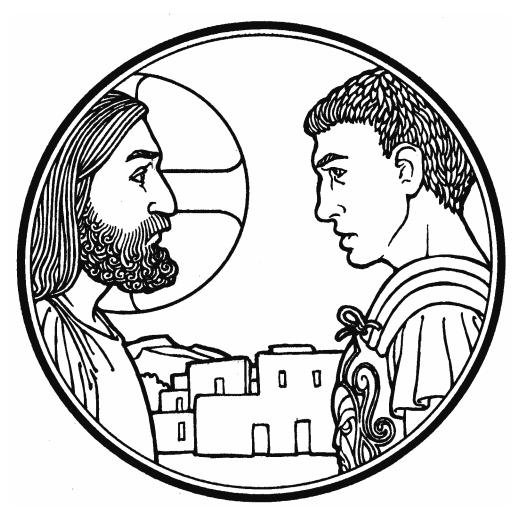
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Third Sunday after the Epiphany of Our Lord

Divine Service- Setting Three January 22, 2023 Vol. 126-08

Invocation (Please stand)

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ⅓ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word pg. 184

Introit (sung responsively)



The heavens proclaim his | righteousness,* and all the peoples see his | glory.

For you, O LORD, are most high over | all the earth;*

you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.
The LORD reigns, let the | earth rejoice;*

let the many coast- lands be glad!

O vou who love the LORD, hate | evil!*

He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the | wicked.

Light is sown for the | righteous,*

and joy for the up- | right in heart.

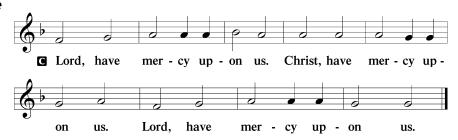
Rejoice in the LORD, O you | righteous,*
and give thanks to his | holy name!

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.

The heavens proclaim his | righteousness,*
and all the peoples see his | glory.

For you, O LORD, are most high over | all the earth;*
you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.

Kyrie



Gloria in Excelsis





Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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

2 Kings 5:1–15a

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. 2 Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. 3She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." 4So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." 5And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothes. ⁶And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."8But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." 9So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. ¹⁵Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Nations will fear the name | of the LORD,* and all the kings of the earth will fear your | glory. For the LORD builds up | Zion;* he appears in his | glory.

Epistle Romans 1:8–17

⁸First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. ⁹For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you ¹⁰always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may

now at last succeed in coming to you. ¹¹For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— ¹²that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. ¹³I want you to know, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. ¹⁴I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. ¹⁵So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. ¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

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

Alleluia



Holy Gospel Matthew 8:1–13

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



¹When [Jesus] came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. ²And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." 3And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴And Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show vourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them." 5When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, 6"Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." ⁷And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." ⁸But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." ¹⁰When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. 11I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, 12 while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹³And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you **as you have believed."** And he servant was healed at that very moment.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

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

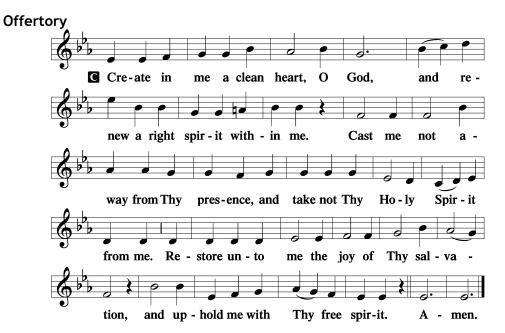
and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

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 + of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

#557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way

Sermon



Offering

Prayer of the Church

We remember all those in need of continued strength and healing:

Bruce Thorpe, Lee Braselton

Rev. David Seeger (car accident)

Joyce Schaper, Deanna Sinn (daughter of Imogene Bultemeier)

Vicki Tomlinson (friend of the Brinkleys battling cancer)

Joellen Meyer, David Nahrwold

We pray for our members shut-in:

Jackie Werling, Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)

Imogene Bultemeier, (Woodcrest)

Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)

We pray for our schools

We pray for our Church and all her workers

We pray for all military personnel

Service of the Sacrament pg. 194

Preface



Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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







Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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.

The Words of Our Lord

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 Holood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

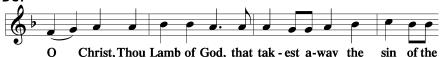


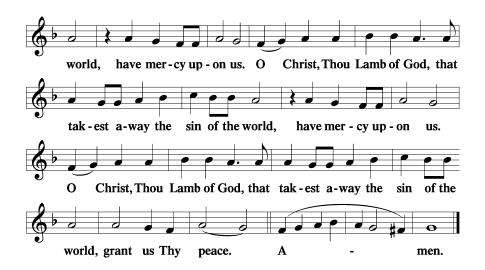


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



Agnus Dei



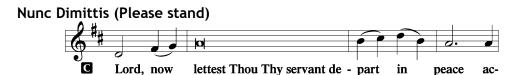


Distribution

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.

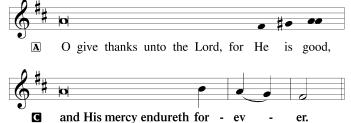
Distribution Hymns

#643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing #617 O Lord, We Praise Thee #743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure #575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less #819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good #412 The People That in Darkness Sat





Thanksgiving



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 Amen

Salutation



P The Lord be with you.



Benedicamus



A Bless we the Lord.



Benediction





His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



Closing Hymn

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching / Celebrant Rev. Samuel Wirgau Deacon Rev. Anthony Dodgers **Fieldworkers** Sem. Isaac Spangler and Sem. Morgan Phillips Wendy Boehm Deaconess **Head Elder** Glen Werling **Elders on Duty** Bruce Werling and Glen Werling Richard Brinkley Kantor Acolyte Molly Mishler and Breanna Biggs Altar Guild Chairman Amy Schueler and Tisha Laley Todd Ottinger, Ryan Ottinger, Ethan Ottinger Ushers Jay Werling, Collin Laley, Kaden Laley, Landon Geiger

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TODAY	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)		
	Noon-3:00 p.m.	School Open House		
MONDAY	6:00 p.m.	PTL Meeting		
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice		
TUESDAY	7:30 p.m.	Public School Catechesis		
WEDNESDAY	10:15 a.m. Chapel Service			
	7:00 p.m.	Brief Spoken Divine Service		
Adult Choir Practice				
FRIDAY – SATURDAY Bethlehem hosted JV Girls Tournament				
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WE WELCOME ALL OUR VISITORS this morning to our church and worship service in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We ask that you please complete a green visitor's card from the pew and place in the offering plate. Also, please be sure to introduce yourself to the Pastor and to others in attendance and feel free to worship with us again.

THANK YOU (taken from Facebook post) I haven't posted in a while so thought I'd give an update on what has been going on with Bryce. During his stem cell transplant & stay at Riley in August /September, and then Proton radiation at Cincinnati in October/November, he had started maintenance chemo every 3 weeks for 8 rounds. Today was his 4th treatment which was at Parkview Pediatric Cancer center. So he is now 1/2 way through them. He's feeling pretty good but is fatigued afterwards. He will have a PET scan in a couple of weeks - pray that there is NO activity! After treatments are done he can start getting re-vaccinated for all his childhood vaccinations (approximately over 12 months). And as of now he wants to study software programming (and help mentor the robotics programming students) so has signed up to take an online class on JAVA through Ivy Tech this semester. Thank you all so much for all your prayers & support! The family of Bryce Bowman

<u>PAINTING CLASS</u> – Everyone is invited to come to the next painting class on Sunday, January 29th at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$10 per person and needs to be pre-paid by January 22nd to Pat Krumma 622-7553. There is a sign up sheet posted on the Women's Group activity bulletin board in the hallway along with a copy of the picture. There is a limit to size of the class.

THE <u>2022 GIVINGS TAX STATEMENTS</u> ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP IN THE HALLWAY. STATEMENTS ARE ALPHABETIZED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE AND ONLY PRINTED FOR \$100 AND MORE IN GIVINGS. PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

SOUP AND BAKE SALE TODAY!- Ladies Aid will be hosting a soup and bake sale on Sunday, January 22nd following the church service.

Bethlehem Ladies' Aid Society will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary on Sunday, February 26th. If there is anyone who has historical items that could be used for that day, please contact Deaconess Wendy Boehm. Examples of items: past ornaments, pictures, pins, crafts, quilts, etc.

We will be having an <u>ALL women meeting</u> on February 5th after Sunday School at 11:30 in the fellowship hall. We will be discussing the Ladies Aid 100th Anniversary and other upcoming events. Please plan to attend!

Bethlehem Lutheran Church has been blessed with a women's group for (almost) 100 years! When Ladies Aid first started, they were called "Frauen Verein" which means Ladies Aid in German. This was the common language until 1935 when the name changed to "Bethlehem Ladies Aid Society". Moving forward, we are changing the name to better incorporate all women of the church. In honor of the 100th anniversary coming up on February 26th, we will be unveiling the new name and color choice. All women can vote one time. Here is the link to the survey: https://forms.gle/zJm4SkUgDL4Tu3Zv5

The Decatur Lutheran Bible Institute What are you doing the next four Tuesday nights? Come and learn! Four different classes, taught by Seminary professors and local pastors, are offered from 7-9:15 p.m. at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School. Please see today's insert for more information on the four courses of study, fees, registration, and class times. Contact Mike or Linda Bultemeier if you have any questions.

<u>LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK</u> -As part of Lutheran Schools Week, the school will hold an Open House TODAY, January 22nd from noon-3:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SCRIP Thank you for supporting the scrip program. For questions or to place an order, please call or text Melissa Price at 260-433-5307.

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

Offering January	15, 2023	Financial Report
Average weekly need	\$11,342	Home Fund Balance \$19,811.83
Home Fund Env.	\$12,437.73	Next week bills due: \$15,000
Synod	431.00	Bills due two weeks: \$24,000
Loose	212.00	Savings Account Balance \$29,803.62
Scholarship Fund	125.00	Borrowed from Savings: PAID
Improvement Fund	104.85	Operating Loan Debt: PAID
Endowment Fund	25.00	
Music Fund		
Sound System/Video		Church/Communion Attendance
Sunday School		Sunday 165/135
Gym Rental	50.00	Wednesday 20/16
Total	\$13,385.58	·

RECITATION & PRAYER FOR CLASSROOM AND HOME

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

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

A hymn may be sung.

Recite Together:

The Ten Commandments

You shall have no other gods.

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

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it Holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

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

The Apostle's Creed

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

Additional Memory Work for the week may be recited.

Scripture Reading and/or Devotion Lesson

Prayers and Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

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

Learn-by-heart all or some of the provided text as age and ability of your household allows.

What is the Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer? **Thy kingdom come.**

What does this mean?

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come?

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

What is Colossians 1:13-14?

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:13-14