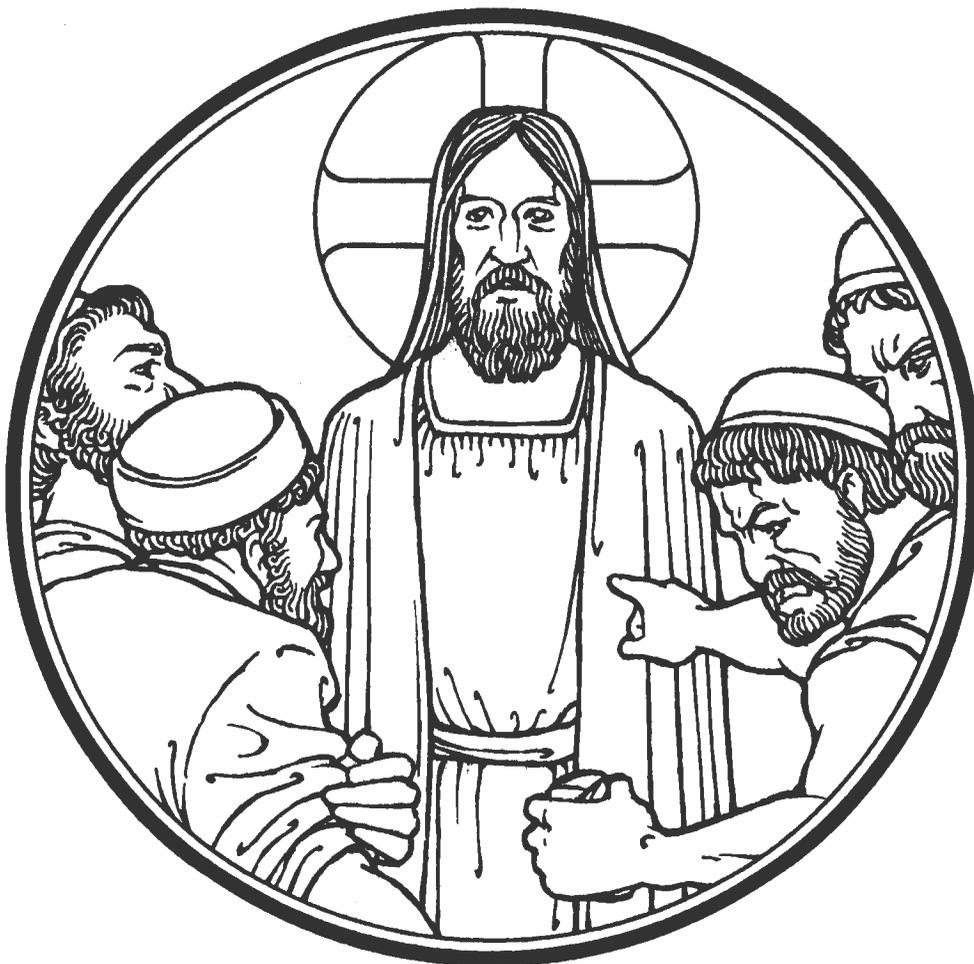


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## *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

*Divine Service- Setting One*

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## Opening Hymn #428 Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,  
 2 Here the King of all the a - ges,  
 3 O mys - te - rious con - de - scend - ing!  
 4 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,

Where the blood of Christ was shed,  
 Throned in light ere worlds could be,  
 O a - ban - don - ment sub - lime!  
 Where the blood of Christ was shed,

Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,  
 Robed in mor - tal flesh is dy - ing,  
 Ver - y God Him - self is bear - ing,  
 Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,

Per - fect God on thee has bled!  
 Cru - ci - fied by sin for me.  
 All the suf - fer - ings of time!  
 Per - fect God on thee has bled!

Text: William J. Sparrow Simpson, 1860–1952  
 Tune: John Stainer, 1840–1901  
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## Order of Holy Baptism p. 268

### Introit (sung responsively)



Vindicate me, | O God,\*

and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,  
**from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!\***

**For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.**

Send out your light and your truth; let them | lead me,\*

let them bring me to your holy hill and to your | dwelling!

**Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my ex- | ceeding joy,\***  
**and I will praise you with the lyre, O | God, my God.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil with- | in me?\*

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation | and my God.

**Vindicate me, | O God,\***

**and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,**  
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!\*

For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.

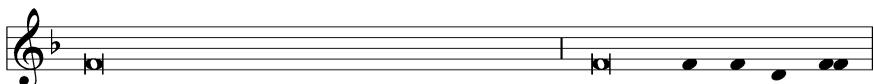
## Kyrie



**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.



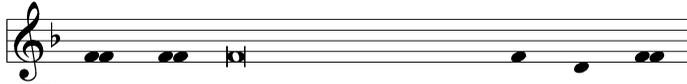
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



**C** A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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

*Genesis 22:1-14*

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>2</sup>He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of

which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>12</sup>He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

**Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!\***

**Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!**

**[You] delivered me from my | enemies;\***

**you rescued me from the man of | violence.**

## Epistle

*Hebrews 9:11–15*

<sup>11</sup>When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup>he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup>For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup>how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

<sup>15</sup>Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Lenten Verse



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in  
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## Holy Gospel

*John 8:42–59*

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



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

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. <sup>43</sup>Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. <sup>44</sup>You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. <sup>45</sup>But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. <sup>46</sup>Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? <sup>47</sup>Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.” <sup>48</sup>The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” <sup>52</sup>The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ <sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” <sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ <sup>55</sup>But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” <sup>57</sup>So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” <sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” <sup>59</sup>So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

**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 #430 My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es  
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would  
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their  
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,  
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,  
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
 Who at my need His life did spend!  
 And for His death They thirst and cry.  
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have  
 My dear Lord made away;  
 A murderer they save,  
 The Prince of Life they slay.  
 Yet cheerful He  
 To suff'ring goes  
 That He His foes  
 From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home  
 My Lord on earth might have;  
 In death no friendly tomb  
 But what a stranger gave.  
 What may I say?  
 Heav'n was His home  
 But mine the tomb  
 Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,  
 No story so divine!  
 Never was love, dear King,  
 Never was grief like Thine.  
 This is my friend,  
 In whose sweet praise  
 I all my days  
 Could gladly spend!

## Sermon

### Prayer of the Church

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

*Delores Scheumann*

*Grace Bauermeister (Thyroid surgery)*

*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)*

#### Baptismal blessing - Archer James Todd

Time of Death – Brian Moehring (Brother of Pastor Moehring) at the death of his wife Cynthia this past week.

#### The Board of Christian Education Call Process - (Amelia Phillips)

#### 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



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

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

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

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

## Sanctus

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

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

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini



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



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei



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



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



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



sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Distribution

**Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper** in our worship. Bethlehem Lutheran Church administers this Holy Supper in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we receive, along with the Bread and Wine, the very Body and Blood of Jesus through which we receive the forgiveness of sins. Furthermore, the communicants as a body of believers make a confession of the unity of their faith. Those desiring to receive the Sacrament with us, who are not communicant members of Bethlehem or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, are asked to please speak with the Pastor before the service.

## 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 requited;  
 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.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618-77; (sts. 1, 4-5): tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978; (sts. 2-3, 6-8): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.  
 Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662  
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**Distribution Hymn #427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory**



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -  
 love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872  
 Tune: Ithamar Conkey, 1815-67  
 Text and tune: Public domain

## Distribution Hymn #431 Not All the Blood of Beasts



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain  
 2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;  
 3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,  
 4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear  
 5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;



Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.  
 A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than thy.  
 While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.  
 When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.  
 We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.  
 Tune: William Daman, c. 1540-1591  
 Text and tune: Public domain

## Distribution Hymn #606 I Lay My Sins on Jesus



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;  
 2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;  
 3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.  
 He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.  
 His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains  
 I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;  
 I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.  
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.  
Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89  
Tune: Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 1693, 3rd ed., Meiningen  
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## Nunc Dimittis (Please stand)



Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -



pared 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.

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** 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 #718 Jesus, Lead Thou On



1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al - though the  
2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith - less  
3 When we seek re - lief From a long - felt grief, When temp - ta - tions  
4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, We will fol - low calm and fear - less.  
fears o'er - take us; Let not faith and hope for - sake us;  
come al - lur - ing, Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing.  
still di - rect us, Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



Guide us by Thy hand To our fa - ther - land.  
For through man - y a woe To our home we go.  
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.  
Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700-60; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-97, alt.

## IN HIS SERVICE

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| Deaconess: Wendy Boehm   | 260-415-8526 |
| <i>Website for Church and School: <a href="http://www.BethlehemOssian.org">www.BethlehemOssian.org</a></i> |              |

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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            |
|                  | 11:15 a.m.        | Board of Elders Meeting                        |
|                  | 11:30 a.m.        | Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)                 |
|                  | 3:00 p.m.         | Grade School Catechism Class                   |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | NO                | Handbell Choir Practice                        |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | 7:00 p.m.         | Board of Christian Education Meeting           |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | 10:15 a.m.        | Chapel Service                                 |
|                  | 6:00-6:45 p.m.    | Lenten Supper                                  |
|                  | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Mid-week Lenten Service</b>                 |
|                  | After the Service | Adult Choir Practice                           |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | 9:30 a.m.         | Grandparents Day Chapel Service                |
|                  | Early             | Dismissal                                      |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  | <b>Palm Sunday Service with Holy Communion</b> |
|                  | 10:15 a.m.        | Adult Bible Class and Sunday School            |
|                  | 11:15 a.m.        | Church Council Meeting                         |
|                  | 11:30 a.m.        | Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)                 |
|                  | 3:00 p.m.         | Grade School Catechism Class                   |

***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.***

**BAPTIZED TODAY** into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is Archer James Todd, newborn son of Andrew and Shelby Todd. Sponsor for Archer is Stephanie Fawcett and witnesses are Jessica Meyer and Kristina Todd. We welcome Archer as a member of the Kingdom of God and joint heir with us of all God's blessings.

**FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR** this morning have been given to the Glory of God and in honor of the baptism of Archer James Todd.

**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.*

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES** Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. Good Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast 7:30-8:45 a.m.

Easter Day Service 9:00 a.m.

**Bethlehem Board of Christian Education has extended a call** for a Kindergarten teacher, Amelia Phillips. Shaeli Streeks has accepted the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade teacher position. Thank you for your continued prayers.

**Get your PORK CHOP DINNERS Today** - The Washington DC Group is having their carry-out only pork chop dinner TODAY from 10:30 to 12:30. Drive up available at the north gym entrance or pick up at the gym kitchen. Dinners are still available and include an Ossian Smoked Pork Chop, Baked Potato and Roll. If you don't have a ticket please inquire at the gym kitchen. Thank you for supporting our students and their DC trip.

**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!

**BETHLEHEM FISH FRY!** Mark your calendars for our annual Fish Fry on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:30 pm at Lighted Gardens. 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 24<sup>th</sup> are encouraged in order to estimate count of meals to prepare. Contact Cheryl Louison 260-414-5526 / [clouison@ymail.com](mailto:clouison@ymail.com) or Pat Meyer 260-227-0400 / [spmeyer1982@gmail.com](mailto:spmeyer1982@gmail.com). The committee is also asking for either scrip donations from GFS or monetary donations. For further questions contact Kathy Nahrwold 260-705-6257.

**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!

**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.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in last Sunday’s Mission Festival and for the donations for the Siberian Seminary. If you would still like to contribute to this worthwhile mission, please feel free to take an envelope from the display board in the church foyer. Also a big thank you to the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee for organizing a delicious Potluck luncheon and to everyone who brought something to share.

**THANK YOU** Rural King would like to thank everyone for participating in the 2021 Rural King Church Week and letting them partner with us in giving back to the communities we serve. Bethlehem received \$218.59 from the receipts turned into the church office. Rural King is once again holding Church Week during April 7-20. Receipts for purchases made during this time period can be turned into the church office for credit.

**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.



**The Bethlehem 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** committee will be selling Anniversary Ornaments, T-shirts and coffee mugs, along with Cookbooks after church today. Please see the flyer inserted today for more information.

**Offering March 27, 2022**

|                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Average weekly need \$11,342</u> |                    |
| Home Fund Env.                      | \$8,730.70         |
| Synod                               | 177.00             |
| Loose                               | 270.32             |
| Scholarship Fund                    |                    |
| Improvement Fund                    | 654.73             |
| Endowment Fund                      | 200.00             |
| Music Fund                          |                    |
| Sound System/Video                  |                    |
| Sunday School                       | 16.75              |
| Siberian Mission                    | 1,111.00           |
| Rural King Church                   | <u>Week 218.59</u> |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>\$11,379.09</b> |

**Financial Report**

|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Home Fund Balance</b>       | <b>\$10,629.41</b> |
| Next week bills due:           | \$3,000            |
| Bills due two weeks:           | \$15,000           |
| <b>Savings Account Balance</b> | <b>\$64,470.69</b> |
| Borrowed from Savings:         | PAID               |
| Operating Loan Debt:           | PAID               |

**Church/Communion Attendance**

|            |         |
|------------|---------|
| Sunday:    | 169/109 |
| Wednesday: | 57/36   |

## **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 Office of the Keys?*

**The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.**

*What is Matthew 16:19?*

**I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Matthew 16:19**

*What is 1 John 1:8-9?*

**If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9**

# 125th Anniversary Ornament Sale - \$3.00

Great for yourself or as a gift to family and friends

**Selling Dates: 4/3/2022**

(In Church Hallway)



**Also available for sale on these dates will be:**

- 1.) Limited sizes of t-shirts for \$15**
- 2.) Various colors of coffee mugs for \$5**

Any questions please contact:

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| Cheryl Louison | 260-414-5526 |
| Ronda Flesch   | 260-438-9725 |
| Denise Schumm  | 260-622-7990 |
| Kay Schumm     | 260-273-7402 |