

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



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Divine Service- Setting Three

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

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.

C 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)

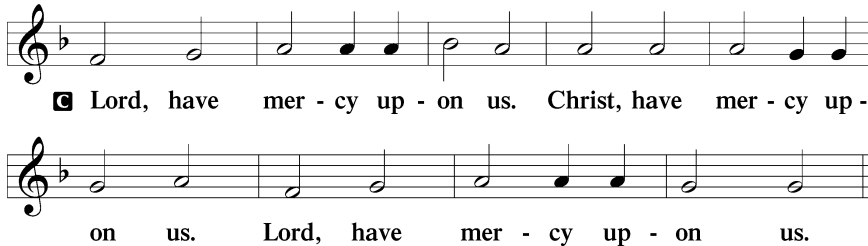


Awake! Why are you sleeping, | O Lord?*
Rouse yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever!
For our soul is bowed down | to the dust.*
Rise up; come | to our help!

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have | told us,*
 what deeds you performed in their days, in the | days of old:
**you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you | planted;*
 you afflicted the peoples, but them you | set free.**

But you have saved us | from our foes*
 and have put to shame those who | hate us.
In God we have boasted con- | tinually,*
and we will give thanks to your name for- | ever.
*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.
 Awake! Why are you sleeping, | O Lord?*
 Rouse yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever!
For our soul is bowed down | to the dust.*
Rise up; come | to our help!

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 God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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

Isaiah 55:10–13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹²“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

**[Let your enemies] know that you alone, whose name | is the LORD,*
are the Most High over | all the earth.
O my God, make them like | whirling dust,*
like chaff be- | fore the wind.**

Epistle

Hebrews 4:9–13

⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. ¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

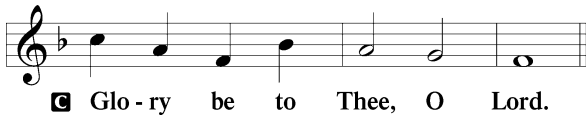
Tract

O God, you have rejected us, broken our de- | fenses; *
you have been angry; oh, re- | store us.
You have made the land to quake; you have torn it | open; *
repair its breaches, for it | totters.
That your beloved ones may be de- | livered, *
give salvation by your right hand and | answer us!

Holy Gospel

Luke 8:4–15

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



⁴When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable: ⁵“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”⁹And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ ¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”

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

#823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

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 -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

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

Makayla Berkey (3rd grade student with cancer)

Brian Scheumann, Bruce Thorpe, Lee Braselton

Rev. David Seeger

Joyce Schaper, Deanna Sinn (daughter of Imogene Bultemeier)

Vicki Tomlinson (friend of the Brinkleys battling cancer)

Joellen Meyer, David Nahrwold

Special Birthdays *Ralph and Hildegarde Bauermeister (90th)*

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 The Lord be with you.
G And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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.



C 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.



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

#622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared
 #623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray
 #893 Sing to the Lord of Harvest
 #728 How Firm a Foundation
 #658 Preserve Your Word, O Savior

Nunc Dimittis (Please stand)



a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.

Salutation



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

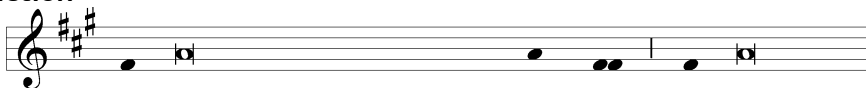


A Bless we the Lord.

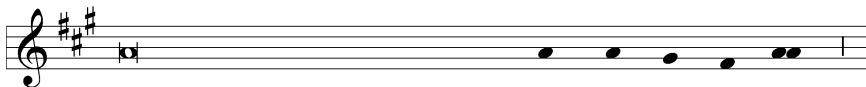


G Thanks be to God.

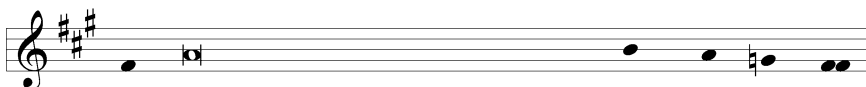
Benediction



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

#655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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. Anthony Dodgers
Celebrant	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
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
Organist	Emilie Meyer
Acolyte	MacKenzie Price and Rachel Werling
Altar Guild Chairman	Amy Schueler and Tisha Laley
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TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:15 a.m.	Board of Elders Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
MONDAY	5:30 p.m.	Board of Christian Education 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
FRIDAY		No School (Teacher Inservice)
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

FLOWERS PLACED ON THE ALTAR this morning have been given to the glory of God and for the celebration of Ralph and Hildegard Bauermeister's 90 birthdays this month.

THANK YOU from Joyce Schaper for all the beautiful cards in celebration of my special birthday. God bless you!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE SEASON OF LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday, February 22nd Ash Wednesday Divine Service at 7:00 pm.

PICK UP YOUR SUPER BOWL SUBS TODAY -Please pickup your Super Bowl subs today from 10:15am to 11:30am at the gym kitchen or you can drive up at the gym entrance and we will bring it out to you. WE HAVE EXTRA SUBS AVAILABLE if you weren't able to preorder, we have extra subs for sale for \$11.00 each. Proceeds go to the Seminary Scholarship Fund.

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.

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.

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 TODAY. 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!

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

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

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.

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 CIRCUIT MEN'S SOFTBALL is having a league reunion on Sunday, March 12th from 1-4 pm at the basement of the Hoagland Hayloft. Any former player is welcome and please pass the news of the event on to anyone who has played in the past.

THE CONCORDIA SEMINARY KANTOREI will lead music for the season of Lent in a special service at several different locations. Please see today's insert for a schedule. The Kantorei is a men's choir of students studying for the pastoral ministry at Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne directed by Kantor Kevin Hildebrand.

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 February 5, 2023

Average weekly need \$11,342

Home Fund Env. \$7,376.00

Synod 37.00

Loose 174.00

Scholarship Fund

Improvement Fund 1,060.27

Endowment Fund

Music Fund

Sound System/Video

Sunday School 8.50

Total \$8,655.77

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance \$24,060.42

Next week bills due: \$15,000

Bills due two weeks: \$15,000

Savings Account Balance \$31,074.53

Borrowed from Savings: PAID

Operating Loan Debt: PAID

Church/Communion Attendance

Sunday 177/132

Wednesday 20/15

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 Fifth Petition of the Lord's Prayer?

**And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against
us.**

What does this mean?

**We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our
sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the
things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that
He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely
deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and
gladly do good to those who sin against us.**

What is Psalm 130:3-4?

If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

But with You there is forgiveness,

that You may be feared.

Psalm 130:3-4