

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



Second Sunday in Lent

"Reminiscere"

Divine Service- Setting One

March 5, 2023

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Rite of Holy Baptism pg. 268 - Rhys Dean Meyer

Service of the Word pg. 151

Introit (sung responsively)



Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.

Let not my enemies exult | over me.*

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.

To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;*

according to your steadfast love remember me,

for the sake of your goodness, | O LORD!

Good and upright | is the LORD;*

therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.

For your name's sake, | O LORD,*

pardon my guilt, for | it is great.

*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.

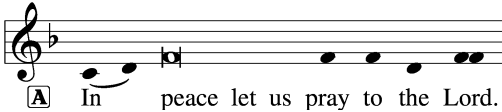
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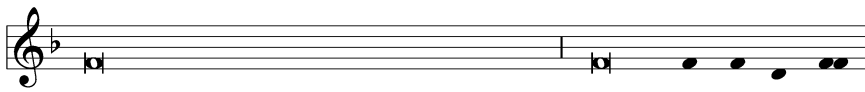
Kyrie



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.



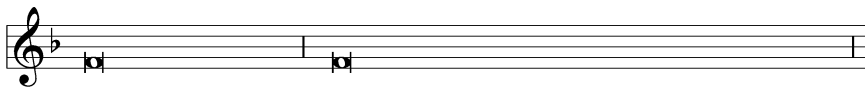
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



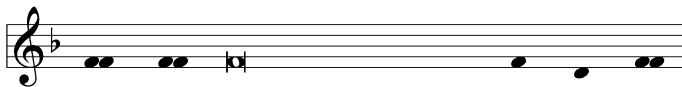
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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

Genesis 32:22–32

²²The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. ³²Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

The troubles of my heart | are enlarged; *
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.
Consider my affliction and my | trouble, *
and forgive | all my sins.

Epistle

Romans 5:1–5

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lenten Tract

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

Who can utter the mighty deeds | of the LORD,*
or declare | all his praise?

Blessèd are they who observe | justice,*
who do righteousness | at all times!

Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your | people;*
help me when you | save them.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21–28

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴He answered, “**I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶And he answered, “**It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.**” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “**O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.**” And her daughter was healed instantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

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

#615 When in the Hour of Deepest Need

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

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

*Makayla Berkey (3rd grade student diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma)
Paul Meyer, Lee Braselton, Rev. David Seeger*

Deanna Sinn (daughter of Imogene Bultemeier)

Vicki Tomlinson (friend of the Brinkeleys battling cancer)

Joellen Meyer, David Nahrwold

Baptismal Blessing – Rhys Meyer

We pray for those who mourn: *Family and Friends of Greg Thiele*
(nephew of Martha Bauermeister)

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

Offering

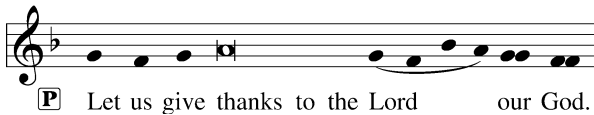
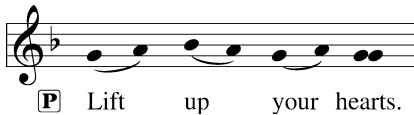
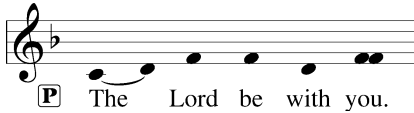
Offertory



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 pg. 160

Preface



Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

Sanctus





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.

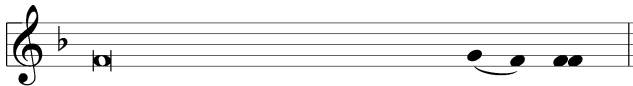
The Words of Our Lord

- 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



C 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 Hymns

#629 What Is This Bread
#630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling
#770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus
#420 Christ, the Life of All the Living
#421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

Nunc Dimittis



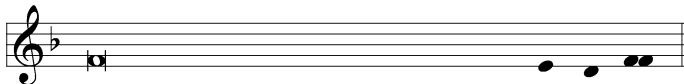
Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -
veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.
Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the 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.
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



Closing Hymn

#779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care

IN HIS SERVICE

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| Preaching | Rev. Anthony Dodgers |
| Celebrant | Rev. Samuel Wirgau |
| Fieldworkers | Sem. Isaac Spangler and Sem. Morgan Phillips |
| Deaconess | Wendy Boehm |
| Head Elder | Lloyd Meyer |
| Elders on Duty | Jerry Meyer and Dave Flesch |
| Kantor | Richard Brinkley |
| Organist | Emilie Meyer |
| Acolyte | Luke Harkless and Jacob Bultemeier |
| Altar Guild Chairman | Amy Schueler and Tisha Laley |
| Ushers | Todd Ottinger, Ryan Ottinger, Ethan Ottinger |
| | Jay Werling, Collin Laley, Kaden Laley, Landon Geiger |

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| (Samuel.wirgau@gmail.com) | |
| Bethlehem Lutheran Church Office | 260-597-7121 |
| Bethlehem Lutheran School | 260-597-7366 |
| Assoc. Pastor, Headmaster: Rev. Anthony Dodgers | 616-648-6489 |
| Kantor: Mr. Richard Brinkley | 260-705-4105 |
| Deaconess: Wendy Boehm | 260-415-8526 |
| Website for Church and School: www.BethlehemOssian.org | |

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| TODAY | 9:00 a.m. | Divine Service with Holy Communion |
| | 10:15 a.m. | Adult Bible Class and Sunday School |
| | 10:30-12:30 | Pork Chop Dinner – Carryout only |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7) |
| MONDAY | 5:30 p.m. | Board of Christian Education Meeting |
| | NO | Handbell Choir Practice |
| TUESDAY | 7:30 p.m. | Public School Catechesis |
| WEDNESDAY | 10:15 a.m. | Chapel Service |
| | 5:30-6:00 | Individual Confession and Absolution |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Lenten Dinner |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Evening Lenten Service |
| | NO | Adult Choir Practice |
| FRIDAY | 6:00 p.m. | Social Studies Fair (School gym) |
| 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) |
| | 4:00 p.m. | PTL Gym Cleaning |

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

BAPTIZED TODAY into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is Rhys Dean Meyer, newborn son of Brad and Amanda Meyer born on January 31st. Sponsor for Rhys is Chris Meyer and witness is Dale Klingenger. We welcome Rhys as a member of the Kingdom of God and joint heir with us of all God's blessings.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE SEASON OF LENTEN SERVICES

Everyone is welcome to join us for Evening Prayer with Holy Communion on Wednesday's March 1-29th beginning at 7:00 pm. Also, feel free to attend the morning Chapel Service at 10:15 am. The Bethlehem Youth Group will be serving a Lenten Dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. The menu for March 8th will be a Taco Bar.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION - For all the Wednesdays of Lent Pastor will be available for Individual Confession and Absolution (LSB page 292) from 5:30-6:00 in the sanctuary of Bethlehem for those who would desire this as part of the Lenten devotions. As with the rite of Confession and Absolution that begins each of our Sunday services, the rite for individuals is yet another opportunity for us to confess our sins and receive forgiveness from Christ through the pastor. Every sin does not need to be listed nor do any particular sins need to be named. But for those sins "which we know and feel in our hearts" (Small Catechism) this is a wonderful opportunity to hear and receive the comforting forgiveness of Christ. Pastor will never speak of the sins confessed as he vowed in his ordination. He is happy to familiarize you with the rite either before Wednesday or when you come in. He is also available at other times by appointment. If you have questions, reach out to him.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS due TODAY – Pre-orders are now being taken for Easter flowers. Please see the inserted order form in today's bulletin to place your orders BY MARCH 5TH.

Don't forget to pick up your PORK CHOP DINNER today from 10:30-12:30 at the gym kitchen or drive thru at the north gym entrance. The 6th -8th grade Washington DC Group. Thank you so much for your support!

There will be the **2023 LWML Prayer Service** called "My Soul Rejoices" on Saturday, March 18, at Faith -Roanoke. Registration begins at 8:30. The prayer service begins at 9:00. A business meeting will follow with a luncheon served by Faith. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BABY SHOWER INGATHERING for Sem. Morgan and Amelia Phillips, who are expecting their first child in April. During the month of March, we will have a table set up in the church hallway for gifts and cards. They are currently registered at **babylist.com** and would also welcome gift cards to Walmart, Target and Amazon. They will be using cloth diapers and would like to keep the items gender neutral. Thank you

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Pastor and Wendy for many prayers and visits. Thank you everyone for your prayers and cards. Thank you to the women of the church and friends who prepared and served a very nice meal after the funeral service. You all are much appreciated. We are very blessed, the Thorpe family.

THE WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM will be sponsoring a Soup and Bake Sale on Sunday, March 12th. Ladies please be sure to have your items delivered to church that morning.

THE WASHINGTON DC GROUP is still collecting aluminum cans to recycle towards their trip. Don Schueler is getting ready to turn a truck load in soon. There is a green trash receptacle at the gym entrance for small loads. For larger loads, please contact the school or Don Schueler for pick up. Thank you for your continued support.

SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR – The school will be holding a Social Studies Fair on Friday, March 10th in the gym beginning at 6:00 pm. Congregational members are invited to attend and see what the school students are doing.

SPRING CLEANING–The Bethlehem Youth Group is volunteering to help our members with any outdoor spring cleaning. If you or someone you know is needing help with any outdoor projects, please let the youth know by signing up on the bulletin board. Additional helping hands may be needed for some of these projects so if you'd like to volunteer, please see the sign-up sheet also posted. Contact Deaconess Boehm if you have any questions.

BETHLEHEM VBS 2023 is scheduled for June 26-29 from 9am – noon here at Bethlehem. For those interested in registering their child or volunteering for this event, please see the registration forms on the table located in the hallway or go to bethlehemossian.org/vbs.

Bethlehem annual FISH FRY: Mark your calendars today! Saturday April 29th from 4:30 -7:00 p.m. at Lighted Gardens. Watch for tickets to go on sale soon. This year there are some changes: Offering both dine in and carry out. Fish Only. Meal will consist of Fish, cheesy potatoes, green beans, applesauce, roll, & dessert. A volunteer sheet will be put out later for needed helpers. Also, either monetary donations or GFS gift cards maybe given to Pat Meyer. Proceeds will benefit the "Feeding Tomorrow's Future Today Back-Pack Program and Bethlehem Lutheran Church Project Fund. Further questions, contact Kathy Nahrwold 260-705-6257.

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.

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 26, 2023

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| <u>Average weekly need \$11,342</u> | |
| Home Fund Env. | \$11,125.01 |
| Synod | 61.83 |
| Loose | 389.30 |
| Scholarship Fund | |
| Improvement Fund | 45.85 |
| Endowment Fund Mem. | 40.00 |
| Music Fund | |
| Sound System/Video | |
| Sunday School | 9.83 |
| Memorials | 330.00 |
| Fellowship Hall Rent | 90.00 |
| Ladies Aid Donation | <u>200.00</u> |
| Total | \$12,291.82 |

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance (\$772.90)

Next week bills due: \$13,000

Bills due two weeks: \$15,000

Savings Account Balance \$31,292.94

Borrowed from Savings: PAID

Operating Loan Debt: PAID

Church/Communion Attendance

Sunday 198/140

Wednesday 65/34

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 Morning Prayer from the Small Catechism?

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

What is the Evening Prayer from the Small Catechism?

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Please return your advanced order with payment to the church office
by Sunday, March 5th

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Easter Lilies\$10.00 ea.#___ White

Chrysanthemums\$12.00 ea. #___ Yellow # ___ White # ___ Purple

Hydrangeas.....\$22.00 ea. #___ Pink #___ Blue

Azaleas \$20.00 ea. #___ Red #___ Pink

(Make checks payable to Bethlehem Ladies Aid) **Total Order** \$_____

Ordered by:

In Loving Memory of:

In Honor of:

***Flowers may be picked up after the April 9th 9:00 a.m. Easter Service.
Please call Pat Krumma (260-413-3459) or Jennifer Bultemeier (419-230-8068) if
questions*