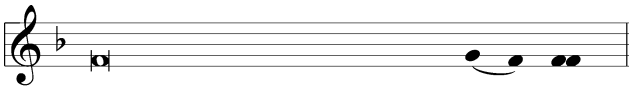
C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the 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.

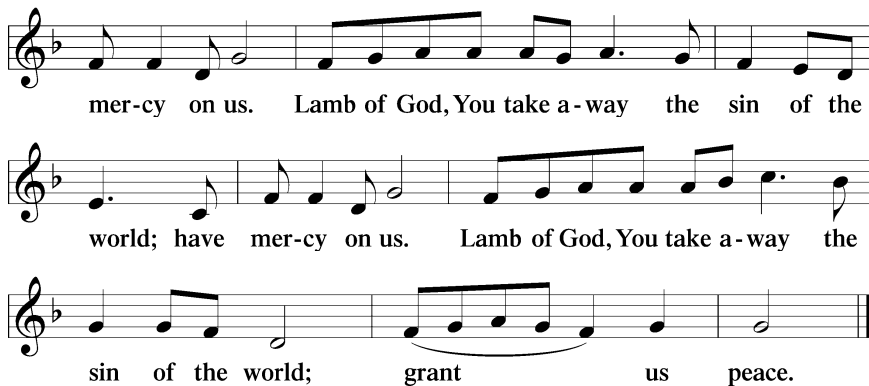


C A - men.

Agnus Dei



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



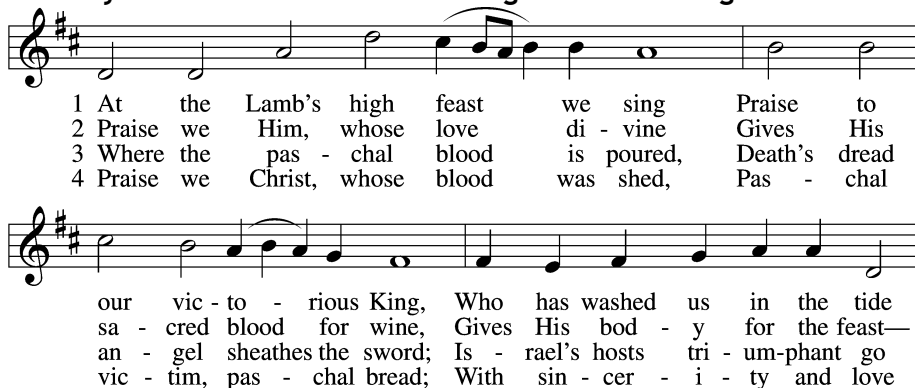
Distribution

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 #633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing





Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
 Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
 You have conquered in the fight,
 You have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 Newborn souls in You to be.
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
 Now no more the grave enthrall;
 You have opened paradise,
 And Your saints in You shall rise.
 Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, Your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

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Distribution Hymn #632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee



1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt
 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is



thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -
 come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -



ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.
 in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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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 reveal 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.

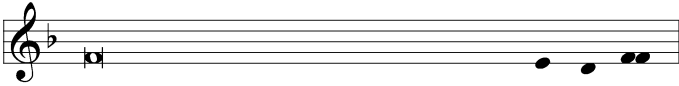
Post-Communion Collect

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.

724 If God Himself Be for Me



1 If God Him - self be for me, I may a host de - fy;
2 I build on this foun - da - tion, That Je - sus and His blood
3 Christ Je - sus is my splen - dor, My sun, my light, a - lone;
4 He can - celed my of - fens - es, De - liv - ered me from death;
5 For no one can con - demn me Or set my hope a - side;



For when I pray, be - fore me My foes, con - found - ed, fly.
A - lone are my sal - va - tion, My true, e - ter - nal good.
Were He not my de - fend - er Be - fore God's judg - ment throne,
He is the Lord who cleans - es My soul from sin through faith.
Now hell no more can claim me: Its fu - ry I de - ride.



If Christ, my head and mas - ter, Be - friend me from a - bove,
With - out Him all that pleas - es Is val - ue - less on earth;
I nev - er should find fa - vor And mer - cy in His sight,
In Him I can be cheer - ful, Cou - ra - geous on my way;
No sen - tence now re - proves me, No guilt de - stroys my peace;



What foe or what dis - as - ter Can drive me from His love?
The gifts I have from Je - sus A - lone have price - less worth.
But be de - stroyed for - ev - er As dark - ness by the light.
In Him I am not fear - ful Of God's great Judg - ment Day.
For Christ, my Sav - ior, loves me And shields me with His grace.

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
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Elders on Duty	Dave Flesch, Lloyd Meyer
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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)
TUESDAY	6:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Education Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10:15 a.m.	Chapel Service
	6:00 p.m.	Catechesis Class (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Ascension Service with Holy Communion
SATURDAY	10:30 a.m.	Women's Group (Crochet class)
NEXT 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)
	11:30 a.m.	Pot Luck Lunch in the school gym
	11:30 a.m.	Board of Elders Meeting

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<https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemplutheranchurchossian> 8:00 a.m. Livestream

Mother's Day Blessings – Along with Mother's Day carnations this year, there will be wooden crosses (free of charge) for those who have lost a mother, grandmother, or aunt in memory of those who are celebrating this Mother's Day in heaven.

FISH FRY 2021 - Another successful Fish Fry event despite the events of this past year! Pre-sale orders: 387, total carry-out orders: 560. Profit: \$3,187.00. Mark your calendars for next year, Saturday, April 30th 4:30-7:30 with all you can eat dine-in and carryout. Special thanks to the committee members for all their hard work, Jerry Springer, Mark Sauer, Don Avey, Cheryl Louison, Pat Meyer, Chelli Smith, Denise Schumm, Dalene Springer, Ronda Flesch, Loren Dathe, and Kathy Nahrwold. Special thanks to Jerry for opening up Lighted Gardens for the event. Thrivent for their continued support and to our congregation for helping, contributing and supporting this event.

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 are back in the pews- 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. There will be no Bible Class that morning.

PLEASE JOIN US -There will be a special Bible study about grief on Sunday, May 16th at 9:30. Topic points include: grief, death and dying, funerals and other related issues. There will also be some resources and small gift.

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 TODAY, 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.

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

CAMERA UPGRADE NEEDED Our camera system has suffered a critical failure, and needs to be replaced ASAP. We are now asking for donations to pay for the replacement. If donations gathered in the coming weeks are not enough to pay for intended upgrades, a fundraiser will have to be organized. The least expensive upgrades will cost about \$7,000. Donations should be earmarked for the Sound Fund. Thank you.

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. The cost will be \$20 each for the cruise luncheon and extra for sharing the cost of gas there and back. More information about the departure time from the church will be later. If questions call to Patty Baker 260-760-6056 or Joellen Meyer 260-273-9114. Reservations needed by May 25.

2021 GRADUATE RECOGNITION- We would like to pay special recognition to our Bethlehem Lutheran School 8th grade graduates and also all of our member 2021 High School and College graduates with a special bulletin insert. Please submit students name, any special awards and their future plans to the church office by May 23rd.

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

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.

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

Here is the monthly report for the Bethlehem Lutheran School Endowment Fund by the Lutheran Foundation. The following information is accurate as of March 31, 2021:

\$176,927.82 - Amount Bethlehem sent in since 2009

164,283.00 - Amount the Lutheran Foundation matched

211,154.41 - Amount generated since 2009

-104,500.00 - Amount disbursed to Bethlehem since 2009

\$447,865.23 - Value of the Endowment Fund as of March 31, 2021

Offering May 2, 2021 Financial Report

Average weekly need \$11,342

Home Fund Env. \$7,205.50

Synod 206.00

Loose 120.50

Scholarship Fund

Improvement Fund 154.73

Endowment Fund 19,025.00

Music Fund

Fellowship Hall Rent 50.00

Fish Fry 6,879.00

Total \$33,640.73

Home Fund Balance \$22,887.28

Next week bills due: \$15,000

Bills due two weeks: \$3,500

Savings Account Balance \$38,451.65

Borrowed from Savings: \$7,941.00

Operating Loan Debt: PAID

AC Unit fund balance \$22,548.11

Church/Communion Attendance

Sunday 8:00 75/70

10:30 89/52

Wednesday 29/18

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.

Having gone through Luther's Small Catechism we will spend some time learning-by-heart some hymns of the Church.

Learn-by-heart all or some of the provided text as age and ability of your household allows.

"Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest" – Lutheran Service Book 498/499 (stz. 1-2)

**(1) Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And make our hearts Your place of rest;
Come with Your grace and heavenly aid,
And fill the hearts which You have made.**

**(2) To You, the Counselor, we cry,
To You, the gift of God Most High;
The fount of life, the fire of love,
The soul's anointing from above.**