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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Divine Service One

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Opening Hymn

#942 Kyrie! God, Father



Ky-ri - e! God, Fa-ther in heav'n a-bove, You a-bound in gra-cious love,



Of all things the mak-er and pre-serv - er. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!



Ky-ri - e! O Christ, our king, Sal-va - tion for all You came to bring.



O Lord Je-sus, God's own Son, Our me-di - a-tor at the heav'n-ly throne:



Hear our cry and grant our sup-pli-ca - tion. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!



Ky - ri - e! O God the Ho - ly Ghost, Guard our faith, the



gift we need the most, And bless our life's last hour, That we leave this



sin-ful world with glad - ness. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!

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Public Recognition of Holy Baptism

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Address to Sponsors

P Beloved in the Lord, from ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

P **Landon, Logan, Marissa**, is it your intention to serve **Wade William Lambert** as sponsors in the Christian faith? If so, then answer: Yes, with the help of God.

R *Yes, with the help of God.*

P God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C Amen.

Reading for Holy Baptism

P Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. 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." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. The apostle Peter has declared, "Baptism now saves you," and this promise of salvation is "for you and your children." In Baptism God puts His name on us with the water and His Word so that there may be no doubt that we are surely His by all that Christ has won for us through His saving death and resurrection.

Baptismal Witness

P On **April 16, 2022**, **Wade William Lambert** was baptized with water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, according to Christ's institution and promise. This Baptism was administered at **Bethlehem Lutheran Church** by (me,) the **Reverend Samuel Wirgau**.

Baptismal Witness

P The Baptism was witnessed by **Landon, Logan and Marissa**. Do you attest that this Baptism was administered as has been reported? Then answer: Yes, we do.

R *Yes, we do.*

Blessing of the Newly Baptized

P 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.

C Amen.

The Welcome

A In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

Collect for Holy Baptism

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted **Wade William Lambert** the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

The Peace

P Peace † be with you.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit (sung responsively)



[With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alle- | luia.*

The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob! Alle- | luia.

Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;*
sing the glory | of his name.

I cried to him | with my mouth,*
and high praise was | on my tongue.

But truly God has | listened;*
he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.

Blessèd | be God, *

because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me!

*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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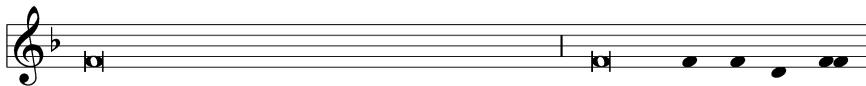
Kyrie



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.



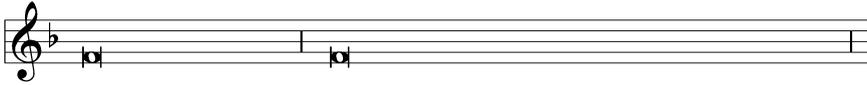
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



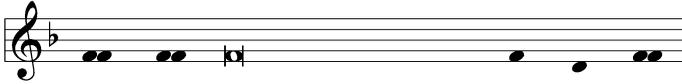
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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*



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.



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, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people,

and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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

Epistle

1 Timothy 2:1–6

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

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

Alleluia and Verse



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

Holy Gospel

John 16:23–33

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²³[Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. ²⁵“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

#766 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above



1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove Bids all of us to
 2 Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord, In pu - ri - ty to
 3 Your king - dom come. Guard Your do - main And Your e - ter - nal
 4 Your gra - cious will on earth be done As it is done be -



live in love As mem - bers of one fam - i - ly And
 keep Your Word, That to the glo - ry of Your name We
 righ - teous reign. The Ho - ly Ghost en - rich our day With
 fore Your throne, That pa - tient - ly we may o - bey Through -



pray to You in u - ni - ty, Teach us no thought - less words to
 walk be - fore You free from blame. Let no false teach - ing us per -
 gifts at - ten - dant on our way. Break Sa - tan's pow'r, de - feat his
 out our lives all that You say. Curb flesh and blood and ev - 'ry



say But from our in - most hearts to pray.
 vert; All poor de - lud - ed souls con - vert.
 rage; Pre - serve Your Church from age to age.
 ill That sets it - self a - gainst Your will.

5 Give us this day our daily bread,
 And let us all be clothed and fed.
 Save us from hardship, war, and strife;
 In plague and famine, spare our life,
 That we in honest peace may live,
 To care and greed no entrance give.

6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore,
 That they may trouble us no more;
 We, too, will gladly those forgive
 Who hurt us by the way they live.
 Help us in our community
 To serve each other willingly.

7 Lead not into temptation, Lord,
 Where our grim foe and all his horde
 Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand.
 Help us resist, help us to stand
 Firm in the faith, a mighty host,
 Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.

8 From evil, Lord, deliver us;
 The times and days are perilous.
 Redeem us from eternal death,
 And, when we yield our dying breath,
 Console us, grant us calm release,
 And take our souls to You in peace.

9 Amen, that is, so shall it be.
Make strong our faith in You, that we
May doubt not but with trust believe

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That what we ask we shall receive.
Thus in Your name and at Your Word
We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

Sermon

Rite of Adult Confirmation

REESE CATHERINE WILLSON

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32

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 **Reese Catherine Willson**, 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

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing Your daughter to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that her, bringing forth the fruits of faith, she 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.

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-inlaw of the Brinkleys)

Vicki Tomlinson (friend of the Brinkleys)

Deanna Sin (daughter of Imogene Bultemeier)

In Time of Sorrow *Josh Boehm and family in the sudden passing of his mother*

McBride family in the loss of their child and home to fire

Confirmation Blessings *Reese Willson*

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

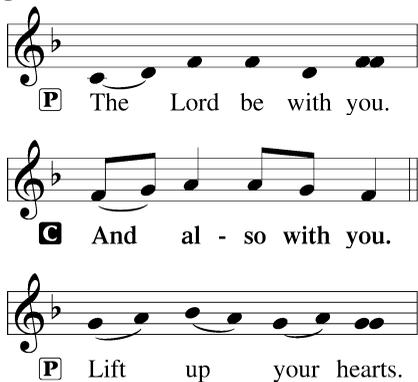
Offertory



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

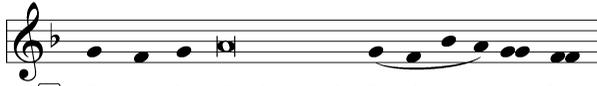
Preface



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:

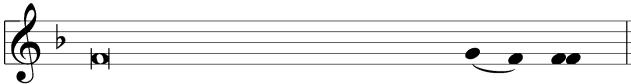
C **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is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

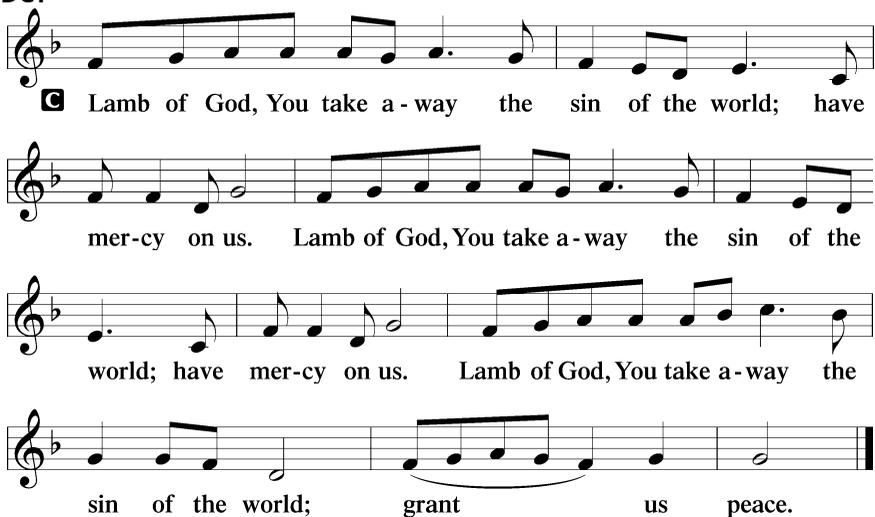


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



□ 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

#618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's

wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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Distribution Hymn

#702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
 My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
 trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

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Distribution Hymn

#719 I Leave All Things to God's Direction



1 I leave all things to God's di - rec - tion; He loves me
 2 God knows what must be done to save me; His love for
 3 My God de - sires the soul's sal - va - tion; My soul He,
 4 My God has all things in His keep - ing; He is the



both in joy and woe. His will is good, sure His af-
 me will nev - er cease. Up - on His hands He did en -
 too, de - sires to save. There - fore with Chris - tian res - ig -
 ev - er faith - ful friend. He gives me laugh - ter af - ter



fec - tion; His ten - der love is true, I know. My for - tress
 grave me With pur - est gold of lov - ing grace. His will su -
 na - tion All earth - ly trou - bles I will brave. His will be
 weep - ing, And all His ways in bless - ings end. His love en -



and my rock is He: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
 preme must ev - er be: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
 done e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
 dures e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.

Distribution Hymn

#773 Hear Us, Father, When We Pray



1 Hear us, Fa - ther, when we pray, Through Your Son and
 2 When we know not what to say And our wound - ed
 3 Je - sus, ad - vo - cate on high, Sac - ri - ficed on
 4 By Your Spir - it now at - tend To our prayers and



in Your Spir - it. By Your Spir - it's Word con - vey
 souls are plead - ing, May Your Spir - it, night and day,
 Cal - v'ry's al - tar, Through Your priest - ly blood we cry:
 sup - pli - ca - tions, As like in - cense they as - cend



All that we through Christ in - her - it,
 Groan with - in us in - ter - ced - ing;
 Hear our prayers, though they may fal - ter;
 To Your heav'n - ly hab - i - ta - tions.



That as bap - tized heirs we may Tru - ly pray.
 By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.
 Place them on Your Fa - ther's throne As Your own.
 May their fra - grance waft a - bove, God of love.

Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal 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.

Farewell and Godspeed to our Lutheran Teachers Entering Retirement

Address

P Beloved in the Lord, **Mark, Vicki, and Judy** are retiring as teachers. At this time of farewell and Godspeed, let us hear the Word of the Lord.

A Thanksgiving and Prayer

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

Psalm

Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.
I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
Blessèd shall you be in the city,
and blessèd shall you be in the field.
Blessèd shall you be when you come in,
and blessèd shall you be when you go out.
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Let your work be shown to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands!

Collect for a retiring certified church worker

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks for all the blessings You have bestowed on this congregation through the faithful service of **Mark, Vicki and Judy**. Grant that their example of faithful devotion to Your Word and loving service to others may, by Your grace, be a blessing and encouragement to many. In Your mercy support and strengthen them in their retirement and grant them Your peace and blessedness now and forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Blessing

P Go in peace and joy. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and bless and strengthen you both now and forevermore.

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 A - men.

Closing Hymn

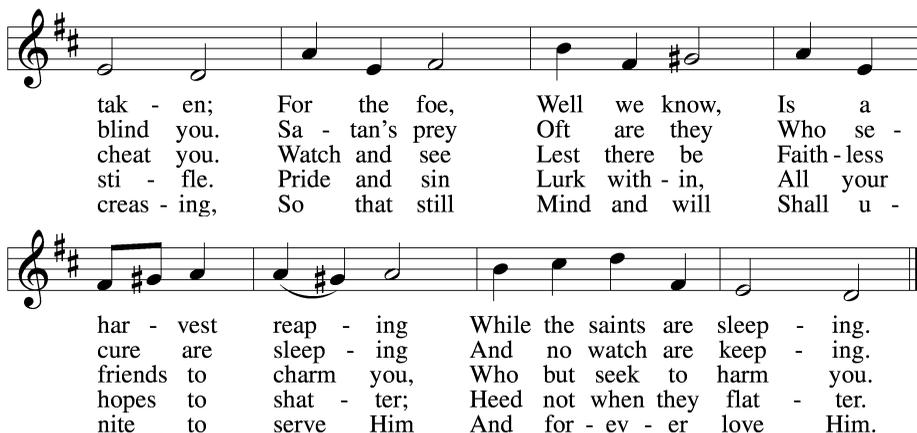
#663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -
2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find
3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat
4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -
5 But while watch - ing, al - so pray To the Lord un - ceas -



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -
you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and
you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and
fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy
ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and faith in -



tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a
blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -
cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less
sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your
creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -

har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.
cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.
friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.
hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.
nite to serve Him And for - ev - er love Him.

Text and tune: Public domain
Text: Johann Burkhard Freystein, 1671–1718; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: Hundert . . . geistlicher Arien, 1694, Dresden, alt.

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching
Fieldworkers
Deaconess
Head Elder
Elders on Duty
Kantor
Organist
Acolyte
Altar Guild Chairman
Ushers

Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Sem. Aaron Coggins and Sem. Isaac Spangler
Wendy Boehm
Lloyd Meyer
Brian Bauermeister, Glen Werling
Richard Brinkley
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TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Retirement Reception (Fellowship Hall)
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
WEDNESDAY	9:30 a.m.	Closing Chapel Service
	7:00 p.m.	Brief Spoken Divine Service
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	Ascension Service
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	NO	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

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/bethlehemlutheranchurchossian> 9:00 a.m. Livestream

WE WELCOME ALL OUR VISITORS this morning to our church and worship service in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please introduce yourself to the Pastor and to others in attendance and feel free to worship with us again.

DOOR OFFERING TODAY - 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 by Sergei and Kelly Collins in honor of their 1st Wedding Anniversary.

FLOWERS PLACED UNDER THE HYMNBOARD have been given to the Glory of God in honor and thanksgiving of service of our retiring teachers, Mark and Vicki Schallhorn and Judy Moehring

PLEASE JOIN US FOR WORSHIP – Thursday, May 26th for Ascension Day Divine Service at 7:00 p.m.

PASTOR ON VACATION -Pastor and his family will be taking vacation, May 27-June 11th. Rev. Martin Moehring will be preaching on May 29th and Rev. Wietfeldt will preach on June 6th. For pastoral care during this time, please contact our Head Elder, Lloyd Meyer.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!! Pick up your copy TODAY after the church service in the church foyer. Thank you for your patience through this process.

Please join us TODAY to celebrate the RETIREMENT of Mr. Mark Schallhorn, Mrs. Vicki Schallhorn and Mrs. Judy Moehring TODAY at 10:15 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.

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.

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 TODAY, May 22nd at 1:00 p.m. at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Fuelling. Bruch will be provided prior to the Service.

Job posting - Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School (Decatur, IN) is seeking a part-time teacher's aide for the 2022-2023 school year. Interested individuals should send a cover letter along with a resume to Mr. Andrew Gavrun. For additional information, please contact Mr. Gavrun at 260-639-6177 or principal@wyneken.org.

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 15, 2022

<u>Average weekly need</u>	<u>\$11,342</u>
Home Fund Env.	\$6,555.90
Synod	90.00
Loose	688.85
Scholarship Fund	125.00
Improvement Fund	40.00
Endowment Fund	25.00
Music Fund	
Sound System/Video	
Sunday School	
Memorials	20.00
125 th Anniversary Fund	537.00
School Tuition	<u>1,211.19</u>
Total	\$9,292.94

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance	\$21,693.51
Next week bills due:	\$13,000
Bills due two weeks:	\$13,000
Savings Account Balance	\$70,316.68
Borrowed from Savings:	PAID
Operating Loan Debt:	PAID

Church/Communion Attendance

Sunday	226/160
Wednesday	12/7

Help for a needy family – Due to a devastating house fire, the McBride family from Monroeville, lost their 6-year-old son and everything they owned.

Along with our thoughts and prayers for this family, we would like to collect items that are needed:

- Individual small snack bags
- Bottles of water
- Paper products
- Toiletry items
- Household items
- Toys and activities for the children

Clothing items include:

- Boy age 14, size large men's top and men's pants, size 10 shoe
- Boy age 13, size large men's top and men's pants, size 10.5 shoe
- Girl age 10, size 8 young girls top and bottom, size 1 shoe
- Girl age 15 months, size 18 month clothes
- Dad, large men's top and men's pants, size 9.5 shoe
- Mom, large women's top and pants, size 10 shoe
(tennis shoes, underwear especially needed)

Scrip cards for Walmart or Kroger which can be given directly to our member, Lynae McDonald, neighbor of the family, or the church office.

A box for donated items will be in the church narthex.

Also, please consider financial donations to their Go Fund Me account at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-with-fire-recovery-rory-mcbride-memorial>

Thank you



RSVP for 125th Anniversary Celebration

Bethlehem Lutheran Church - Ossian, Ind.

We thank God that He has blessed and preserved our congregation for 125 years! Our anniversary celebration is taking place on June 12, 2022, and we would be delighted to have you with us that day.

All people (including members of Bethlehem) are asked to RSVP by June 1st using this form so that we can have an accurate count. Please turn in to the church office. Thank you

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

How many Adults will be attending the 11:30 Banquet Lunch: _____

How many Children will be attending the 11:30 Banquet Lunch: _____

How many will be attending the 2:00pm Festival Service: _____

Are you a member of the clergy and interested in taking part in the Festival Service? If so, please leave your email below so that Rev. Wirgau can contact you with details.



RECITATION & PRAYER FOR CLASSROOM AND HOME

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

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

A hymn may be sung.

Recite Together:

The Ten Commandments

You shall have no other gods.

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

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it Holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

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

The Apostle's Creed

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

Additional Memory Work for the week may be recited.

Scripture Reading and/or Devotion Lesson

Prayers and Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

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

**Having gone through Luther's Small Catechism we will spend some
time learning-by-heart some hymns of the Church.
Learn-by-heart all or some of the provided text as age and ability of
your household allows.**

*"Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest" – Lutheran Service Book 498/499 (stz.
1-2)*

**(1) Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And make our hearts Your place of rest;
Come with Your grace and heavenly aid,
And fill the hearts which You have made.**

**(2) To You, the Counselor, we cry,
To You, the gift of God Most High;
The fount of life, the fire of love,
The soul's anointing from above.**