

# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*



## *Palm Sunday*

*Divine Service- Setting One*

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# Procession of Palms

## Greeting

**P** The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C** Hosanna to the Son of David.

## Collect

**P** Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Holy Gospel

*John 12:12–19*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

**P** The Triumphal Entry

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, <sup>15</sup>“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” <sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup>The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

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

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

**P** Let us go forth in peace,

**C** in the name of the Lord.

## Processional Hymn

## #442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re-deem-er, King,  
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,  
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;  
4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;  
5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.  
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.  
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.  
To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.  
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulf of Orléans, c. 762–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.  
Tune: Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.  
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**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C** Hosanna in the highest.

## Collect of the Day

A time of silence is observed.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Old Testament Reading

*Zechariah 9:9–12*

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
<sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall speak peace to the nations;  
his rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Choral Response *“Hosanna to the Son of David”*

### Epistle

*Philippians 2:5–11*

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### *Please remain seated for the reading of the Gospel*

### Lenten Tract

My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?\*

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?

In you our fathers | trusted;\*

they trusted, and you de- | livered them.

To you they cried and were | rescued;\*

in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 27:11–54*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.



### Jesus Before Pilate

<sup>11</sup>Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, **“You have said so.”** <sup>12</sup>But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?” <sup>14</sup>But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

### The Crowd Chooses Barabbas

<sup>15</sup>Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” <sup>18</sup>For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. <sup>19</sup>Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.” <sup>20</sup>Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. <sup>21</sup>The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” <sup>22</sup>Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!” <sup>23</sup>And he said, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

### Pilate Delivers Jesus to Be Crucified

<sup>24</sup>So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” <sup>25</sup>And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” <sup>26</sup>Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

### Jesus Is Mocked

<sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. <sup>28</sup>And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” <sup>30</sup>And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup>And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

### The Crucifixion

<sup>32</sup>As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup>they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup>And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. <sup>36</sup>Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup>And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” <sup>38</sup>Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the

right and one on the left. <sup>39</sup>And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” <sup>41</sup>So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, <sup>42</sup>“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup>He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” <sup>44</sup>And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

### The Death of Jesus

<sup>45</sup>Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup>And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “**Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?**” that is, “**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**” <sup>47</sup>And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” <sup>48</sup>And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup>But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” <sup>50</sup>And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

<sup>51</sup>And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup>The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, <sup>53</sup>and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup>When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

**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 ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

#438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

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

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

*Norwin Bauermeister, Lee Braselton*

*Deanna Sinn (daughter of Imogene Bultemeier)*

*Brandon Tomlinson and Vicki Tomlinson*

*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**

Offering

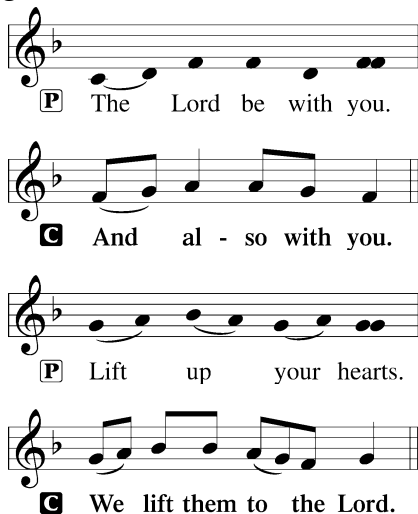
## Offertory



**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.

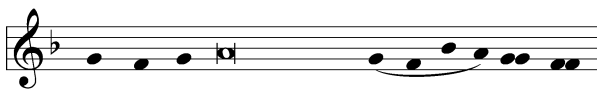
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### Preface



**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



**C** 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:

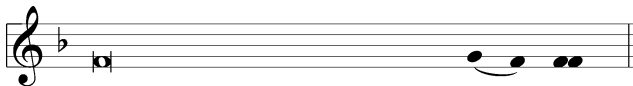
**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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.

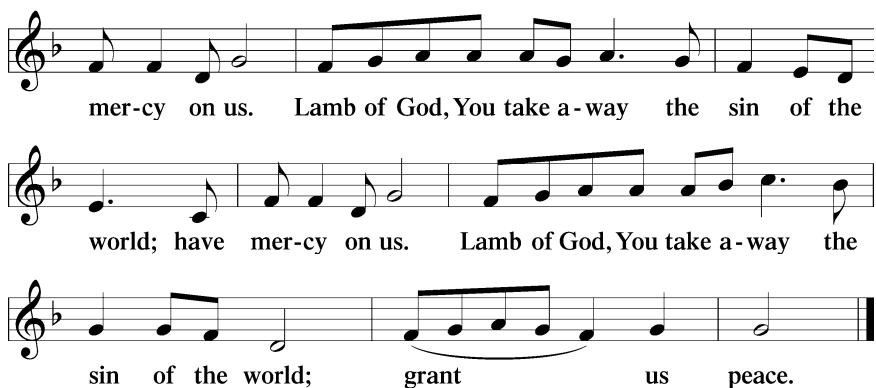


**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



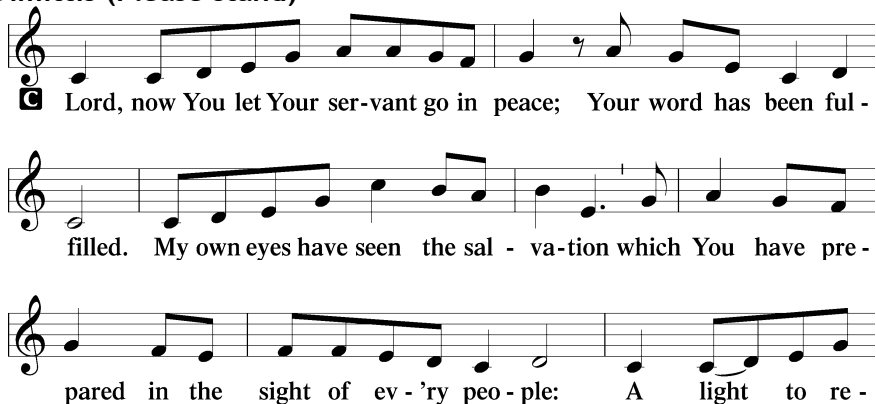
## Distribution

**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 Hymn

- #640 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior
- #641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
- #446 Jesus, Greatest at the Table
- #431 Not All the Blood of Beasts
- #440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now
- #436 Go to Dark Gethsemane

## Nunc Dimittis (Please stand)





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.

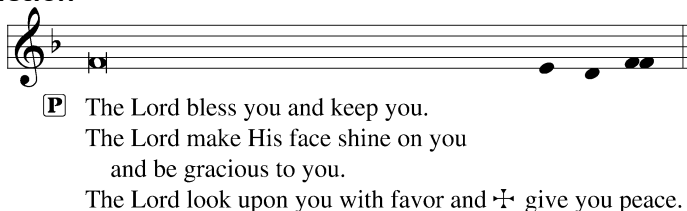
### Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.  
 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.

### 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.



**C** A - men.

### Closing Hymn

#683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

## IN HIS SERVICE

<b>Preaching/Celebrant</b>	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
<b>Deacon</b>	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
<b>Fieldworkers</b>	Sem. Isaac Spangler and Sem. Morgan Phillips
<b>Deaconess</b>	Wendy Boehm
<b>Head Elder</b>	Lloyd Meyer
<b>Elders on Duty</b>	Glen Werling and Bruce Werling
<b>Kantor</b>	Richard Brinkley
<b>Choir</b>	Bethlehem Handbell and Adult Choir
<b>Acolyte</b>	Molly Mishler and Breanna Biggs
<b>Crucifer</b>	Luke Harkless
<b>Altar Guild Chairman</b>	Amy Schueler and Tisha Laley
<b>Ushers</b>	Travis Avey, Jeff Gresley, Cole Louison
	Peyton Laley, Jared Meyer, Kyle Patrick, Dean Scheumann

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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)
	11:30 a.m.	Board of Elders Meeting
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:30 p.m.	Public School Catechesis
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel Service</b>
	NO	Spoken Divine Service
		Adult Choir Practice
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	NO SCHOOL - Good Friday	
	Noon -3:00 p.m.	Good Friday Tre Ore (St. John, Bingen)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Good Friday Service</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Easter Sunrise Service</b>
	7:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Easter Day Service</b>
	No Adult Bible Class or Sunday School	

**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.

### **HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Maundy Thursday Divine Service held on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Divine Services held on April 9<sup>th</sup> with Sunrise at 6:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and at 9:00 a.m. Easter Day Service.

*Good Friday Tre Ore - Bethlehem Lutheran Church will be participating with other congregations in our circuit in a Good Friday Tre Ore service at St. John-Bingen from noon-3 on April 7. This service is comprised of three separate 1-hour services taking place at the hours of noon, one, and two. You are welcome to come to any or all of them. Let pastor know if you have any questions.*

### **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 11:15 a.m.**

#### **Voter's Assembly Meeting – Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 11:15 a.m.**

Please see the 2023 Church Officer Ballot posted to the bulletin boards.

**To all the women of Bethlehem Women's Group** – The summer 2023 trip will be on Monday, June 12th. 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.

#### **Bethlehem will host the Decatur Zone LWML Spring Rally on Saturday, April 22.**

Registration will begin at 8:30 and at 9:00 the program will begin. Tomra Cardin from Redemption House will be the speaker. Redemption House is a transition home for women that serves as an alternative to incarceration. Following the presentation there will be a meeting and lunch served by our Bethlehem ladies. Everyone is encouraged to attend. We will be collecting cleaning supplies for Redemption House. A table is in the entryway for your donations. Thank you.

**Attention Women of Bethlehem** - Caroline Fenker, a doctor of Occupational Therapy specializing in women's health, will be coming to speak at Bethlehem on Thursday, April 13th at 7:00 pm. She is the daughter of Mr. Peter Meyer, the 5th & 6th grade teacher at Bethlehem School. All are welcome to attend this Women of Bethlehem/LWML sponsored event.

**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.

**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.

**The Trustees are now taking CHURCH AND SCHOOL LAWN CARE BIDS** - Please see Cale Schumm for a bid-sheet.

**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).

**NEW HOPE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER** – Thursday, April 20th 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.

**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.

**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.

**To benefit the MaKayla Berkey family (student at Bethlehem with cancer),** the Women of Bethlehem will be sponsoring a 5K on Saturday, May 6th at the Archbold-Wilson Park in Ossian. Registration begins at 8:30am with the walk/run beginning at 9:00am. Cost is \$20 entry fee or \$25 day of the race. Registration is available online on Bethlehem's website (<https://www.bethlehemossian.org/5-k>) or by calling Rhonda Flesch (260) 438-9725 or Kathy Nahrwold (260) 705-6527.

*Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at [bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com) or by calling the church office at 597-7121.*  
<https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemplutheranchurchossian> 9:00 a.m. Livestream

### **Offering March 26, 2023**

Average weekly need	\$11,342
Home Fund Env.	\$12,449.07
Synod	93.83
Loose	282.00
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fund	45.85
Endowment Fund	
Music Fund	
Sound System/Video	
Sunday School	3.65
Memorials	1,465.00
Copy Machine Usage	39.00
Total	\$14,378.40

### **Financial Report**

<b>Home Fund Balance (\$5,366.30)</b>
Next week bills due: \$5,000
Bills due two weeks: \$15,000
<b>Savings Account Balance \$32,690.21</b>
Borrowed from Savings: PAID
Operating Loan Debt: \$4,000

### **Church/Communion Attendance**

Sunday	163/127
Wednesday	54/43



## 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 Office of the Keys?*

**The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.**

*What is Matthew 16:19?*

**I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Matthew 16:19**

*What is 1 John 1:8-9?*

**If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9**