

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



125th Anniversary Celebration

Festival Service

Order of Holy Vespers

June 12, 2022

Pre-service Music - Bethlehem Handbell Choir

“A Joyous Alleluia” “All Glory Laud and Honor”

Processional Hymn

Salvation in Jesus Has Always Been Near

(An anniversary hymn, by Pastor Daniel J. Brege, sung to #802, LSB)

1. Our Father's compassion
has always been spent
On this fallen world
which is broken and bent.
From Adam to Noah
and then to us here
Salvation in Jesus
has always been near.
2. We ce-le-brate this
an-ni-ver-sary now.
For these years of blessings,
before God we bow.
From Noah to Abram
and then to us here
Salvation in Jesus
has always been near.
3. Our years as a church here
are really but few
When all of the years
of God's mercy we view.
From Abram to Moses
and then to us here
Salvation in Jesus
has always been near.
4. For cen-tur-ies God's
Holy Spirit has turned
His people from sin,
so forgiveness they yearned.
From Moses to David
and then to us here
Salvation in Jesus
has always been near
5. Our Jesus, God's Son,
of a Virgin was born.
For sin He would die
and then rise the third morn.
Thus for those before Him
and then for us here
Salvation in Jesus
would always be near.
6. As Christ had predicted
His Church has been tried.
Yes, God's chosen people
have sighed, cried and died.
Yet in such distresses
our comfort is clear:
Salvation in Jesus
has always been near.



7. To Father to Son and to Spirit we raise
Our humble requests and our anthems of praise:
"Praise for years of blessing. And Jesus stay here
Through Word and through Sacrament. Please keep them pure!"

Common Versicles



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



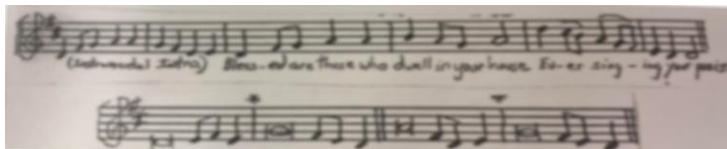
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody Psalm 84

(First the choir sings the antiphon and then the congregation sings the antiphon with the choir. The Psalm is then chanted as indicated)



Choir: ¹How lovely is your | dwelling place,*

O | Lord of hosts!

²My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the Lord*

my heart and flesh sing for joy to the | living God.

Cong.: ³Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest
for herself, where she may | lay her young*
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King | and my God.
⁴Blessed are those who dwell | in your house,*
ever sing - | ing your praise!

Choir: ⁵Blessed are those whose strength is | in you,*
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.
⁶As they go through the Valley of Baca they make
it a | place of springs;*
the early rain also covers | it with pools.

Cong.: ⁷They go from | strength to strength;*
each one appears before God | in Zion.
⁸O Lord God of hosts, | hear my prayer;*
give ear, O God of | Jacob!

Antiphon

Choir: ⁹Behold our shield, | O God*
Look on the face of your a - | nointed!
¹⁰For a day in your courts is better than a
thousand | elsewhere.*
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than
dwell in the tents of | wickedness.

Cong.: ¹¹For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows
favor and | honor.*
No good thing does He withhold from those who walk
up - | rightly.
¹²O | Lord of hosts,*
blessed is the one who | trusts in you!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be - | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Antiphon

Readings

1 Kings 8:22–30

²²Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, ²³and said, “O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ²⁴who have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. ²⁵Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, ‘You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ ²⁶Now therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David my father. ²⁷“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! ²⁸Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O LORD my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, ²⁹that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place. ³⁰And listen to the plea of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen in heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Revelation 21:1–5

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” ⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Response “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

John 6:35–40

³⁵Jesus said to them, “**I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.** ³⁶**But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.** ³⁷**All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.** ³⁸**For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him**

who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Responsory



- L** 1 Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.
- 2 Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.
- 3 Glory be to the
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



- C** Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Office Hymn

#912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone



- 1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;
- 2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,
- △ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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Tune: John Darwall, 1731-89
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Sermon

Canticle

Antiphon (Common)



I Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



C and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Magnificat



C My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



I for He has re - gard - ed the lowliness of His hand - maid - en.



II For be - hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



I For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



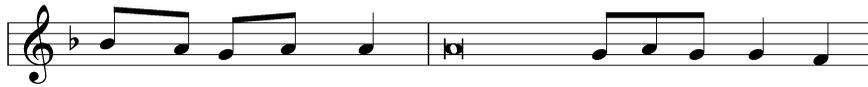
II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



I He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



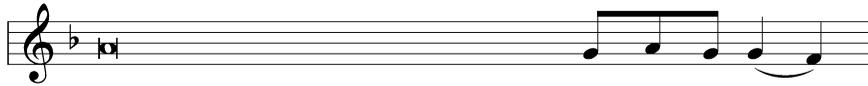
imagination of their hearts. **II** He has cast down the



might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



I He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.



II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy



as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ev - er.



III 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.

Offering

Prayer

Kyrie



III Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord's Prayer

III 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.

Collects

Introduction to Collects



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for Anniversary of a Congregation

P Almighty God, You have promised to be with Your Church forever. We praise You for Your presence in this place of worship and ask Your ongoing blessing upon those who gather here. Dwell continually among us with Your holy Word and Sacraments, strengthen our fellowship in the bonds of love and peace, and increase our faithful witness to Your salvation; 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 Peace

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our

enemies, may live in peace and quietness; 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.

Benedicamus



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction



P The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

Recessional Hymn

#645 Built on the Rock



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how
 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



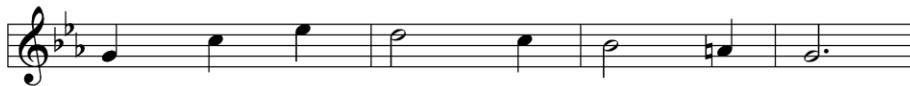
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Choos - es to live with us in love,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
 You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

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 Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-87
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PLEASE WELCOME We welcome Rev. Dr. Daniel Brøge as our Guest Preacher this afternoon. Rev. Brøge is the Indiana District LCMS President. We are blessed and thankful to have him with us for our celebration.

WE WELCOME ALL OUR VISITORS today to our church and worship service celebrating the 125th Anniversary of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 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.

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR today have been given to the glory of God for blessing and preserving this congregation for 125 years.

IN HIS SERVICE

Guest Preaching
Celebrant
Fieldworker
Deaconess
Head Elder
Elders on Duty
Kantor
Choirs
Acolyte
Altar Guild Chairman
Ushers

Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege
Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Sem. Isaac Spangler
Wendy Boehm
Lloyd Meyer
Jerry Meyer and Mike Meyer
Richard Brinkley
Bethlehem Handbell Choir and Adult Choir
Elders
Amy Schueler and Tisha Laley
Travis Avey, Jeff Gresley, Cole Louison
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TODAY	2:00 p.m.	Festival Service
WEDNESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Brief Spoken Divine Service
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class

Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at bethlehemosiansec@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 597-7121.

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