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The Fifth Sunday of Easter *"Confirmation Sunday"*

Divine Service One

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Processional Hymn
(Please stand and face the cross)

#556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, With ex-ul-ta-tion
2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark-ly
3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer-it
4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be-fore the world's foun-
5 God said to His be-lov-ed Son: "It's time to have com-



spring-ing, And with u-nit-ed heart and voice And ho-ly
o'er me. Sin was my tor-ment night and day; In sin my
gain-ing; Free will a-gainst God's judg-ment fought, Dead to all
da-tion, And mind-ful of His mer-cies great, He planned for
pas-sion. Then go, brightjew-el of My crown, And bring to



rap-ture sing-ing, Pro-claim the won-ders God has done, How
moth-er bore me. But dai-ly deep-er still I fell; My
good re-main-ing. My fears in-creased till sheer de-spair Left
my sal-va-tion. He turned to me a fa-ther's heart; He
all sal-va-tion. From sin and sor-row set them free; Slay



His right arm the vic-t'ry won. What price our ran-som cost Him!
life be-came a liv-ing hell, So firm-ly sin pos-sessed me.
on-ly death to be my share;The pangs of hell I suf-fered.
did not choose the eas-y part But gave His dear-est trea-sure.
bit-ter death for them that they May live with You for-ev-er."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.
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Blessing of the Book of the Gospels

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Address

- P** Dearly beloved, the Lord God by His Holy Spirit has caused all Scripture to be “written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.” Such learning takes place when we hear “the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”

It is fitting that this **Book of the Gospels** be sanctified by the Word of God and prayer for use in the services of our Lord.

Versicles

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

Collect

- P** Let us pray.
O God, You have given us Your holy Word to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. We implore You to bless this **Book of the Gospels**. Enlighten the hearts and minds of those who read from it, and open the ears of all who hear the Gospel proclaimed from it, that by Your Spirit they may earnestly hold fast to Him who is the way, the truth, and the life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Blessing of the Lectionary

- P** The Lord Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this **Book of the Gospels** for use in His holy Church.
C **Amen.**

Invocation

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I

therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit (sung responsively)



Sing to the LORD a new song, Alle- | luia,*

for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. Alle- | luia.

**His right hand and his | holy arm*
have worked salva- | tion for him.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth,*
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!**

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit;*

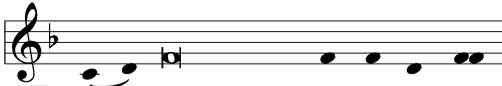
*as it was in the be- | ginning,**

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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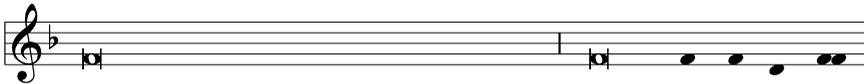
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



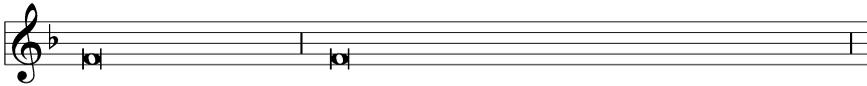
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



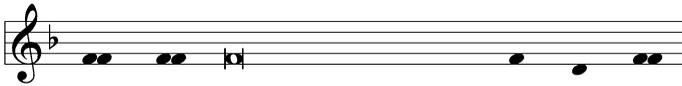
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

This Is the Feast



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb ——— who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes

of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 12:1–6

The LORD Is My Strength and My Song

¹You will say in that day:
“I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.
²“Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.”

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.
⁵“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.
⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

James 1:16–21

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. ¹⁹Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness that God requires. ²¹Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 16:5–15

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁵[Jesus said:] “But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

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

#556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice



6 The Son o - beyed His Fa - ther's will, Was born of vir - gin
 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and
 8 "Though he will shed My pre - cious blood, Me of My life be -
 9 "Now to My Fa - ther I de - part, From earth to heav'n as -
 10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and



moth - er; And God's good plea - sure to ful - fill, He came to
 cas - tle. Your ran - som I My - self will be; For you I
 reav - ing, All this I suf - fer for your good; Be stead - fast
 cend - ing, And, heav'n - ly wis - dom to im - part, The Ho - ly
 teach - ing; So shall the king - dom's work be wrought And hon - ored



be my broth - er. His roy - al pow'r dis-guised He bore; A
striveand wres - tle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And
and be - liev - ing. Life will from death the vic - t'ry win; My
Spir - it send - ing; In trou - ble He will com - fort you And
in your preach - ing. But watch lest foes with base al - loy The



ser - vant's form, like mine, He wore To lead the dev - il cap - tive.
where I am you may re-main; The foe shall not di - vide us.
in - no - cence shall bear your sin, And you are blest for - ev - er.
teach you al - ways to be true And in - to truth shall guide you.
heav'n-ly trea - sure should de-stroy; This fi - nal word I leave you."

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Sermon

Rite of Confirmation

Confirmation Address

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

Profession of Faith

- P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R** *Yes, I do.*
- P** Do you renounce the devil?
- R** *Yes, I renounce him.*
- P** Do you renounce all his works?
- R** *Yes, I renounce them.*
- P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

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

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

R *Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

R *Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

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

R *I do.*

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

R *I do.*

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

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

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

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

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

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

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

C **Amen.**

Confirmation Blessing

P **Ava, Macie, Grant, Greyson**, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

R *Amen.*

Collect for confirmation (1)

P Let us pray.

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

C **Amen.**

Collect for confirmation (2)

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

C **Amen.**

The Peace

P Peace † be with you.

C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

All those in need of continued strength and healing

Dan Kleppinger (recovery from back surgery)

Debra Householder-Byrne (mother of Nathan Householder)

Samantha Tolson

Bryce Bowman and family (former student battling cancer)

Tammy Dahling (wife of Pastor Dan Dahling)

Bob Brown

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

Vicki Tomlinson (friend of the Brinkleys)

Deanna Sin (daughter of Imogene Bultemeier)

In Time of Sorrow *Denis Glisson and family as they mourn
the death of his mother, Naomi*

Confirmation Blessings *Ava, Macie, Grant, Greyson*

The Board of Christian Education *Call Process for Principal, 7&8 Teacher*

The Church and all its faithful workers

All military personnel *Evan Springer*

Our members currently shut-in

Jackie Werling, Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)

Imogene Bultemeier, (Woodcrest)

Charlotte Dippel (Lutheran Life Village)

Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)

Offering

Offertory



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



P The Lord be with you.



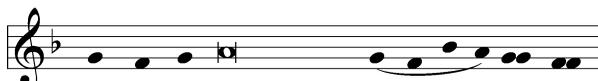
C And al - so with you.



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:

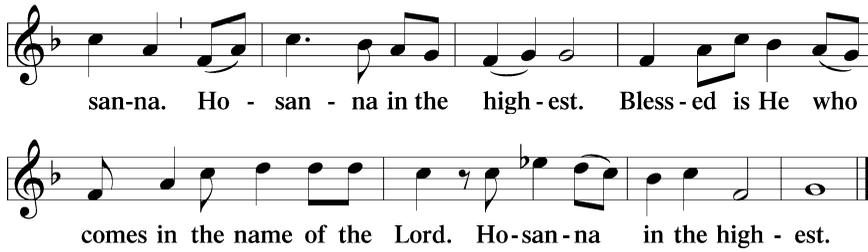
Sanctus



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:

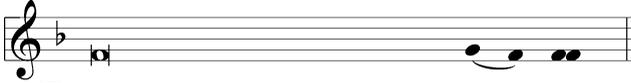
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine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



G A - men.

Agnus Dei



G 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

#864 Shepherd of Tender Youth



1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in
 2 You are the ho - ly Lord, O all - sub -
 3 You are the great High Priest; You have pre -
 4 O ev - er be our guide, Our shep - herd,
 5 So now, and till we die, Sound we Your



love and truth Through de - vious ways; Christ, our tri -
 du - ing Word, Heal - er of strife. Your - self You -
 pared the feast Of ho - ly love; And in our
 and our pride, Our staff and song. Je - sus, O
 prais - es high And joy - ful sing: In - fants and



um - phant king, We come Your name to sing
 did a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace
 mor - tal pain None calls on You in vain;
 Christ of God, By Your en - dur - ing Word
 all the throng, Who to the Church be - long,



And here our chil - dren bring To join Your praise.
 You so might save our race And give us life.
 Our plea do not dis - dain; Help from a - bove.
 Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.
 U - nite to swell the song To Christ, our king!

Text: attr. Clement of Alexandria, c. 170–c. 220; tr. Henry M. Dexter, 1821–90, alt.

Tune: Felice de Giardini, 1716–96

Text and tune: Public domain

Distribution Hymn

#865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain



1 Lord, help us ev - er to re - tain The Cat - e -
 2 Help us Your ho - ly Law to learn, To mourn our
 3 Hear us, dear Fa - ther, when we pray For need - ed
 4 Lord, when we fall or go a - stray, Ab - solve and



chism's — doc-trine plain As Lu - ther taught the
 sin and from it turn In faith to You and
 help from day to day That as Your chil - dren
 lift us up, we pray; And through the Sac - ra -



Word of truth In sim - ple style to ten - der youth.
 to Your Son And Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One.
 we may live, Whom You bap - tized and so re - ceived.
 ment in - crease Our faith till we de - part in peace.

Text: Ludwig Helmbold, 1532-98; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828-1915, alt.
 Tune: As hymnodus sacer, 1625, Leipzig
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Distribution Hymn

#722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



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



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



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



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

Text: Julie von Hausmann, 1825-1901; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978, alt.
 Tune: P. Friedrich Silcher, 1789-1860

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

C A - men.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



A - men.

Closing Hymn

#643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,



The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.



The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing



To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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IN HIS SERVICE

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Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Lloyd Meyer
Elders on Duty	Brian Bauermeister, Glen Werling
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Acolyte	Molly Mishler and Breanna Biggs
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SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
WEDNESDAY	11:15 a.m.	Chapel Service
	7:00 p.m.	Brief Spoken Divine Service
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Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 597-7121.

<https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemplutheranchurchossian> 9:00 a.m. Livestream

Dear friends of Bethlehem, all good things must come to an end while we remain in this world. This Sunday, May 15, will be my last Sunday as a fieldworker. Next year, I will be serving as vicar at St. John Lutheran Church in Wheaton, Illinois, but I look forward to

seeing all of you again when I return to Indiana. Spending the last two years serving at Bethlehem has been a joy and a blessing for me. I thank you all for your kindness and generosity, and for the opportunity to learn that being a fieldworker has given me. In gratitude for all that you have done for me, I have given Bethlehem a Holy Gospel cover. This item adorns the precious, saving words of Christ in the Gospels that we hear read and preached each Sunday. Thank you for the time I have spent hearing them with you.
Aaron Coggins

We will be taking a DOOR OFFERING next Sunday, May 22nd - We wish God's blessing to our field worker, Sem. Aaron Coggins as he ends his fieldwork assignment here at Bethlehem and begins his vicarage year at St. John Lutheran Church in Wheaton, Illinois. We also thank him for his service and dedication to our congregation over the past two years.

FLOWERS ADORNING the Altar this morning are given to the Glory of God in honor and blessing of this year's Confirmation Class.

LADIES AID AND LWML SPONSORED "LADIES NIGHT OUT" Thursday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. Author Willa K. Sprunger will be speaking about her book "Five Pieces of Pizza and A Can of Grape Soda". "Willa K. and Nancy keep readers in stitches though the humorous adventures they have experienced over the years. The authors pray the joy that comes from serving Jesus will be evident in this book." There will be giveaways and raffle items. ALL ladies are encouraged to join us for a fun evening of food, fellowship and fun. Proceeds will go to Ladies Aid general fund. For more info and to RSVP message Deaconess Wendy Boehm or Vicki Schallhorn.

The Ladies Aid invites you to join us in a showing of appreciation to Deaconess Boehm as she prepares for the birth of her new baby! We will be collecting diapers, wipes, and freezer meals May 29th & June 5th. A collection table will be provided for the diapers and wipes. We ask for meals to be left, clearly labeled with contents and directions, in the church kitchen freezer. Please speak with DoRena Wirgau or Melissa Tolson if you have any questions.

Women's Group -The next painting class with Ruth Green will be June 18th from 10:00-Noon. It is open to everyone age 6 and older. A copy of the picture we will be posted to the Women's Event bulletin board. Ruth also will give us ideas on how to create other pictures on our own. The cost is \$10 per person. Invite your friends and family to attend! There will be a limited number, so RSVP today on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. Call Pat Krumma ta 260-413-3459 if questions.

Please be sure to check the Fellowship Hall for kitchen items left after recent funerals and other events.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod celebrated its 175th Anniversary April 26.

To celebrate this occasion, the Friends of Wyneken will be offering a series of presentations throughout the year that focus on the history of the LCMS. May's presentation will focus on the events leading up to the founding of the LCMS on April 26, 1847. Come learn about an immoral bishop, a German pastor who sent over 70 men to serve as pastors and teachers in America, and Pastor Friedrich Wyneken—the energetic pioneer missionary who served and founded several congregations in this area. The presentation will be held on Monday, May 16, in the fellowship hall of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Soest. Doors will open at 6:00, and the presentation will begin at 6:30. Light refreshments will be served.

Please join us to celebrate the RETIREMENT of Mr. Mark and Mrs. Vicki Schallhorn and Mrs. Judy Moehring Sunday, May 22nd during the 10:15 Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall.

Bethlehem Board of Christian Education has received acceptance of calls for kindergarten teacher, Amelia Phillips and Shaeli Streeks for the 1st & 2nd Grade teacher position. The position for Administrator/Teacher for 7th & 8th is still open. Please continue to keep the board in your prayers as they pursue candidates. Thank you
Our incoming teachers are looking for housing. If anyone has a rental place or knows of one, please let Lane Harkless (260-414-5234) know. Thank you.

2022 GRADUATE RECOGNITION- We would like to pay special recognition to our Bethlehem Lutheran School 8th grade graduates and also all of our member 2022 High School and College graduates with a special bulletin insert. Please submit students name, any special awards and their future plans to the church office ASAP.

YOU ARE INVITED to an Organ Recital and Hymn Festival featuring Kantor Matthew Machemer of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne on Sunday, May 22nd at 1:00 p.m. at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Fuelling. Bruch will be provided prior to the Service.

NEW HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – June 6-9, 2022 9:00-12:15 p.m. Sunday, June 12 at 9am Children sing during worship. For information on how to register, please see the flyer posted to the bulletin board. Registration is due TODAY.

CEMETERY SADDLES Please contact Diana Thorpe if interested in purchasing an arrangement for the spring / summer season.

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 125th Anniversary Calendar of upcoming events:

PLEASE JOIN US

June 12, 2022 Bethlehem 125th Anniversary Celebration

Please be sure to fill out the backside of the invitation inserted in today's bulletin to RSVP for this event. The Banquet lunch will be free to those attending but we need to know how many to plan for by June 1st. Please leave your completed forms in the church office, with an elder or at the anniversary committee table after church today. Thank you

Volunteers will also be needed for this event. Please stop by the Anniversary committee table and sign up today! Thank you

The 125th Anniversary committee would like to encourage our members to let us borrow church / school memorabilia that you might have for our church / school history display on June 12th. Feel free to leave your items (identified by the donor) in the church office or Youth Room. We will also have a display case for any valuable items. Thank you

Offering May 8, 2022

<u>Average weekly need</u>	<u>\$11,342</u>
Home Fund Env.	\$11,511.05
Synod	30.00
Loose	213.83
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fund	40.00
Endowment Fund	
Music Fund	
Sound System/Video	
Sunday School	6.51
Memorials	290.00
125 th Anniversary Fund	<u>65.00</u>
Total	\$12,156.39

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance	\$15,291.10
Next week bills due:	\$4,000
Bills due two weeks:	\$13,000
Savings Account Balance	\$69,739.68
Borrowed from Savings:	PAID
Operating Loan Debt:	PAID

Church/Communion Attendance

Sunday	192/156
Wednesday	21/16

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Endowment Fund

The following information is accurate as of March 31, 2022:

\$190,927.82 - Amount Bethlehem sent in since 2009

177,283.00 - Amount the Lutheran Foundation matched

240,933.68 - Amount generated since 2009

-104,500.00 - Amount disbursed to Bethlehem since 2009

\$505,244.50 - Value of the Endowment Fund as of March 31, 2022

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.

Who receives this sacrament worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.”

But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.