# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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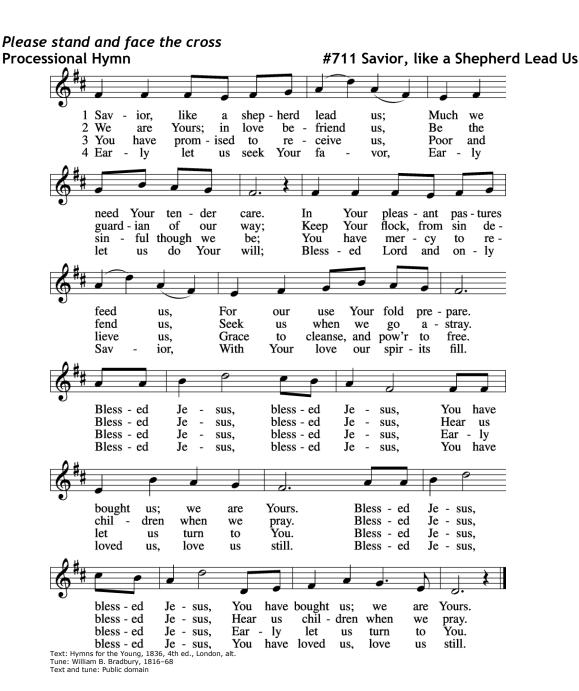
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# The Third Sunday of Easter

Misericordia Domini

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### Invocation

**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.
- 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.
- 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 with the choir)



The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alle- | luia.\*

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alle- luia.

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you | righteous!\*

Praise befits the upright.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear him,\*

on those who hope in his | steadfast love,

that he may deliver their | soul from death\*

and keep them alive in | famine.

Our soul waits | for the LORD;\*

he is our help | and our shield.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

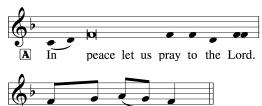
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

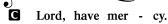
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alle- | luia.\*

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alle- | luia.

### Kyrie







A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.





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



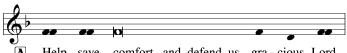




A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise





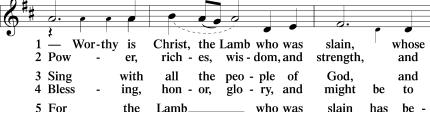


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.

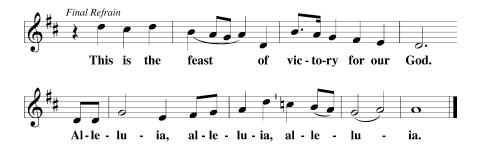


### This Is the Feast









Salutation and Collect of the Day



### **P** Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### **Old Testament Reading**

Ezekiel 34:11–16

<sup>11</sup>"For thus says the Lord GoD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

### Choral Response "We all Rejoice on this Glad Day"

1 Peter 2:21–25

<sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia Hymn (Please stand)

#459 Christ Is Arisen

Holy Gospel John 10:11–16

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



<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."

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



### 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

#709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

#### Sermon

### Prayer of the Church

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

Otto Clausen

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

Norwin Bauermeister, Lee Braselton

Brandon Tomlinson and Vicki Tomlinson

Joellen Meyer, David Nahrwold

**<u>Time of Sorrow:</u>** Sylvia Bragunier (mother of Gail Werling)

<u>Safe travels:</u> Bethlehem School students and parents travelling to Washington DC. <u>CTSFW Call Process:</u> Sem. Isaac Spangler and all other candidates

### We pray for our members shut-in:

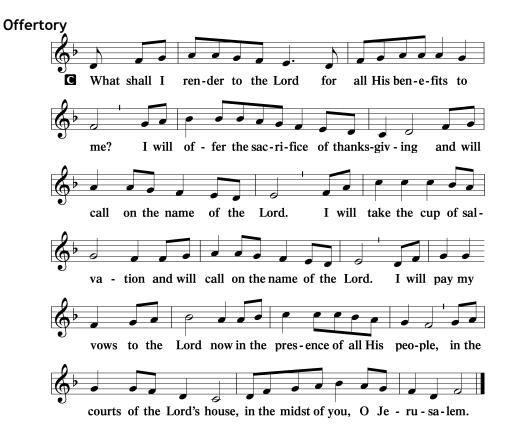
Jackie Werling, Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare) Imogene Bultemeier, (Woodcrest) Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)

### We pray for our schools

We pray for our Church and all her workers

We pray for all military personnel

### Offering



### Service of the Sacrament pg. 160

### **Preface**



### Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

C It is right to give Him

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

and praise.

thanks







### 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:
- 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

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 Holood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



### Distribution

<u>Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper</u> 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**

#623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray #624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born #710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want #482 This Joyful Eastertide #685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus #740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb



### **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.



### **Benediction**



The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.



**Closing Hymn** 

#920 Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go

**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 it 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 <a href="mailto:bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com">bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com</a> or by calling the church office at 597-7121. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemlutheranchurchossian">https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemlutheranchurchossian</a> 9:00 a.m. Livestream

### MAY NEWSLETTER ITEMS ARE NOW DUE

### IN HIS SERVICE

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Preaching /Celebrant	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Fieldworkers	Sem. Isaac Spangler and Sem. Morgan Phillips
Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Lloyd Meyer
Elders on Duty	Glen Werling and Bruce Werling
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Organist	Emilie Meyer
Choir	Adult Choir
Crucifer	Jude Wirgau
Acolyte	Breanna Biggs
Altar Guild Chairman	Amy Schueler and Tisha Laley
Ushers	Rory Geiger, Lane Harkless, Isaac Harkless
	Darren Patrick, Mark Patrick, Cole Patrick

Pastor: Rev. Samuel Wirgau	260-273-7595	
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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		

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion		
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School		
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)		
WEDNESDAY	10:15 a.m.	Chapel Service		
	5:00 p.m.	Public School Catechesis		
	7:00 p.m.	Spoken Divine Service		
Adult Choir Practice				
THURSDAY	1:00 p.m.	Blanket Sewing		
SATURDAY	4:30-7:00 p.m.	Fish Fry Dinner (Lighted Gardens)		
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion		
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School		
	11:15 a.m.	Voter's Assembly Meeting		
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)		

### **VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING – SUNDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 11:15 A.M.**

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

**ATTENTION WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM** There will be an all women meeting on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> after Sunday School to talk about the last couple of months and discuss texting options, summer trip, and other ideas going forward. Please plan to attend if you are able.

<u>ARMED FORCES SUNDAY</u> – In honor of our service men and women, we would like to display past and current military members from Bethlehem who have served, on our military bulletin board. If you could please provide the first name, middle initial, last name, rank, years of service all to Melissa Tolson or Deaconess Wendy Boehm asap. Thank you

Bethlehem Women's Group summer 2023 trip, 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 which covers the cost of admission and coach ride. Meals are not included. The reservations are open to all members, including men, and children. Payment needs to be received at the time of reservation. Make checks payable to Patty Baker. Call Joellen Meyer 260-273-9114 or Patty Baker 260-760-6056, if you have questions.

**TEACHER RECOGNITION SUNDAY** will be held on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> with special appreciation to Mr. Meyer for 25<sup>th</sup> years of teaching and to Mr. Brinkley and Mr. Buchinger for coming out of retirement to help fill in this year. Everyone is invited to a brunch/reception following the church service in the Fellowship Hall.

Bethlehem annual Dan's FISH FRY: Saturday April 29th from 4:30 -7:00 p.m. at Lighted Gardens. Offering both dine in and carry out. Meal includes: Fish, cheesy potatoes, green beans, applesauce, roll, & dessert. Adult \$14.00 pre-sale thru TODAY 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 260-414-5526 clouison@ymail.com or Pat Meyer 260-227-0400 spmeyer82@gmail.com

Flyers are available in the hallway for anyone to take and post in their workplace. *Please consider helping with this event*. Volunteer sign-up sheets are posted in the church hallway. Also, monetary donations or GFS gift cards may be given to Pat Meyer. We also need 10 cases of bottled water donated for the event. Either leave at church or bring to Lighted Gardens by April 29<sup>th</sup>.

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.

In appreciation of our Fieldworkers, there is plaque hanging in the church sanctuary which has been updated.

**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.

**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. Everyone is welcome to participate! Registration is available online on Bethlehem's website (<a href="https://www.bethlehemossian.org/5-k">https://www.bethlehemossian.org/5-k</a>) or by calling Ronda Flesch (260) 438-9725 or Kathy Nahrwold (260) 705-6527.

**SPRING CLEANING**-The Bethlehem Youth Group is volunteering to help our members with any outdoor spring cleaning. If you or someone you know needs 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.

**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 April 16, 2023		<u>Financial Report</u>
Average weekly need	\$11,342	Home Fund Balance \$10,374.20
Home Fund Env.	\$7,213.46	Next week bills due: \$14,000
Synod	91.83	Bills due two weeks: \$16,000
Loose	271.21	Savings Account Balance \$33,123.59
Scholarship Fund		Borrowed from Savings: PAID
Improvement Fund	45.85	Operating Loan Debt: \$4,000
<b>Endowment Fund</b>		
Music Fund		
Sound System/Video	0	Church/Communion Attendance
Sunday School		Sunday 179/109
Total	\$7,622.35	Wednesday 16/11

### 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.

[Where is this written?]
What are the Words of Institution?

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: 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."

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### CTSFW Call Day 2023

Vicarage and Deaconess Internship Assignment Service Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

> Candidate Call Service Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Livestream available on website: ctsfw.edu/callday. View on CTSFWs Facebook page

