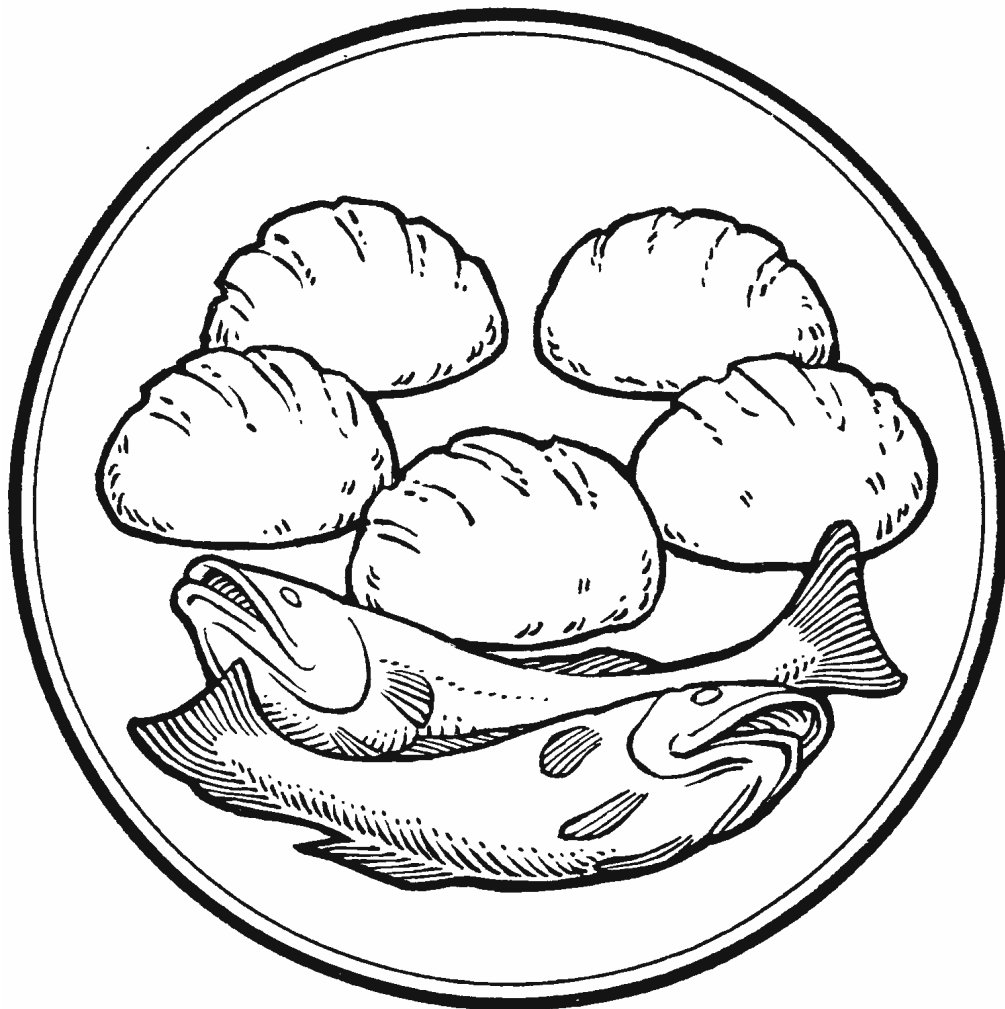


# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*



## *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

*"Laetare"*

*Divine Service- Setting One*

**March 19, 2023**

Invocation (Please stand)

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

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word pg. 151

Introit (sung responsively)



Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,\*  
all you who | love her;

**that you may nurse and be | satisfied\***  
**from her con- | soling breast.**

I was glad when they | said to me,\*  
“Let us go to the house | of the LORD!”

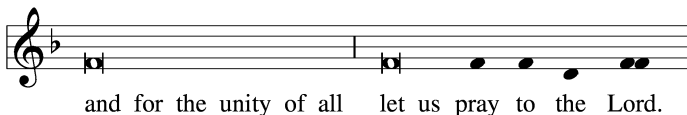
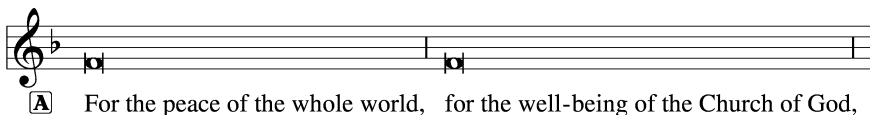
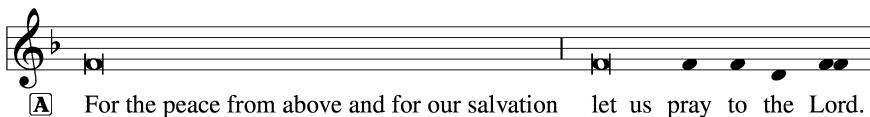
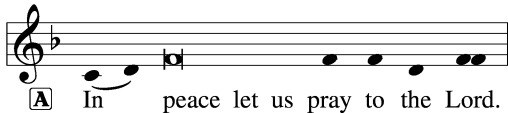
**Our feet have been | standing\***  
**within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!**

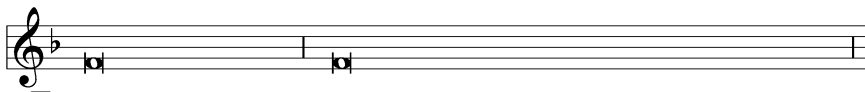
Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!\*

May they be secure who | love you!  
**For my brothers and com- | panions' sake\***  
**I will say, “Peace be with- | in you!”**

*Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\**  
*and to the Holy / Spirit;*  
*as it was in the be- / ginning,\**  
*is now, and will be forever. / Amen.*  
 Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,\*  
 all you who | love her;  
**that you may nurse and be | satisfied\***  
**from her con- | soling breast.**

## Kyrie





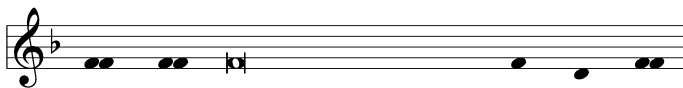
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

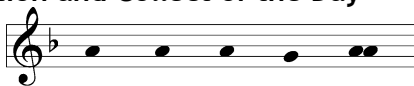


**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**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.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 16:2–21*

<sup>2</sup>And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup>and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” <sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” <sup>8</sup>And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” <sup>10</sup>And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup>“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. <sup>14</sup>And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. <sup>16</sup>This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’” <sup>17</sup>And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. <sup>18</sup>But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. <sup>19</sup>And Moses said to them, “Let no one leave any of it over till the morning.” <sup>20</sup>But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. <sup>21</sup>Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

I was glad when they | said to me,\*

“Let us go to the house | of the LORD!”

Peace be with- | in your walls\*

and security within your | towers!

## Epistle

*Galatians 4:21–31*

<sup>21</sup>Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? <sup>22</sup>For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. <sup>23</sup>But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. <sup>24</sup>Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. <sup>25</sup>Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. <sup>26</sup>But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. <sup>27</sup>For it is written, “Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband.” <sup>28</sup>Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. <sup>29</sup>But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. <sup>30</sup>But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” <sup>31</sup>So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Lenten Tract

**Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount | Zion,\*  
which cannot be moved, but abides for- | ever.**

**As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his | people,\*  
from this time forth and forevermore. Peace be upon | Israel!**

## Holy Gospel

*John 6:1–15*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. <sup>5</sup>Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “**Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?**” <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, “**Have the people sit down.**” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. <sup>11</sup>Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “**Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.**” <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them

up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten.  
<sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”<sup>15</sup>Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## 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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

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

*Brian Scheumann (hip surgery)*

*Makayla Berkey (3<sup>rd</sup> grade student diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma)*

*Norwin Bauermeister, Lee Braselton*

*Deanna Sinn (daughter of Imogene Bultemeier)*

*Vicki Tomlinson (friend of the Brinkleys battling cancer)*

*Joellen Meyer, David Nahrnold*

**Blessing of a baby boy** to Collin and Danielle Campbell

**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



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

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

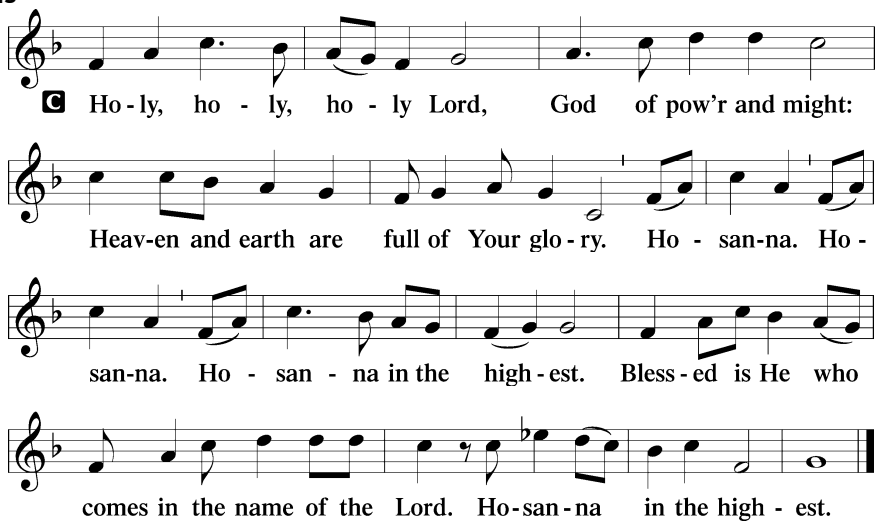
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## 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;

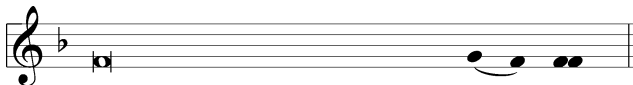
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## 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

**#634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord**

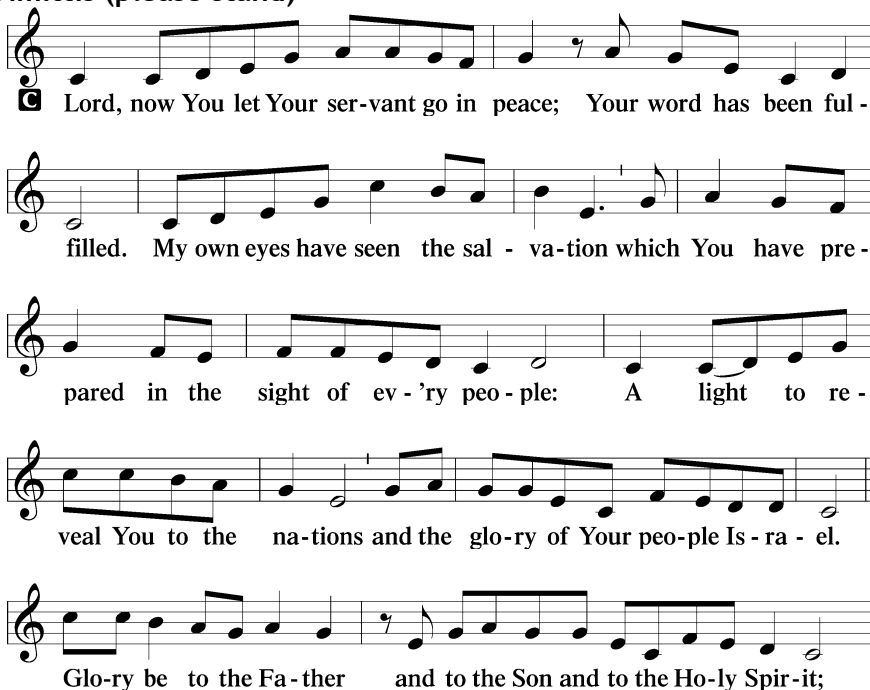
**#641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart**

**#524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds**

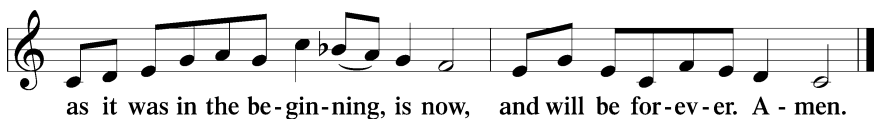
**#726 Evening and Morning**

**#434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy**

## Nunc Dimittis (please stand)



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal 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;



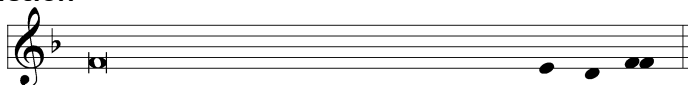
## Post-Communion Collect

**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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



## Closing Hymn

## #652 Father, We Thank Thee

**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.

## IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Celebrant	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
Fieldworkers	Sem. Isaac Spangler and Sem. Morgan Phillips
Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Lloyd Meyer
Elders on Duty	Bruce Werling and Dave Flesch
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Acolyte	Luke Harkless and Jacob Bultemeier
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<b>TODAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
<b>MONDAY</b>		NO SCHOOL Spring Break (March 20-26)
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice
<b>TUESDAY</b>	NO	Public School Catechesis
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>Chapel Service</b>
	<b>5:30-6:00</b>	<b>Individual Confession and Absolution</b>
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Dinner
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Evening Lenten Service</b>
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<https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemplutheranchurchossian> 9:00 a.m. Livestream

## **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 1-29<sup>th</sup> 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 6:00p.

**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.

**The Bidding Prayer** - You may have noticed that we have been using the Bidding Prayer for our Prayer of the Church during the Divine Service in Lent. A quick clarification on the final prayer: In the final petition we pray for a blessed end. This is the term that Luther uses in the Small Catechism to describe dying with faith in Christ Jesus and going to heaven. This petition also includes giving thanks for those who have also had a blessed end, including naming those we know who have died in the faith and those from the history of the Church. I have included those days in our Church calendar (see *Lutheran Service Book* pg. xi-xiii) that commemorate these saints. We do not pray *for* the saints who have gone before us as they have no need of our prayers having been given a blessed end and being with our Lord in heaven. Nor do we pray *to* the saints as we have no promise of God that they hear our prayers and there is one intercessor between God and man, the Man Christ Jesus. But we do give thanks as we have been surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses that point us through their faith and life to our Savior Christ Jesus. - Pastor Wirgau

**Letters from Luther Classical College** – The elders will be handing out a letter from Christian Preus of Luther Classical College following the service. We have supported this endeavor through a past door offering. Please see the letter and consider if you would like to support this Lutheran educational opportunity.

**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

**BOOK CLUB:** Our next book club pick will be "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle. You can do an audio book, online or physical copy of the book. If you need help getting a copy or are interested in joining, please contact Deaconess Wendy Boehm. We will meet in person on April 29th at 9am at Crimson House.

**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.

**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](http://bethlehemossian.org/vbs).

**Bethlehem annual Dan's FISH FRY:** Mark your calendars today! ***Saturday April 29th from 4:30 -7:00 p.m. at Lighted Gardens.*** Offering both dine in and carry out. Meal will consist of Fish, cheesy potatoes, green beans, applesauce, roll, & dessert. Adult \$14.00 pre-sale thru April 23<sup>rd</sup>, \$15.00 at the door. Children ages 5-10, Dine-in only \$7.00 pre-sale, \$8.00 at the door. Children age 4 and under are free. Contact Cheryl Louison or Pat Meyer

Flyers are available in the hallway for anyone to take and post in their workplace. A volunteer sign-up sheet has been put out on the tables for needed helpers. Please consider helping with this event.

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.

**To all the women of Bethlehem Women's Group** – The summer 2023 trip will be on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. It is an all-day coach bus trip to the The Ark in Kentucky. We will leave Walmart, Decatur parking lot at 7:00 am and return to the same area at 9:00 pm. The cost is \$89.00 for adults and seniors. This is for the admission and coach ride. All meals are on you own. We have a limited number of seats. After those seats are filled then we may be able to add more people if room is available on the bus. At that point men, children and friends can be added. There is a price break for children. Payment needs to be received at time of reservation. Deadline for first 25 people is April 12. Make checks payable to Patty Baker. Call to Joellen Meyer 260-273-9114 or Patty Baker 260-760-6056, if you have questions.

**NEW HOPE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER** – Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:00 pm. All you can eat Pasta, Salad, Garlic Bread, Desserts. Free will offering will be accepted to help New Hope Lutheran Preschool replace old and broken items, purchase educational materials and provide various art and craft supplies.



### **Offering March 12 2023**

Average weekly need \$11,342

Home Fund Env.	\$6,814.27
Synod	50.83
Loose	306.35
Scholarship Fund	125.00
Improvement Fund	45.85
Endowment Fund	25.00
Music Fund	
Sound System/Video	
Sunday School	4.46
Home Fund Memorials	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$7,391.76

### **Financial Report**

**Home Fund Balance \$1,745.70**

Next week bills due: \$4,000

Bills due two weeks: \$27,000

**Savings Account Balance \$32,598.51**

Borrowed from Savings: PAID

Operating Loan Debt: \$4,000

### **Church/Communion Attendance**

Sunday 177/117

Wednesday 67/42

## **NEWSLETTER ITEMS ARE NOW DUE**

## **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.**

*Lutheran Service Book #421* Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

**3) If the world my heart entices**

**With the broad and easy road,**

**With seductive, sinful vices,**

**Let me weigh the awful load**

**You were willing to endure.**

**Help me flee all thoughts impure**

**And to master each temptation,**

**Calm in prayer and meditation.**

**4) Every wound that pains or grieves me**

**By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole;**

**When I'm faint, Your cross revives me,**

**Granting new life to my soul.**

**Yes, Your comfort renders sweet**

**Every bitter cup I meet;**

**For Your all-atoning passion**

**Has procured my soul's salvation.**