

# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*



## *Sexagesima*

*Divine Service- Setting Three*

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



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



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



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

Text: John Cawood, 1775-1852, alt.  
Tune: The Whole Booke of Psalmes, 1562, London  
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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** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

# Service of the Word

## Introit (sung responsively with the choir)



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

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

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

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

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have | told us,\*

what deeds you performed in their days, in the | days of old:

**you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you | planted;\***

**you afflicted the peoples, but them you | set free.**

But you have saved us | from our foes\*

and have put to shame those who | hate us.

**In God we have boasted con- | tinually,\***

**and we will give thanks to your name for- | ever.**

*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\**

*and to the Holy | Spirit;*

*as it was in the be- / ginning,\**

*is now, and will be forever. | Amen.*

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## Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 55:10–13*

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

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Choral Response

*“How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place” Psalm 84*

## Epistle

*Hebrews 4:9–13*

<sup>9</sup>So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup>for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

<sup>11</sup>Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts



## Nicene Creed

**☩** 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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

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



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

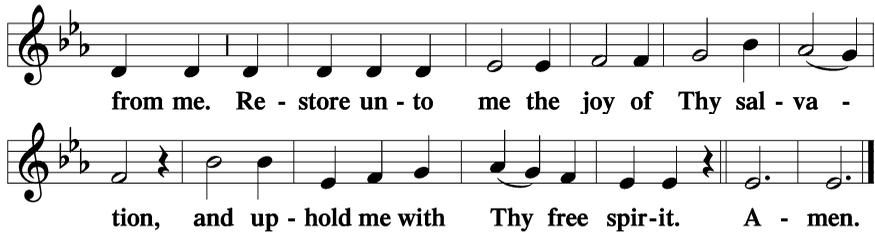
vide us; And may the bright-ness of His face  
 na - tion; And all the world with joy shall raise  
 creas - ing; The land shall plen - teous fruit bring forth,  
  
 To life e - ter - nal guide us, That we His  
 The voice of ex - ul - ta - tion. For Thou shalt  
 Thy Word is rich in bless - ing. May God the  
  
 sav - ing health may know, His gra - cious will and plea - sure,  
 judge the earth, O Lord, Nor suf - fer sin to flour - ish;  
 Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Spir - it bless us!  
  
 And al - so to the na - tions show Christ's rich - es with - out  
 Thy peo - ple's pas - ture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and  
 Let all the world praise Him a - lone, Let sol - emn awe pos -  
  
 mea - sure And un - to God con - vert them.  
 nour - ish, In righ - teous paths to keep them.  
 sess us. Now let our hearts say, "A - men!"

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## Sermon

## Offertory

**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## Offering

### Prayer of the Church

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

*Theresa Gibson (sister of Clara Conrad)*

*Bob Brown*

*Brandon Tomlinson (son-in-law of the Brinkleys)*

*Vicki Tomlinson (friend of the Brinkleys)*

*Deanna Sin (daughter of Imogene Bultemeier)*

*Eliza Pontius (Great-granddaughter of Denny and Maxine Nahrwold)*

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

#### **The Board of Christian Education** Call Process

#### **The Church and all its faithful workers**

#### **All military personnel** Evan Springer

#### **Our members currently shut-in**

*Jackie Werling, Ruth Witte, Marilyn P. Meyer (Ossian Healthcare)*

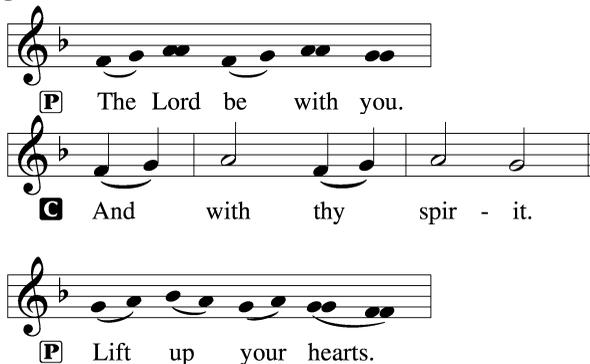
*Imogene Bultemeier, (Woodcrest)*

*Charlotte Dippel (Lutheran Life Village)*

*Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)*

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

### Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer

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

but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

☐ 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



☐ The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



☐ A - men.

## Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## 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.

## Distribution Hymn #627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way God's  
2 As His pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre - cious  
3 Je - sus here Him - self is shar - ing; Heed then how you  
4 Praise the Fa - ther, who from heav - en To His own this



wrath for - ev - er; By His bit - ter grief and woe  
food sup - ply - ing, Gives His bod - y with the bread,  
are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be - lieve,  
food has giv - en, Who, to mend what we have done,



He saved us from the e - vil foe.  
And with the wine the blood He shed.  
His judg - ment then you shall re - ceive.  
Gave in - to death His on - ly Son.

- 5 Firmly hold with faith unshaken  
That this food is to be taken  
By the sick who are distressed,  
By hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 6 Agony and bitter labor  
Were the cost of God's high favor;  
Do not come if you suppose  
You need not Him who died and rose.
- 7 Christ says: "Come, all you that labor,  
And receive My grace and favor:  
Those who feel no pain or ill  
Need no physician's help or skill.
- 8 "For what purpose was My dying  
If not for your justifying?  
And what use this precious food  
If you yourself were pure and good?"
- 9 If your heart this truth professes  
And your mouth your sin confesses,  
You will be your Savior's guest,  
Be at His banquet truly blest.
- 10 Let this food your faith so nourish  
That its fruit of love may flourish  
And your neighbor learn from you  
How much God's wondrous love can do.

## Distribution Hymn #586 Preach You the Word



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



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



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

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

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## Distribution Hymn #587 I Know My Faith Is Founded



1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus Christ, my  
 2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by  
 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though per - se - cu - tion,



God and Lord; And this my faith con - fess - ing, Un -  
 night and day To rob me of this trea - sure And  
 grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver - whelm me, Let



moved I stand on His sure Word. Our rea - son can - not  
 take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with You be -  
 me a stead - fast trust re - tain; And then at my de -

fath - om The truth of God pro - found; Who trusts in hu - man  
side me, I shall be un - dis - mayed; And led by Your good  
par - ture, Lord, take me home to You, Your rich - es to in -  
wis - dom Re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is  
Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bid with  
her - it As all You said holds true. In life and  
all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure; And  
me, O Sav - ior, A firm - er faith be - stow; Then  
death, Lord, keep me Un - til Your heav'n I gain, Where  
trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.  
I shall bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.  
I by Your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

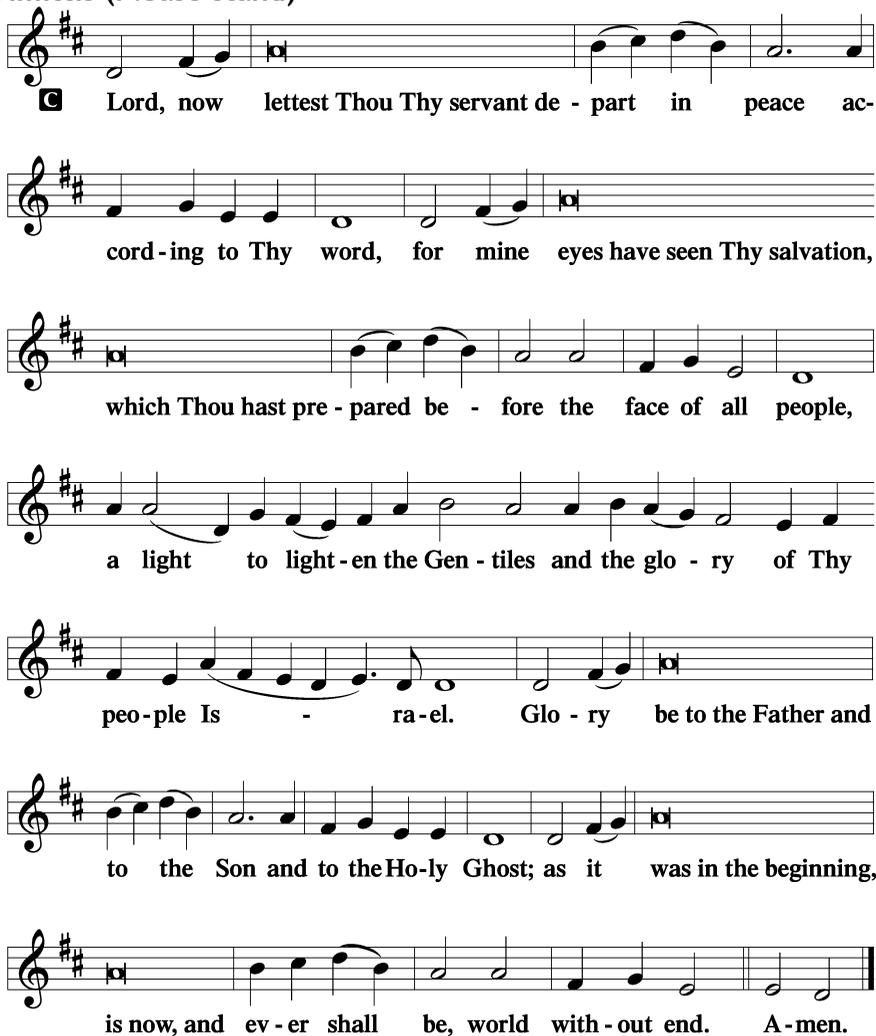
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## Distribution Hymn #655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and  
by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your  
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that  
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal  
Son And bring to naught all He has done.  
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
strife And lead us out of death to life.

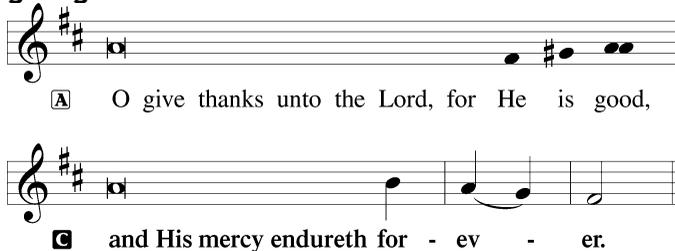
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## Nunc Dimittis (Please stand)



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

## Thanksgiving



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

**A** Bless we the Lord.



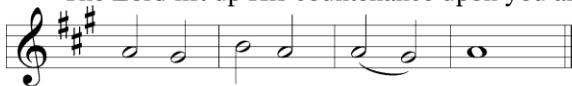
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



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

## Closing Hymn #652 Father, We Thank Thee



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



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



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



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



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



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

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## IN HIS SERVICE

<b>Preaching</b>	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
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<b>Deaconess</b>	Wendy Boehm
<b>Head Elder</b>	Lloyd Meyer
<b>Elders on Duty</b>	Brian Bauermeister and Glen Werling
<b>Kantor</b>	Richard Brinkley
<b>Organist</b>	Emilie Meyer
<b>Choir</b>	Adult Choir
<b>Acolytes</b>	Molly Mishler and Breanna Biggs
<b>Altar Guild Chairman</b>	Amy Schueler and Tisha Laley
<b>Ushers</b>	Todd Ottinger, Ryan Ottinger, Ethan Ottinger Jay Werling, Collin Laley, Kaden Laley, Landon Geiger

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<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
	3:00 p.m. Grade School Catechism Class
	7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL – Presidents Day</b>
	7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10:15 a.m. Chapel Service</b> (everyone is welcome to join us)
	<b>7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Spoken Divine Service</b>
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<https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemplutheranchurchossian> 9:00 a.m. Livestream

## **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – TODAY Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

**CHURCH SERVICES** A reminder that ALL church services (Chapel, Wednesday evening, and Sunday) will now be held in the school gymnasium until renovations are completed in the sanctuary. Please use school doors #4 and #5 (door #10 to the back of school near the cemetery can be used for handicap access). Pastor will still be holding Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings after the Divine Service. There will be limited access to the church area. **The live stream will be unavailable for the next few weeks, but services will be uploaded later in the day.**

**TEACHERS ARE NEEDED FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR:** The Board of Christian Education is in the process of seeking teachers for the next school year. Three of the present staff are retiring after this school year. Next year we will need a principal/7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, a teacher for grades 1 and 2, and a kindergarten teacher. If you know of any synodically rostered teachers who might be interested in one of these positions, please give those names to Lane Harkless. E-mail: [lane.harkless@gmail.com](mailto:lane.harkless@gmail.com) or phone: 260-414-5234.

**SOUP & BAKE SALE:** The Ladies Aid will be having a soup and bake sale on Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> following church. The sale will be set up in the school hallway. Ladies of the church please bring your favorite baked goods.

**ALTAR GUILD.** Please consider volunteering to help set up the altar for services. We are in need of volunteers for March, April, and May. You can sign up for a couple weeks or for the whole month. If you've never done the altar before, we are happy to teach you. Contact Amy Schueler or Tisha Laley. Thank you!

**Women's Group Event:** Church Basement Ladies musical at Niswonger Event Center in Ohio is on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. We will plan to leave after Sunday School and have lunch in Decatur. There is handicap seating available at the show. Parking is free. If you are attending and can carpool, please contact Wendy Boehm (415-8526).

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** - LWML speaker/Women's Group event: Pro-Life speaker Abigail Lorenzen from Right to Life of Northeast Indiana will be coming to speak on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We will also be having a baby shower for "The Hope Clinic" in Decatur and Berne. There will be cake and punch available as refreshments. Please see today's insert for more information regarding products needed for donation. Any questions, please contact Deaconess Boehm.

**Get your 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbooks TODAY!** Cost is \$6.00 per copy. Please see Sue Buchinger or Kathy Nahrwold.

**Norwell High School is hosting a Riley Dance Marathon.** High school students from Bethlehem are raising money for Riley Children’s Hospital to make sure kids receive the care they need. Please consider a donation to help achieve our goal. There is a red bucket located near the gym entrance if you would like to donate. All money is greatly appreciated and will go to a great cause!



Restoring Christianity to Russia: The Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk prepares pastors, deacons, and deaconesses as workers for the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church. To find out more about our mission please visit our website: <https://savetheseminary.org>

**MISSION FESTIVAL –** The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mission Festival will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. A guest speaker with the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society will be here. As a fundraiser for the society, there is a board located in the church area with envelopes on it. For those who would like to participate, pick an envelope and whatever the number is on the envelope numbered 1- 125 is the amount of money you would donate. ***Please return the envelope with checks made payable to the church.*** Here is a link to their website with more information <https://siberianlutheranmissions.org> if all envelopes are filled, we will have raised about \$5,000.

**The SCRIP TABLE** will be OPEN today (school foyer). Thank you for supporting the scrip program. For questions or large orders, please call or text Melissa Price at 260-433-5307.

**Offering Feb. 13, 2022**

<u>Average weekly need \$11,342</u>	
Home Fund Env.	\$30,598.70
Synod	615.01
Loose	296.72
Scholarship Fund	275.00
Improvement Fund	94.73
Endowment Fund	25.00
Music Fund	
Sound System/Video	
Sunday School	25.75
Siberian Mission	<u>351.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$32,281.91</b>

**Financial Report**

<b>Home Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$20,356.81</b>
Next week bills due:	\$5,500
Bills due two weeks:	\$23,000
<b>Savings Account Balance</b>	<b>\$99,209.90</b>
Borrowed from Savings:	PAID
Operating Loan Debt:	PAID

**Church/Communion Attendance**

Sunday:	181/127
Wednesday:	20/12

## 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary “Did you know”

A new Martin Ott mechanical action (tracker) pipe organ was dedicated on May 17, 1987 at a cost of \$98,800.

Here are some interesting statistics from the past:

In January 1943 it was resolved that the congregation maintain a Sunday School for the children of our congregation and the neighborhood to provide further instruction in Christian doctrine.

The Bethlehem Ladies Aid Society was founded in February 1923; the Bethlehem Walther League (young people's group) in April 1937; the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in 1943; the Christian Fellowship Society in October 1946; and the Bethlehem Parent Teacher League in 1971. The Lutheran Youth Fellowship is currently the youth organization of the church consisting of confirmed youth through high school age.



## **RECITATION & PRAYER FOR CLASSROOM AND HOME**

*The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of Baptism.*

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*A hymn may be sung.*

*Recite Together:*

*The Ten Commandments*

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it Holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*The Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Additional Memory Work for the week may be recited.*

*Scripture Reading and/or Devotion Lesson*

*Prayers and Intercessions*

*The Lord's Prayer*

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

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

*What is the Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer?*

**And lead us not into temptation.**

*What does this mean?*

**God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.**

*What is James 1:13-14?*

**Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and He Himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. James 1:13-14**

*What is the Seventh Petition of the Lord's Prayer?*

**But deliver us from evil.**

*What does this mean?*

**We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.**

*What is 2 Thessalonians 3:3?*

**But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. 2 Thessalonians 3:3**

**Saturday, February 26th at 10:00AM  
Fellowship Hall**

*Pro-Life Speaker  
and  
Pregnancy Center Baby Shower*



**Join us for pro-life speaker Abigail Lorenzen from Right to Life of Northeast Indiana.**

**Donations for The Hope Clinic (Berne and Decatur) can be dropped off that day or Sunday the 27th for those who cannot make it.**

**There will be light refreshments served.**

We are hosting a church baby shower so that we can bless those who have chosen life for their child.

The following items are needed:

## *Donations needed for The Hope Clinic*

### **New baby items:**

cribs/mattresses  
swings  
bouncer seats  
highchairs  
baby gates  
strollers  
car seats/booster car seats  
potty chair or ring  
baby monitors

### **Baby care items:**

baby wash/shampoo/lotion  
formula  
baby food  
laundry soap  
infant care kits (clippers,  
medicine dispenser,  
suction bulb, etc.)  
crib and pack n play sheets  
baby wash cloths/ towels  
baby bath mat/tubs

### **Supplies:**

diaper bags/pacifiers  
bottles  
teething and baby toys  
diapers  
pull ups  
sippy cups/baby tableware  
clothes/coats (nb-7T)  
educational toys  
board games  
backpacks/school supplies