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Opening Hymn **#555 vs 1-5 Salvation unto Us Has Come**

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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,

C 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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Introit (sung responsively with the choir)



The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;*

the snares of death con- | fronted me.

In my distress I called up- | on the LORD.*

From his temple he | heard my voice.

I love you, O | LORD, my strength.*

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer.

For you save a humble | people,*

but the haughty eyes | you bring down.

[You have] equipped | me with strength*
and made my way | blameless.

**For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the | nations,*
and sing | to your name.**

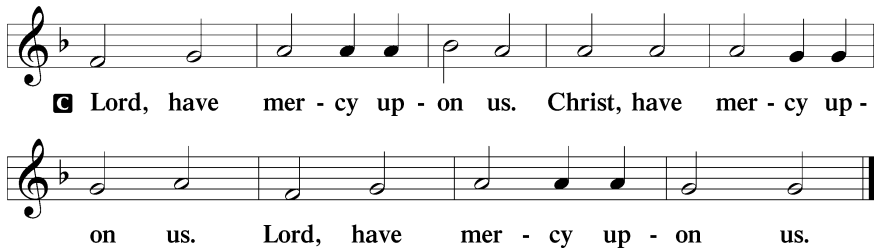
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit;*

as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.*

The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;*
the snares of death con- | fronted me.

**In my distress I called up- | on the LORD.*
From his temple he | heard my voice.**

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.
P Let us pray.

P O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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

Exodus 17:1–7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem “Hear Me When I Cry to Thee”

Epistle

1 Corinthians 9:24—10:5

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified. ¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Tract

Out | of the depths*

I cry to you, | O LORD!

O Lord, | hear my voice!*

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for | mercy!

If you, O LORD, should mark in- | iquities, *

O Lord, | who could stand?

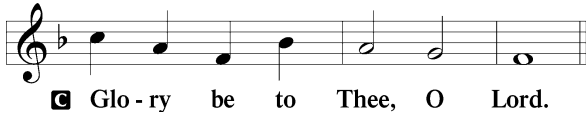
But with you there is for- | giveness, *

that you | may be feared.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1–16

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



¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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 ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

#555 vs 6-10 Salvation unto Us Has Come

Sermon

Offertory

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



Offering

Prayer of the Church

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

Brian Scheumann (hip surgery)

Bruce Thorpe, Lee Braselton

Rev. David Seeger (car accident)

Joyce Schaper, Deanna Sinn (daughter of Imogene Bultemeier)

Vicki Tomlinson (friend of the Brinkeleys 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)

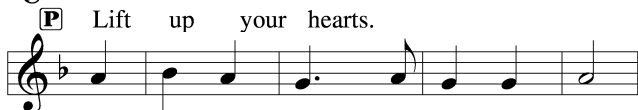
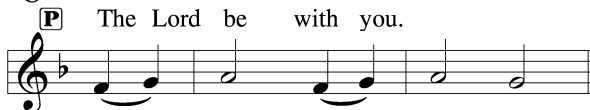
We pray for our schools

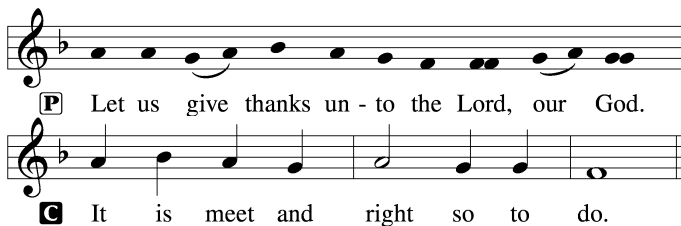
We pray for our Church and all her workers

We pray for all military personnel

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Preface





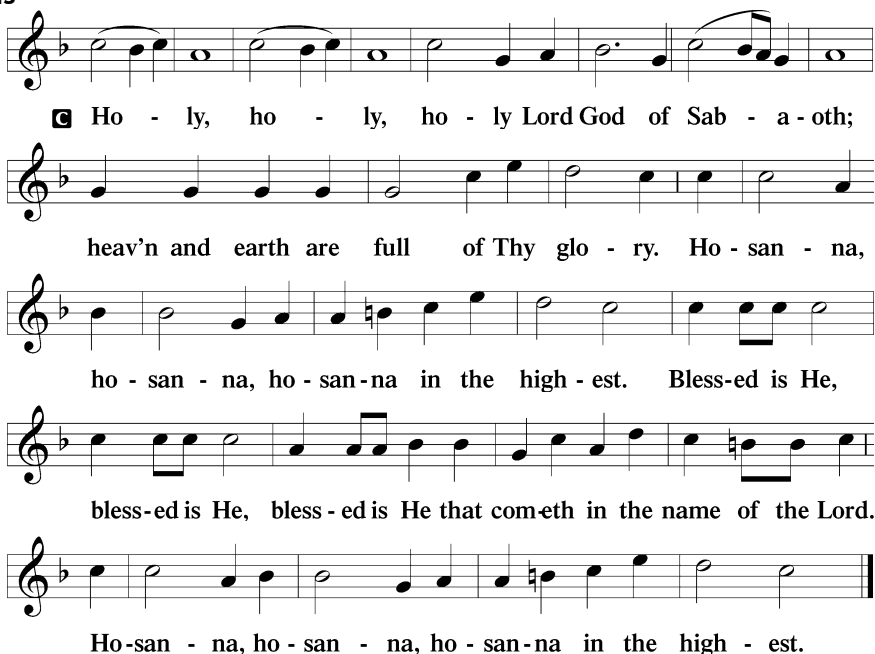
P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
 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

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



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

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.**

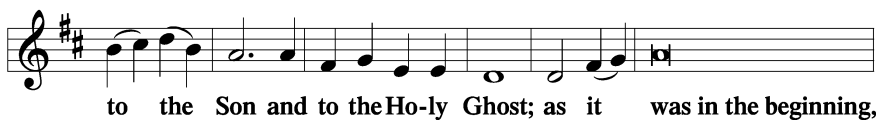
Distribution Hymns

#619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior
#830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord
#566 By Grace I'm Saved
#869 With the Lord Begin Your Task
#811 Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices
#761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

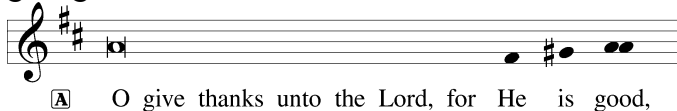
Nunc Dimittis (Please stand)



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and



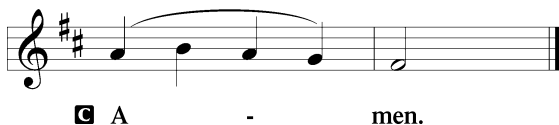
Thanksgiving



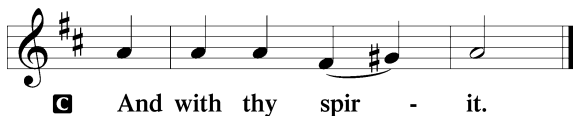
Post-Communion Collect

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.



Salutation



Benedicamus

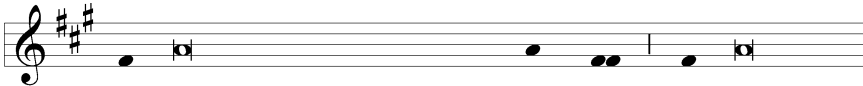


A Bless we the Lord.

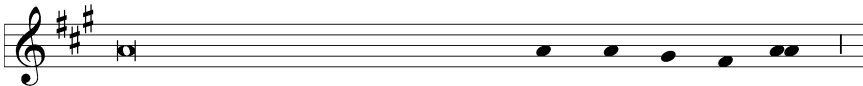


G Thanks be to God.

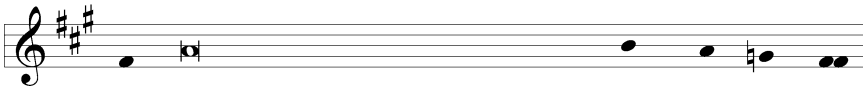
Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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



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



G A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

#826 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

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.

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

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Celebrant	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
Fieldworkers	Sem. Isaac Spangler and Sem. Morgan Phillips
Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Glen Werling
Elders on Duty	Ted Schumm and Jerry Meyer
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Choir	Adult Choir
Acolyte	MacKenzie Price and Rachel Werling
Altar Guild Chairman	Amy Schueler and Tisha Laley
Ushers	Jared Conrad, Steve Conrad, Mike Nahrwold
	Troy Smith, Trent Bultemeier, Andrew Stoppenhagen, Jacob Werling

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Website for Church and School: www.BethlehemOssian.org	

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)
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
THURSDAY	1:00 p.m.	Blanket sewing
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:15 a.m.	Board of Elders Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

VBS June 26-29, 2023 - We will be having a VBS meeting on Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 pm for those interested in helping this year.

CARD SHOWER – Please help us celebrate Ralph Bauermeister's 90th birthday on February 10th with a card shower. His address is 8075 N 750 E Ossian, IN 46777

THANK YOU from Joyce Schaper to everyone from Bethlehem who sent cards, visited and prayed for me after my recent hip fracture. Special thanks to Pastor Wirgau, Pastor Dodgers and Deaconess Wendy for their helpful visits. God is indeed a very present help in time of trouble.

ORDER SUPER BOWL SUBS TODAY Please order your Super Bowl Deluxe Footlong Subs today for \$11.00 each. Subs will be ready to pick up after church on Sunday, February 12, 10:15 am - 11:30 am at the gym kitchen or the subs can be brought out to your car at the gym entrance. A table is set up in the foyer to take orders today or you can call at 260-301-4342. Proceeds will go to The Bethlehem Scholarship fund.

ALTAR GUILD--Please consider preparing the altar for services. We need volunteers for March and April. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board or contact Amy Schueler or Tisha Laley.

Fish Fry Committee meeting on Monday, February 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Anyone wanting to help with planning this event please feel free to attend. Any questions, please contact Kathy Nahrwold @ 260-705-6257.

BLANKET SEWING – Anyone interested in making lap blankets is welcome to join un on Thursday's beginning at 1:00 pm. Please plan to come on February 9th. Contact Pat Krumma or Dalene Springer if you have any questions.

WOMEN'S GROUP SPONSORED BOOK CLUB: If you like murder mysteries you're in for a treat! Join us for a thrilling book club adventure reading "Murder at the Vicarage" by Agatha Christie. We will have a group message going throughout the book for comments and questions then meet in person at Crimson House on Saturday March 4. (anyone can join) Contact Deaconess Boehm if you have any questions.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – Sunday, February 26th at 11:15 am Approval of Slate of Candidates will be on the agenda.

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 **ALL women meeting** TODAY 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 Ladies Aid will have a Soup and Bake Sale on Sunday, February 19th. Ladies are asked to please donate their baked goods and soups for that day. Thank you

PORK CHOP DINNER – The 6th -8th grade Washington DC Group will be selling Pork Chop tickets for Sunday, March 5th. We will begin selling tickets on February 12th. The cost is \$11.00 per meal and includes an Ossian Meats Smoked Pork Chop, baked potato, applesauce, roll and cookie. Thank you so much for your support!

SHARPER IRON – Hosted by Pastor Timothy Appel with guest Pastor Samuel Wirgau, Friday, February 10th at 8:00 am for a study on John 7:53-8:11 “The Word Made Flesh Series” Listen live or On demand at kfuo.org/sharperiron.

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.

Offering January 29, 2023

<u>Average weekly need \$11,342</u>	
Home Fund Env.	\$9,120.53
Synod	42.00
Loose	147.75
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fund	44.85
Endowment Fund	20.00
Music Fund	
Sound System/Video	
Sunday School	7.25
Reimb. Church Supply	<u>386.05</u>
Total	\$9,768.43

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance	\$18,131.69
Next week bills due: \$5,000	
Bills due two weeks: \$15,000	
Savings Account Balance	\$29,888.47
Borrowed from Savings: PAID	
Operating Loan Debt: PAID	

Church/Communion Attendance

Sunday	199/150
Wednesday	22/16

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 Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean?

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread?

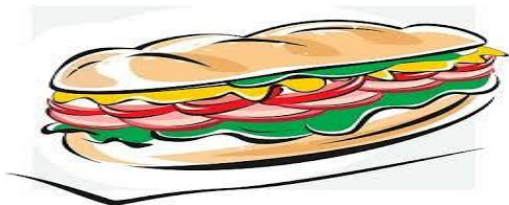
Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

What is Psalm 145:15-16?

**The eyes of all look to You,
and You give them their food in due season.
You open your hand;
You satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

Psalm 145:15-16

SUPER BOWL SUB SANDWICHES



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

_____ # **12" DELUXE SUB** **Cost** \$11.00

(Ham, Bologna, Salami, Swiss & American Cheese,
Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, and Green Peppers)

Name _____ Total Paid _____

Profits go to Bethlehem Scholarship Fund
Please have your orders in by Sunday, February 5

Make checks payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Orders can be placed in an envelope in the Church office,
given to Tisha Laley or Denise Schumm, or text/call 260-301-4342
**Orders may be picked up or brought out to your car at the gym entrance from
10:15 am - 11:30 am**

What is Pre-Lent?

Bethlehem is beginning a time in the Church Year called “pre-Lent” or sometimes referred to as the “Gesima” Sundays. This is a time of transition in the church calendar between the season of Epiphany and the Season of Lent. For the next three Sundays we will prepare ourselves for the penitential season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday (February 22). These next three Sundays have historically been known by their Latin names: Septuagesima (within 70 days of Easter), Sexagesima (within 60 days of Easter); and Quinquagesima (within fifty days of Easter).

But don’t be intimidated or burdened by the Latin names. The point is that even in this time preparing for Lent our attention is being directed to the events of Holy Week and Easter, what our Lord accomplished for us by His death and Resurrection. This is incorporated into our baptismal life in Christ as “We were buried with Him through baptism into death in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” (Romans 6:4).

What to look forward to in the coming Sundays’ Gospel Lessons:

Septuagesima (February 5): The Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard

Sexagesima (February 12): The Parable of the Sower

Quinquagesima (February 19) Our Lord Foretells His Passion,
Cross and Resurrection a Third Time

(over)

What else to notice in this season:

- The color remains green until Ash Wednesday
- Much like Lent and Advent the Gloria in Excelsis is put away until Easter
- The same is true for the Alleluias which are put away until Easter as well.
- The Benedictus replaces the Te Deum Laudamus in Matins (which we pray in chapel at Bethlehem Lutheran School)

As with all things and in every season of the Church Year, in Pre-Lent we continue to be pointed to Christ and His Work for us, to be taught and catechized, and to be strengthened in our faith in the hope and promise of the Resurrection, even as we prepare for the discipline of Lent. May God bless the hearing and preaching of His Word and the reception of His gifts this season and always.

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