

# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## *The Day of Pentecost*

*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 #590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and  
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your  
3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly  
4 All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,  
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me  
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er  
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and  
The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,  
If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I  
Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.  
com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.  
come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.  
am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

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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 **H** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Introit (sung responsively)



The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alle- | luia.\*  
The righteous | shall be glad.

**They shall exult be- | fore God;\***

**they shall be jubilant with joy! Alle- | luia.**

God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered;\*  
and those who hate him shall flee be- | fore him!

**Sing to God, sing praises | to his name;\***  
**exult be- | fore him!**

The Lord | gives the word;\*  
behold, he sends out his voice, his | mighty voice.

**Awesome is God from his sanctu- | ary;\***

**the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his | people.**

**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.**

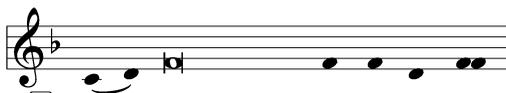
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### Kyrie



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



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



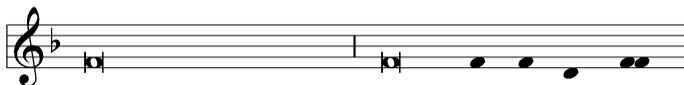
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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



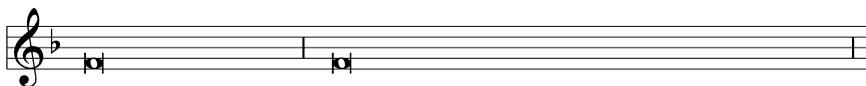
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



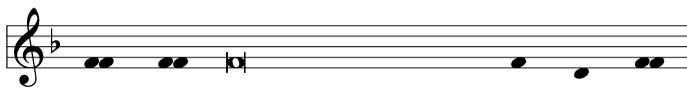
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



## Verse

Alle | luia. \*

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground. Alle | luia.  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the | faithful, \*  
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alle | luia.

## Second Reading

*Acts 2:1–21*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. <sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” <sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup>For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; <sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; <sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. <sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

**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



## Holy Gospel

*John 14:23–31*

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



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

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me. <sup>25</sup>“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. <sup>30</sup>I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, <sup>31</sup>but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.”

**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 #497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your grac - es  
 2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, Now cause the Word of  
 3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, Grant us the will Your



now out - poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;  
 life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right  
 work to do And in Your ser - vice to a - bide;



Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the  
 And call Him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry  
 Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by Your



bright-ness of Your light      In ho - ly faith Your Church u - nite;  
er - ror keep us free;      Let none but Christ our mas - ter be  
pow'r pre - pare each heart,      And to our weak-ness strength im - part



From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue      This to Your  
That we in liv - ing faith a - bide,      In Him, our  
That brave - ly here we may con - tend,      Through life and



praise, O Lord, our God, be sung:      Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Lord, with all our might con - fide.      Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
death to You, our Lord, as - cend.      Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Sermon

## Prayer of the Church

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

*Marilyn P. Meyer*

*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)*

*Marilyn Franke (Christian Care Room 107)*

*Bill Gephart Jr – (relative of the Conrad family)*

*Bernice Gephart (mother of Linda Bultemeier)*

*Jerry Clausen (brother of Otto Clausen)*

**Confirmands** *Caleb Biggs, Logan Taylor, Leah Werling*

**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)*

## Offering

## Offertory



**Q** 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.

## Rite of Confirmation (10:30 am Service)

### Confirmation Address

- P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

## Profession of Faith

**P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

**R** *Yes, I do.*

**P** Do you renounce the devil?

**R** *Yes, I renounce him.*

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**R** *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

**R** *Yes, I believe 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.*

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**R** *Yes, 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.*

**P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

- P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

- P** We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
- C** **Amen.**

### Confirmation Blessing

- P** [*Name*], the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.
- R** *Amen.*

### Collect for confirmation (1)

- P** Let us pray.  
Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

### Collect for confirmation (2)

- P** Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

### The Peace

- P** Peace † be with you.

**C** Amen.

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



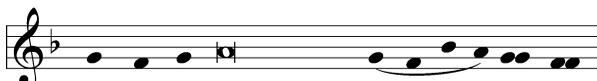
**C** And al - so with you.



**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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 #636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the  
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with  
3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther  
4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's  
lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -  
cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of  
this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.  
mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.  
heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.  
bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing  
O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you  
Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the  
With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and  
 there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -  
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you  
 us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
 ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.  
 riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.  
 la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
 Truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
 Peace beyond all understanding,  
 Joy into all life expanding:  
 Humbly now, I bow before You;  
 Love incarnate, I adore You;  
 Worthily let me receive You  
 And, so favored, never leave You.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
 You once left Your throne in heaven  
 On the cross for me to languish  
 And to die in bitter anguish,  
 To forego all joy and gladness  
 And to shed Your blood in sadness.  
 By this blood redeemed and living,  
 Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,  
 Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,  
 Jesus, joy of my desiring,  
 Fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
 At Your feet I cry, my maker,  
 Let me be a fit partaker  
 Of this blessed food from heaven,  
 For our good, Your glory, given.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,  
 Let me gladly here obey You.  
 By Your love I am invited,  
 Be Your love with love required;  
 By this Supper let me measure,  
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
 Through the gift of grace You give me  
 As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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### Distribution Hymn #729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus



1 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee;  
 2 I am trust-ing Thee for par - don; At Thy feet I bow,  
 3 I am trust-ing Thee for cleans - ing In the crim - son flood;  
 4 I am trust-ing Thee to guide me; Thou a - lone shalt lead,



Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.  
 For Thy grace and ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.  
 Trust - ing Thee to make me ho - ly By Thy blood.  
 Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

5 I am trusting Thee for power;  
 Thine can never fail.  
 Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me  
 Must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;  
 Never let me fall.  
 I am trusting Thee forever  
 And for all.

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### Distribution Hymn #728 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,  
 5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.  
 My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
 Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

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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.

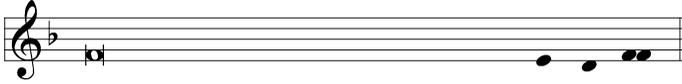
## Post-Communion Collect

**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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn #722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;  
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,  
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.  
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.  
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.  
For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.  
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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## IN HIS SERVICE

<b>Preaching</b>	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
<b>Fieldworkers</b>	Sem. Nicholas Gapski and Sem. Aaron Coggins
<b>Deaconess</b>	Wendy Boehm
<b>Head Elder</b>	Lloyd Meyer
<b>Elders on Duty</b>	Dave Flesch, Lloyd Meyer
<b>Kantor</b>	Richard Brinkley
<b>Altar Guild Chairman</b>	Amy Schueler
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<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	<b>NO</b>	Family Bible Class (Fellowship Hall)
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Last Day of School Chapel Service</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	9:30 a.m.	Family Bible Class
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

***Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at [bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com) or by calling the church office at 597-7121.***

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

**DOOR OFFERING** - We wish Godspeed to our 2nd year field worker Nicholas Gapski as he ends his fieldwork assignment here at Bethlehem and begins his vicarage year. We also thank him for his work and dedication to our congregation over the past two years. ***A door offering will be taken after both services.***

**LWML** Items for the LWML National Convention Ingathering for Assurance for Life Ministries, Most Ministries, and our seminaries can be placed in the baskets in the entryway. Items being collected are baby items, used eyeglasses, and gift cards for the seminary food banks. Thank you.

**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. ***A Bethlehem member family has pledged to match, up to \$10,000, any monies raised for video and sound system upgrades. This match applies to both funds raised by the congregation and any matching funds that are raised by grants such as the Lutheran Foundation.*** Donations should be earmarked for the Sound Fund. Thank you.

**2021 GRADUATE RECOGNITION-** We would like to pay special recognition to our Bethlehem Lutheran School 8<sup>th</sup> 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 ASAP.

**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, a large houseboat. The lunch will be a build your own burger bar, which also includes pulled pork, salads, desserts and drinks. The cost is \$20 each for the cruise luncheon and an extra \$5 for gas cost sharing that will go to the car driver. Plan to be at the church at 8:45 a.m. Reservations are needed by May 25<sup>th</sup>. After finishing the lake cruise at 1; p.m. we will go to Shipshewana to wander around the shops or just sit and people watch! We will return to the church around 5:00 p.m. Call Patty Baker 260-760-6056 or Joellen Meyer 260-273-9114.

**REGISTER NOW FOR VBS** - This year the dates for the Bethlehem Lutheran Church VBS is June 21-24 9:00am-12:00pm. To register, please complete a registration form found in the church foyer or on our website, [www.bethlehemossian.org](http://www.bethlehemossian.org) and return to the church office or to Deaconess Wendy Boehm.

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 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 May 16, 2021 Financial Report**

<u>Average weekly need</u>	<u>\$11,342</u>
Home Fund Env.	\$6,201.70
Synod	87.00
Loose	129.50
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fund	44.73
Endowment Fund	600.00
Music Fund	
125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	1,000.00
Sound System	<u>4,800.00</u>
Total	\$12,862.93

<b>Home Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$15,355.33</b>
Next week bills due:	\$23,000
Bills due two weeks:	\$2,000
<b>Savings Account Balance</b>	<b>\$44,866.74</b>
Borrowed from Savings:	\$7,941.00
Operating Loan Debt:	PAID
<b>AC Unit fund balance</b>	<b>\$22,548.11</b>

**Church/Communion Attendance**

Sunday 8:00	69/44
10:30	101/66
Wednesday	N/A

## **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.

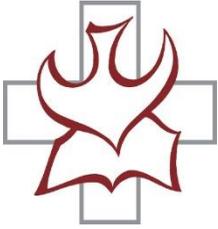
**Having gone through Luther's Small Catechism we will spend some time learning-by-heart some hymns of the Church.**

**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. 5-6)*

**(5) Drive far away our wily foe,  
And Your abiding peace bestow;  
With You as our protecting guide,  
No evil can with us abide.**

**(6) Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
And You, from both, as Three in One  
That we Your name may ever bless  
And in our lives the truth confess.**



BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**  
**May 23, 2021**

On Thursday evening, May 20, 2021 the following young people were publicly examined in their knowledge and understanding of Christian doctrine and have been declared eligible to be accepted into communicant membership by Bethlehem Lutheran Church by Rite of Confirmation:

**CALEB ALLEN BIGGS**

Born: July 13, 2006

Baptized: August 6, 2006

Parents: Christine Biggs, Brad and Linsie Biggs

Sponsors/Witness: Daniel and Elizabeth Schuller

Confirmation Verse: *You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.*

*1 Peter 1:18-19*

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**LOGAN MICHAEL TAYLOR**

Born: December 13, 2004

Baptized: December 26, 2004

Parents: Michael and Rise Taylor

Sponsors/Witness: Carl Shurboff and Joan Shurboff

Confirmation Verse: *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. Romans 1:16*

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**LEAH JALENE WERLING**

Born: February 26, 2007

Baptized: March 25, 2007

Parent: Jay and Barbara Werling

Sponsors/Witness: Lee Werling and Deone Gerber

Confirmation Verse: *[Jesus said] "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep." John 10:14-15*

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***Significance of the Confirmation Circle shown on the banner:***

*The Holy Spirit (dove) who gives the gift of faith  
in Jesus (cross) continues to nurture that faith as symbolized  
by the green leaf stemming from the cross*