

# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## *Third Sunday in Lent*

*Divine Service- Setting One*

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## Opening Hymn

## #714 Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode

1 Who trusts in God A strong a - bode In heav'n and  
 2 Though Sa - tan's wrath Be - set our path And world - ly  
 3 In all the strife Of mor - tal life Our feet will

earth pos - sess - es; Who looks in  
 scorn as - sail us, While You are  
 stand se - cure ly; Temp - ta - tion's

love To Christ a - bove, No fear that heart op -  
 near, We shall not fear; Your strength will nev - er  
 hour Will lose its pow'r, For You will guard us

press - es. In You a - lone, Dear Lord, we own Sweet  
 fail us. Your rod and staff Will keep us safe And  
 sure ly. O God, re - new With heav'n - ly dew Our

hope and con - so - la - tion, Our shield from foes, Our balm for  
 guide our steps for - ev - er; Nor shades of death Nor hell be -  
 bod - y, soul, and spir - it Un - til we stand At Your right

woes, Our great and sure sal - va - - tion.  
 neath Our lives from You will sev - - er.  
 hand Through Je - sus' sav - ing mer - it.

Text: tr. Benjamin H. Kennedy, 1804-99, alt.; (st. 1): Joachim Magdeburg, c. 1525-after 1587; (sts. 2-3): Harmonia cantionum, 1597, Leipzig

Tune: Claudio de Sermisy, c. 1490-1562

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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  $\ddagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

**Introit (sung responsively with the Choir)**



My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,\*  
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

**Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,\***  
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

To you, | O LORD,\*  
I lift | up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;\***  
let not my enemies exult | over me.

The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;\*  
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.

**Consider my affliction and my | trouble,\***  
and forgive | all my sins.

Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!\*

Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in you.

**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.**

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,\*  
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

**Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,\***  
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

## 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.

A musical staff in G clef and common time. It consists of six eighth notes followed by a short rest. The notes are grouped into two measures of three notes each.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A musical staff in G clef and common time. It consists of six eighth notes. The first four notes are grouped together, followed by a short rest, then the last two notes.

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

A musical staff in G clef and common time. It consists of six eighth notes. The first four notes are grouped together, followed by a short rest, then the last two notes.

C A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

A musical staff in G clef and common time. It consists of six eighth notes. The first four notes are grouped together, followed by a short rest, then the last two notes.

P The Lord be with you.

A musical staff in G clef and common time. It consists of six eighth notes. The first four notes are grouped together, followed by a short rest, then the last two notes.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A musical staff in G clef and common time. It consists of six eighth notes. The first four notes are grouped together, followed by a short rest, then the last two notes.

C A - men.

### Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 26:1-15*

#### Jeremiah Threatened with Death

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>“Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. <sup>3</sup>It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. <sup>4</sup>You shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, <sup>5</sup>and to listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently,

though you have not listened,<sup>6</sup>then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.”<sup>7</sup>The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD.<sup>8</sup>And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die!<sup>9</sup>Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.<sup>10</sup>When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD.<sup>11</sup>Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”<sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard.<sup>13</sup>Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you.<sup>14</sup>But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you.<sup>15</sup>Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Choral Response “O Lord, My God, Rebuke Me Not”

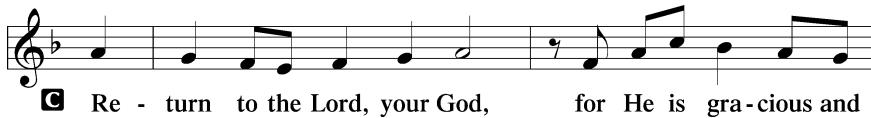
#### Epistle

*Ephesians 5:1–9*

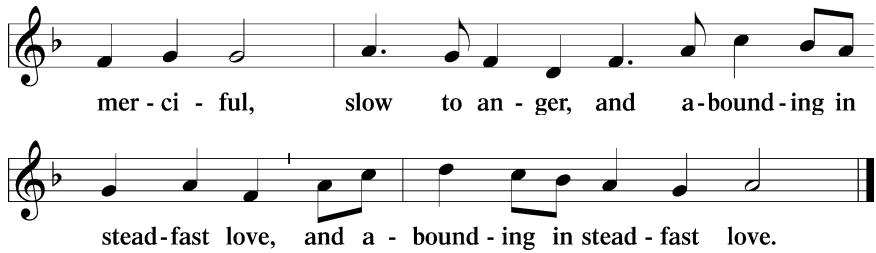
<sup>1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.<sup>3</sup>But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. <sup>4</sup>Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup>For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not associate with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Lenten Verse



**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and



## Holy Gospel

*Luke 11:14–28*

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



<sup>14</sup>Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. <sup>15</sup>But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” <sup>16</sup>while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. <sup>17</sup>But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “**Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls.** <sup>18</sup>**And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul.** <sup>19</sup>**And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges.** <sup>20</sup>**But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.** <sup>21</sup>**When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe;** <sup>22</sup>**but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.** <sup>23</sup>**Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.** <sup>24</sup>“**When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’** <sup>25</sup>**And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order.** <sup>26</sup>**Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.**” <sup>27</sup>As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” <sup>28</sup>But he said, “**Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!**”

**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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Hymn of the Day

#659 Lord of Our Life



1 Lord of our life and God of our sal - va - tion, Star of our  
2 See round Your ark the hun - gry bil - lows curl - ing; See how Your  
3 Lord, be our light when world-ly dark - ness veils us; Lord, be our  
4 Peace in our hearts, where sin - ful thoughts are rag - ing, Peace in Your



night and hope of ev - 'ry na - tion: Hear and re - ceive Your  
foes their ban - ners are un - furl - ing And with great spite their  
shield when earth - ly ar - mor fails us; And in the day when  
Church, our trou - bled souls as - suag - ing, Peace when the world its



Church's sup - pli - ca - tion, Lord God Al - might - y.  
fi - ery darts are hurl - ing, O Lord, pre - serve us.  
hell it - self as - sails us, Grant us Your peace, Lord:  
end - less war is wag - ing, Peace in Your heav - en.

Text: Matthäus Apelles von Löwenstein, 1594-1648; tr. Philip Pusey, 1799-1855, alt.

Tune: Antiphoner, 1746, Poitiers

Text and tune: Public domain

## Sermon

### Prayer of the Church

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

Bryce Bowman and family (former student battling cancer)

Tammy Dahling (wife of Pastor Dan Dahling)

Bob Brown

Brandon Tomlinson (son-inlaw of the Brinkleys)

Vicki Tomlinson (friend of the Brinkleys)

Deanna Sin (daughter of Imogene Bultemeier)

#### Birth of a baby boy to Andy and Shelby Todd

#### In Time of War The people of Ukraine

#### The Board of Christian Education Call Process

(Amelia Phillips and Shaeli Streeks)

#### 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)

## Offering

### Offertory

The musical notation consists of six staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff. The first staff begins with a forte dynamic. The lyrics are:

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

## Service of the Sacrament

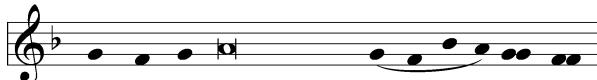
### Preface

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff. The first staff begins with a forte dynamic. The lyrics are:

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** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### 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,

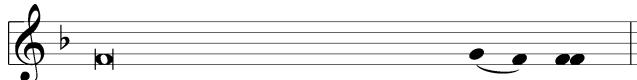
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
    as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
    as we forgive those  
        who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
**For Thine is the kingdom**  
**and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

## Distribution Hymn

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

1 O Je-sus, bless-ed Lord, to Thee My heart-felt thanks for-ev-er be, Who hast so lov-ing-ly be-stowed On me Thy bod-y and Thy blood.  
 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is thanks for-ev-er be, Who hast so lov-ing-ly be-stowed On me Thy bod-y and Thy blood.  
 3 Come to me this day! My Sav-ior dwells with-in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634-1703; tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851-1928  
 Tune: Trente quatre Pseauties de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois  
 Text and tune: Public domain

## Distribution Hymn

## #420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

1 Christ, the life of all the liv-ing, Christ, the death of  
 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak-en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a  
 3 Thou hast borne the smit-ing on-ly That my wounds might  
 4 Heart-less scoff-ers did sur-round Thee, Treat-ing Thee with

death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
 cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,  
 all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,  
 shame-ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.  
  
 To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'ring,  
 O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my  
 Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of  
 All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou  
  
 death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
 soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.  
 God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.  
 might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.

5    Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,  
     That from pain I might be free;  
     Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:  
         Thence I gain security;  
     Comfortless Thy soul did languish  
     Me to comfort in my anguish.  
     Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
     Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6    Thou hast suffered great affliction  
     And hast borne it patiently,  
     Even death by crucifixion,  
         Fully to atone for me;  
     Thou didst choose to be tormented  
     That my doom should be prevented.  
     Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
     Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7    Then, for all that wrought my pardon,  
     For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
     For Thine anguish in the Garden,  
         I will thank Thee evermore,  
     Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,  
     For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
         For that last triumphant cry,  
     And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605-81; (sts. 1-2, 5, 7): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.; (sts. 3-4, 6): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, 1912, St. Louis  
Tune: Das grosse Cantional, 1687, Darmstadt

## Distribution Hymn

## #421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly  
 2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my  
 3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and  
 4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,  
 5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, Grant that in Your

wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of  
 sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new  
 eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me  
 is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing  
 death I trust, Know-ing death has lost its pow - er Since You

bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in  
 cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,  
 weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.  
 new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet  
 crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let Your ag - o - ny

Tempt my treach -'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from  
 Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was  
 Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -  
 Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing  
 Ev - er help and com - fort me; When I die be my pro -

sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.  
 wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.  
 ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.  
 pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.  
 tec - tion, Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. composite, alt.

Tune: Johann Balthasar König, 1691-1758

Text and tune: Public domain

## Distribution Hymn

## #424 O Christ, You Walked the Road



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.  
2 No bread of earth a - lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.  
3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a - bove.  
4 When lures of eas - y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,  
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an- cient foe.  
Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.  
Lord, help us place our trust a - lone In Your un-swerv-ing love.  
Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a - lign.  
Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an- cient foe.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1923-2007

Tune: William Daman, c. 1540-1591

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## Nunc Dimitis

**C** Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:  
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.  
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## 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** Amen.

## Closing Hymn

## #604 I Bind unto Myself Today

1 I bind un - to my - self to - day The  
 2 I bind this day to me for - ev - er, By  
 3 I bind un - to my - self to - day The  
 4 A - against the de - mon snares of sin, The  
 △ 5 I bind un - to my - self the name, The

strong name of the Trin - i - ty By  
 pow'r of faith, Christ's in - car - na - tion, His  
 pow'r of God to hold and lead, His  
 vice that gives temp - ta - tion force, The  
 strong name of the Trin - i - ty By

in - vo - ca - tion of the same, The  
 Bap - tism in the Jor - dan Riv - er, His  
 eye to watch, His might to stay, His  
 nat - ural lusts that war with in, The  
 in - vo - ca - tion of the same, The

Repeat after st. 1 only.

Three in One and One in Three.  
 cross of death for my sal - va - tion,  
 ear to hear - ken to my need,  
 hos - tile foes that mar my course;  
 Three in One and One in Three,

(2) His burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, His  
 (3) The wis - dom of my God to teach, His  
 (4) Or few or man - y, far or nigh, In  
 (5) Of whom all na - ture has cre - a - tion, E -

rid - ing up the heav'n - ly way, His  
 hand - to guide, His shield - to ward, The  
 ev - 'ry place and in all hours, A -  
 ter - nal Fa - ther, Spir - it, Word. Praise

Text: attr. Patrick, c. 372-466; tr. Cecil F. Alexander, 1818-95  
 Tune: Irish  
 Text and tune: Public domain

## IN HIS SERVICE

**Preaching**  
**Fieldworkers**  
**Deaconess**  
**Head Elder**  
**Elders on Duty**  
**Kantor**  
**Choir**  
**Acolytes**  
**Altar Guild Chairman**  
**Ushers**

Rev. Samuel Wirgau  
 Sem. Aaron Coggins and Sem. Isaac Spangler  
 Wendy Boehm  
 Lloyd Meyer  
 Mike Meyer and Jerry Meyer  
 Richard Brinkley  
 Bethlehem Adult Choir  
 Molly Mishler and Breanna Biggs  
 Amy Schueler and Tisha Laley  
 Jeff Gresley, Cole Louison, Peyton Laley  
 Jared Meyer, Kyle Patrick, Dean Scheumann

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<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>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)
<b>MONDAY</b>	NO	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
	NO	Handbell Choir Practice
<b>TUESDAY</b>	1:30-3:00 p.m.	Blanket Sewing
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:00-6:45 p.m.	Lenten Supper
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mid-week Lenten Service</b>
	NO	Adult Choir Practice
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
		<b>Mission Festival</b>
	10:15 a.m.	Special Guest Presentation
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
	NOON	Potluck Luncheon

*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/bethlehmutheranchurchossian> 9:00 a.m. Livestream

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who came out to clean the church last Saturday and to everyone that helped on Sunday moving back us into the church sanctuary. This church is so blessed to have such willing volunteers. Also a big THANK YOU especially to all who donated toward this improvement project.

**LENTEN SERVICES** Please join us for worship during this Lenten Season:  
 Mid-week Lenten Services held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

*The Bethlehem Youth will be serving a light supper from 6-6:45 p.m.*

**THANK YOU –** A big thank you to the Leon Werling family for the use of their organ during the time in the gymnasium. It helped greatly in giving the gym more of a “churchy” feel!

**THANK YOU –** We thank everyone for their prayers and concerns. Eliza is a very “special” blessing and is making progress every day. She is a very precious and good-natured little girl. Denny and Maxine

**Bethlehem Board of Christian Education has extended a call for a Kindergarten teacher, Amelia Phillips and 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade teacher Shaeli Streeks. Please remember both of these ladies in your prayers as they consider their call.**

**EASTER FLOWER ORDERS are now due**– It was hard to find all of the flowers last year and this is why we are asking early. Please place your orders today.

**Bethlehem KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP / Open House** will be held Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm. Anyone who might be looking to enroll their child for next year is invited.

**BLANKETS** - The Women's Group will continue with their blanket sewing project this week, Tuesday from 1:30-3:00. It is very simple, and anyone can help! Please join us!

**PORK CHOP DINNER** - The Washington DC Group will be having a carry-out only pork chop dinner on Sunday, April 3rd from 10:30 to 12:30. Meal includes an Ossian Smoked Pork Chop, Baked Potato and Roll. Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased from any of the DC students today after church.

**Ladies and Girls of Bethlehem**, it's time to think about wearing hats on Easter Sunday morning. You can find them online, at thrift stores, or maybe even in your own closet. Please join us for this Easter tradition!

**Family Game Night** – Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. at New Hope Lutheran Church. Games will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own! Bring your friends and a snack to share! Everyone is invited!

**BETHLEHEM FISH FRY!** Mark your calendars for our annual Fish Fry on Saturday, April 30th from 4:30-7:30 pm at Lighted Gardens. It will be a carry-out only again this year. Menu includes: fish & tenderloin, baked potato, green beans, applesauce, roll and dessert. Cost: \$13.00 per person. Pre-sale orders by April 24th are encouraged so that we have an estimate count of meals to prepare. Contact Cheryl Louison 260-414-5526/[clouston@ymail.com](mailto:clouston@ymail.com) or Pat Meyer 260-227-0400/[spmeyer1982@gmail.com](mailto:spmeyer1982@gmail.com). the committee is asking for either scrip donations from GFS or monetary donations. For further questions contact Kathy Nahrwold 260-705-6257.

**LWML** – The 28<sup>th</sup> Biennial LWML Indiana District Convention will be held June 17-19, 2022 at Concordia Lutheran High School. Bethlehem is in need of a delegate and an alternate. If you are interested, please contact Vicki Schallhorn or Delores Scheumann. Registration is due May 7<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to attend the convention. Information and registration forms are on the LWML / Ladies Group bulletin board in the church hallway.

**ALTAR GUILD**. Please consider volunteering to help set up the altar for services. We are in need of volunteers for 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!

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

**St. John Bingen annual Fish and Tenderloin Dinner** -TODAY Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> held at Wyneken Memorial School in Decatur from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Adults \$12, Children 6-12 \$6.00 5 and under are free. Dine in or drive thru takeout. Cash or Check only

**CAMP LUTHERHAVEN-** Rubber chickens, paracord, canoe paddles, marshmallows, and a moose head in the Dining Hall are all small things, but together they make a BIG difference for a summer at Camp Lutherhaven! The summer theme for 2022 is “Small Things, Big Difference,” based on Zechariah 4:6 where you will explore how God uses small things to make a BIG difference! So, whether you want to connect with friends, be strengthened in your faith, have an awesome summer adventure, or all of the above, give Lutherhaven a try. If you register before April 1<sup>st</sup>, you can receive an Early Bird Discount! Register online today at [www.lutherhaven.org](http://www.lutherhaven.org) or call for more information at 260-636-7101.



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 Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Please join us for Divine Service at 9:00am. Rev. Dr. Timothy Quill will be here with a presentation during Bible Class at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Also, please plan to attend a potluck luncheon at 12:00 noon in the school gym. The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee will be providing Pulled Pork, Ham slices, buns, and beverages. Please bring a dish to share.

Also as a fundraiser for the Russian Seminary please be sure to take an envelope from the board located in the church area. 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,*** if all envelopes are filled, we will have raised about \$5,000. Here is a link to the seminary website with more information <https://siberianlutheranmissions.org>

We continue to pray for Rev. Dr. Streltsov and the work of Christ’s Church abroad. it is important to know that God gives His Gospel to be preached and His Sacraments administered even in the midst of violent and hostile countries. Pastors are still needed to be trained and supported to carry out the mission of God to the ends of the earth, and we as the Church continue to uphold our brothers and sisters in Christ in Russia and Ukraine.

**PERIODICALS** – Please help yourselves to the new Portals of Prayer on setting on the Narthex tables. Be sure to check out the bookrack in the church hallway for any other reading materials.

**The SCRIP TABLE** will be Open today. Thank you for supporting the scrip program. For questions or to place an order, please call or text Melissa Price at 260-433-5307.

**125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Snip-its from the Bethlehem “Parish Visitor”**

March 17, 1946 - The Concordia Seminary Choir of Springfield, Illinois, will give a concert at the Concordia College Gymnasium, Fort Wayne, next Sunday. The program will begin at 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$.75 for adults and \$.40 for children and may be obtained from the pastor.

Attendance at Last Sunday's Service: English 143 German 27



**Offering March 6, 2022**

<u>Average weekly need</u>	\$11,342
Home Fund Env.	\$19,865.89
Synod	39.00
Loose	214.76
Scholarship Fund	125.00
Improvement Fund	44.73
Endowment Fund	25.00
Music Fund	
Sound System/Video	
Sunday School	39.00
Siberian Mission	252.00
Hope Clinic (door)	660.00
Cookbooks	45.00
School Tuition	3,272.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,582.65</b>

**Financial Report**

**Home Fund Balance \$18,230.12**

Next week bills due: \$3,000

Bills due two weeks: \$22,000

**Savings Account Balance \$63,769.07**

Borrowed from Savings: PAID

Operating Loan Debt: PAID

**Church/Communion Attendance**

Sunday: 155/119

Wednesday: 51/38

## **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.**

*Lutheran Service Book #421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing*

**3) If the world my heart entices  
With the broad and easy road,  
With seductive, sinful vices,  
Let me weigh the awful load  
You were willing to endure.  
Help me flee all thoughts impure  
And to master each temptation,  
Calm in prayer and meditation.**

**4) Every wound that pains or grieves me  
By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole;  
When I'm faint, Your cross revives me,  
Granting new life to my soul.  
Yes, Your comfort renders sweet  
Every bitter cup I meet;  
For Your all-atonning passion  
Has procured my soul's salvation.**